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**DELTA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
July 18, 2023**

Escanaba, Michigan

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

July 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 July 18, 2023, at 5:15 p.m. in the Multi-Use Room of the Delta Chamber of Commerce 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 Multi-Use Room of the Delta Chamber of Commerce Center by Delta County Clerk, Nancy Przewrocki.

IV. SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Malnar to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2023. MOTION CARRIED.

VI. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Commissioner Petersen and seconded by Commissioner Barron to approve the agenda, as amended, adding under Committee Reports Item 3. Finance Meeting of 7-17-23 and under New Business items 12. Stipend for Building and Zoning Assistant Administrator, 13. Visit Escanaba Loan, and item 14. Airport Manager Salary Package. MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner Malnar to move item 1 to item 15. Administrator Contract with Closed Session to Discuss Written Attorney Memorandum and to approve the agenda as amended. MOTION CARRIED.

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VII. PRESENTATION OF WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED: No Communications were received.

B. COMMUNICATIONS FORWARDED: No Communications were forwarded.

VIII. REPORTS OF STANDING AND STATUTORY COMMITTEES

VIII. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES AND OTHERS

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Maradee Luft, Escanaba Township, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding the Escanaba and Cornell Township Boundary Line.

Vickie Micheau, Delta Commerce Center Director, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding a loan for Visit Escanaba

Robert Micheau, CEO Visit Escanaba, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding the Visit Escanaba loan.

Jarred Drown, owner Terrace Bay Hotel, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding the exciting festival and the Visit Escanaba loan.

Kathie Scott, Ford River, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding the Administrator's contract taking over two months.

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Administrator's Report.

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

2. Personnel Committee meeting of 6-26-23.

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Viau to approve the minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting of 6-26-23 and place on file. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Finance Committee meeting of 7-17-23.

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Viau to approve the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting of 7-17-23 and place on file. MOTION CARRIED.

4. 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. Contract for County Administrator/Controller.

Moved to Item 15.

- 2. Finalize Decision of Applications to Alter Boundaries of Escanaba and Cornell Townships.

Moved by Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to call the question. MOTION CARRIED. BARRON opposed.

Moved by Commissioner Malnar and seconded by Commissioner Viau not to alter the boundaries of Escanaba Township and Cornell Township.

ROLL CALL	MALNAR	YES
	VIAU	YES
	BARRON	NO
	PETERSEN	YES
	MOYLE	YES

MOTION CARRIED.

B. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Payment of Bills.

Moved by Commissioner Malnar and seconded by Commissioner Barron to pay bills in the amount of \$ 1,469,201.10 and Commissioners expenses of \$ 1,079.82.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

2. Title III Projects and Bid Approvals.

Moved by Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner Malnar to approve the bids for the Title III Projects, as presented by Emergency Management Coordinator, Paul Geyer. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Ratify Secure Rural Schools FY2023 Election.

Moved by Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to continue the Secure Rural Schools Act State Payment option for FY2023, as presented by Emergency Management Coordinator, Paul Geyer. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Revised Delta County Street Naming and Addressing Policy.

Information provided by Jen Petersen.

5. Revised Delta County Addressing Ordinance.

Moved by Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to adopt the revised Delta County Addressing Ordinance and Policies, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

6. Resolution - UPAAA 2024 Annual Implementation Plan for Services to the Elderly.

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to not support the UP Area on Aging Agency Resolution, as presented.

ROLL CALL	MALNAR	NO
	VIAU	NO
	BARRON	YES
	PETERSEN	YES
	MOYLE	YES

MOTION CARRIED.

7. S. Morgan Job Transfer - Request to Fill Enforcement Clerk Position.

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Viau to fill the Friend of the Court Enforcement Clerk position. MOTION CARRIED.

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8. Resignation of K. LaFave, and to Fill Deputy Civil Clerk Position.

Moved by Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner Malnar to fill the District Court Deputy Civil Clerk position and send a letter of appreciation. MOTION CARRIED.

9. Request to Donate Sick Leave.

Moved by Commissioner Malnar and seconded by Commissioner Barron to approve the Donation of Sick Leave. MOTION CARRIED.

Recessed at 7:20 and reconvened at 7:30 p.m.

10. Out of County Travel - MDARD Rural Leadership Summit.

Moved by Commissioner Petersen and seconded by Commissioner Barron to approve out of county travel to Munising to attend MDARD Rural Leadership Summit. MOTION CARRIED.

11. Department Update on the Agendas.

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to remove Department list on agenda. MOTION CARRIED. Viau opposed.

12. Stipend for Building and Zoning Assistant Administrator.

Moved by Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner Barron to table. MOTION CARRIED.

13. Visit Escanaba Loan.

Moved by Commissioner Petersen and seconded by Commissioner Viau to suspend the Finance Committee procedure and approve the Visit Escanaba loan for \$250,000 for 2 years, as presented.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

14. Airport Manager Salary Package.

Moved by Commissioner Malnar and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to table. MOTION CARRIED.

15. Closed Session - Attorney Memorandum re: Contract for County Administrator/Controller.

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to move into closed session at 8:19 p.m. for the purpose of discussing Attorney 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 9:18 p.m.
MOTION CARRIED.

No actions were taken during executive session.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Joelle Roberts, Escanaba Township, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding critical race theory, the annexation process and ERIC cease and desist.

Selma Deeds, Escanaba, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding the meeting.

Ed Fleury, Escanaba Township, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding Jody Norman from the Road Commission - he does a good job.

Robert Micheau, Delta Commerce Center, addressed the Board thanking them for the Visit Escanaba loan.

Chris Williams, Ford River Township, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding UPAAA, the Conservation District and name calling.

Brady Irving, Wells Township, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding the Holocaust.

Jarred Drown, owner Terrace Bay Hotel, addressed the Board thanking them for the Visit Escanaba loan.

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Monica Pietsch, Ford River Township, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding the "hidden agenda" of DEI.

Whitney Maloney, Gladstone, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding her displeasure with the Board.

Judi Schwalbach, Escanaba, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding the Board - good job.

Charlotte Maloney, Gladstone, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding the Board - she is heartbroken.

Kathy Scott, Ford River Township, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding the clever talking points, she paid her own way, room full of victims.

Theresa Ross, Ford River Township, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding Zoom.

Dana Van Effen, Escanaba, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding the covid relief funds.

Joe Kaplan, Ford River Township, addressed the Board with Delta Conservation District meeting on July 19 at 2:00 p.m.

Cheryl Corbiere, Escanaba, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding UPCAP and Community Action Agency.

XIII. COMMISSIONERS CONCERNS

Commissioner Malnar: Line 5 Great Lakes tunnel, US Army Corps of Engineers approval - fuels Michigan and surrounding states - fuel for 1 billion cars. Benefit for Jeff Ives September 30 at the Bark River Senior Center.

Commissioner Viau: Vaccinations September 23 at Delta County Public Health. Lyme disease information. Never Forget - Vietnam Moving Wall will be in Manistique August 14-16. August 11 there will be a motorcycle procession from Escanaba to Manistique.

Commissioner Barron: C.S. Lewis: "Education without values as useful as it is, seems rather to make man a more clever devil."

Commissioner Petersen: None.

Commissioner Moyle: Thank you for coming.

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Ashleigh Young: None.

XIV. MEETING SCHEDULE

August 1st	5:00 p.m.	Board meeting.
August 15 th	5:15 p.m.	Board meeting.
September 5 th	5:00 p.m.	Board meeting.

XV. NOTICES

30 day notice of appointments:

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner Malnar to adjourn at 9:31 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy J. Przewrocki, County Clerk

David Moyle, Board Chair