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DELTA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
April 18, 2023

Escanaba, Michigan

A Regular meeting of the Delta County Board of Commissioners was held this date, pursuant to the following call:

April 13, 2023

The Honorable Members of the Delta
County Board of Commissioners

Dear Commissioners:

A Regular Meeting of the Delta County Board of Commissioners is scheduled for Tuesday April 18, 2023, at 5:15 p.m. in the Boardroom of the Delta County Service Center.

Sincerely yours,
Nancy J. Przewrocki
Delta County Clerk

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Commissioners Malnar, Viau, Barron, Moyle, and Petersen.

ABSENT: None.

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m. in the Boardroom of the Delta County Service Center by Delta County Clerk, Nancy Przewrocki.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2023 meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

VI. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to add item 10. Boys and Girls Club Discussion and item 11. Closed Session to discuss Two Written Attorney Opinions and approve the agenda, as amended. MOTION CARRIED.

VII. PRESENTATION OF WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A. Received: No communications were received.

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B. Forwarded: No communications were forwarded.

VIII. REPORTS OF STANDING AND STATUTORY SPECIAL COMMITTEES AND OTHERS

None.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Christine Williams, Ford River Township, addressed the Board with her serious concerns regarding a contract with the Conservation District and a legal review of the contract.

Joe Kaplan, Ford River Township, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding agenda packets and Conservation District handing out packets at the Board meeting - please provide in agenda packets.

Christine Pepin, Escanaba, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding County Controller receiving an additional \$380 per day on top of her regular salary.

Gary Gustafson, Ensign Township, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding accessibility and not enough seating and First Amendment violation.

Reid Hyken, Escanaba, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding Commissioner Viau and a Open Meetings Act violation at Finance meeting.

Jake Nyquist, Escanaba Township, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding 2014 U.S. Supreme Court ruling that prayer is allowable at meetings.

Kelli VanGinhoven, Escanaba, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding she attended the Finance meeting and can witness what took place.

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Administrator's Report.

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Malnar to receive the Administrator's Report and place on file. MOTION CARRIED.

2. Personnel Committee minutes of 4-12-23.

Moved by Commissioner Petersen and seconded by Commissioner Barron to receive the Personnel Committee minutes of 4-12-23 and place on file. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Building and Grounds Committee minutes of 4-12-23.

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to receive the Building and Grounds Committee minutes of 4-12-23 and place on file. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Finance Committee minutes of 4-13-23.

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to receive the Finance Committee minutes of 4-13-23 and place on file. MOTION CARRIED.

5. Department Updates.

- a. Airport:
- b. Building and Maintenance:
- c. Building and Zoning/Equalization:
- d. Courts/Clerk & Register of Deeds/Prosecutor:
- e. Emergency Management:
- f. Parks and Recreation:
- g. Sheriff's Department:
- h. Treasurer's Office:
- i. Veteran's Service Office:

XI. GENERAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

A. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Parks Manager Job Description Development.

Moved by Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner Barron to approve the Parks Manager Job Description, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

2. Airport Advisory Board Resolution.

Moved by Commissioner Petersen and seconded by Commissioner Barron to table to the May 2nd meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Delta County Park's Employees Wages and Benefits.

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to approve the Park Manager Wages and Benefits, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. Payment of Bills.

Moved by Commissioner Malnar and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to pay bills in the amount of \$ 1,354,770.30 and Commissioners expenses of \$ 0.

ROLL CALL	MALNAR	YES
	VIAU	YES
	BARRON	YES
	PETERSEN	YES
	MOYLE	YES

MOTION CARRIED.

2. 2023 Equalization Report.

Moved by Commissioner Malnar and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to receive the 2023 Equalization Report and place on file. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Appointment of Recording Secretary for the Planning Commission and for the Construction and Zoning Board of Appeals.

Tabled to the May 2nd meeting.

4. Airport Grant Contract and Authorization - Airport Awareness.

Moved by Commissioner Petersen and seconded by Commissioner Barron to approve the Airport Awareness Grant application and authorize the Board Chair's signature. MOTION CARRIED.

5. District Court - Client Services/Support Clerk Job Description.

Moved by Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner Malnar to approve the District Court Client Services/Support Clerk Job Description, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

6. District Court - Client Services/Support Clerk Post and Fill.

Moved by Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to approve posting and filling the District Court Client Services/Support Clerk. MOTION CARRIED.

7. Parks Personnel Development.

Moved by Commissioner Malnar and seconded by Commissioner Viau to approve the Parks' personnel as a Parks Manager, Maintenance, and four seasonal employees, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

8. Parks Department County Fund Setup.

Moved by Commissioner Petersen and seconded by Commissioner Barron to set up a Special Revenue Fund, Parks and Recreation Fund 208, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

9. Contract with the Delta Conservation District.

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Malnar to table and have the Prosecutor look over the contract. MOTION CARRIED.

10. Boys and Girls Club Discussion.

Ricky Graham suggested that Delta County have a non profit Boys and Girls Club and is willing to work with the County, the City of Escanaba and DATA to set one up.

11. Closed Session - Discuss Two Attorney Written Opinions.

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Malnar to move into closed session at 6:01 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the Attorney's written memorandum under OMI Section 15.268(8)(h).

ROLL CALL	MALNAR	YES
	VIAU	YES
	BARRON	YES
	PETERSON	YES
	MOYLE	YES

MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Malnar to reconvene into regular session at 6:35 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

No actions were taken during closed session.

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Viau to request that the Controller obtain a list of the indigent Sailors and Soldiers from the municipalities. MOTION CARRIED.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jake Nyquist, Escanaba Township, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding support for the Escanaba Township annexation.

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Barbie Clairmont, Escanaba Township, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding the Escanaba Township annexation - tearing a township in half.

Christine Pepin, Escanaba, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding the Parks Manager benefit package. Also hopes the Board has the same generosity with the union members.

Ed Fleury, Cornell Township, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding the Escanaba Township annexation - the two townships have existed side by side.

Theresa Ross, Ford River Township, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding eliminating Zoom from the Board meetings. Waiting for response from Commissioner Moyle.

Kelli VanGinhoven, Escanaba, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding compensation for Airport Manager Andrea Nummilien.

Anastasia VanEnkevort addressed the Board with her concerns regarding vile threats she has received.

Ivy Netsel, Daughters of the American Revolution - Marquette, the Daughters interested in renovating a monument in Pioneer Trail Park that was dedicated in 1931.

Steve Benoit, Wells Township, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding the American with Disabilities Act and Zoom, and the annexation of Escanaba Township.

Ann Fix, Escanaba, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding April is Child Abuse Prevention month.

Gary Gustafson, Ensign Township, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding information presented by Commissioner Barron.

Dave Adamini, Wells Township, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding Escanaba Township annexation, and no one should be harassed or intimidated.

Brady Irving, Escanaba, addressed the Board regarding his support of a Boys and Girls Club in Delta County.

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XIII. COMMISSIONERS CONCERNS

Commissioner Malnar: Will be attending Michigan Association of Counties conference, supports Zoom, Charles Gould - bioenergy educator.

Commissioner Viau: Public let me know your concerns with industrial solar, will be attending the Michigan Association of Counties conference in Lansing, MAC has a great presentation on the pros and cons of solar, supports Zoom, would like a copy of the County Parks report from Chris Williams.

Commissioner Barron:

Commissioner Petersen: None.

Commissioner Moyle: The ballot box, lawsuits - actions better than reaction, annexation, Zoom access, Child Abuse Month, 2nd Amendment and the Boys and Girls Club.

Controller Young - Anyone can submit written comments to the Board.

XIV. MEETING SCHEDULE

May 2 nd	5:00 p.m.	Board meeting.
May 16 th	5:15 p.m.	Board meeting.
June 6 th	5:00 p.m.	Board meeting.
June 20 th	5:15 p.m.	Board meeting.

XV. NOTICES

30 day notice of appointments:

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Viau to adjourn at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy J. Przewrocki, County Clerk

David Moyle, Board Chair