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DELTA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
June 6, 2023

Escanaba, Michigan

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

June 1, 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 June 6, 2023, at 5:00 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 5:00 p.m. in the Boardroom of the Delta County Service Center by Delta County Clerk, Nancy Przewrocki.

A moment of silence was held in honor of David Rivard, past Commissioner and Chair.

IV. SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

1. Commissioner Workshop.

The Work session ended at 525 p.m.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2023 meeting and the Committee of the Whole meeting of May 23, 2023. MOTION CARRIED.

VI. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Commissioner Malnar and seconded by Commissioner Barron to approve the agenda, as amended, adding New Business item 15. Clarification MERS Purchase of Service Credit - Vallier. MOTION CARRIED.

VII. PRESENTATION OF WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED:

1. Resolution from Alger County (3)
2. Letter from City of Escanaba
3. Letter from Stephen Benoit
4. Resolution from Livingston County
5. Resolution from Ingham County
6. Resolution from Eaton County
7. Letter from G2 Consulting Group
8. Letter from State of Michigan
9. Letter from Foster, Swift, Collins & Smith, PC
10. Letter from Delta County Township Association
11. Letter from Kim Knauf Wykoff, Escanaba Township

B. COMMUNICATIONS FORWARDED:

1. Letter to Steve Howes
2. Letter to Todd Tardiff
3. Letter to Hannah Edington

VIII. REPORTS OF STANDING AND STATUTORY COMMITTEES

1. Human Services Board minutes of 3-2-23
2. Airport Advisory Board minutes of 4-10-23
3. Public Health minutes of 4-11-23

VIII. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES AND OTHERS

1. Township Association minutes of 4-27-23

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Petersen that the Communications and Reports of Standing and Statutory Committees and the Reports of Special Committees and Others be received and placed on file. MOTION CARRIED.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Dennis Hopkins, Bark River Township, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding the Airport Manager.

George Potvin, Bark River Township, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding the Second Amendment.

Maureen Potvin, Bark River Township, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding the Second Amendment.

Mike Glass, Nahma Township, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding the Second Amendment.

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Bonnie Hakkola, Escanaba, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding the Second Amendment.

Ben Webber, Gladstone, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding the Second Amendment.

Kim Knauf Wycoff, Escanaba Township, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding violation of her rights.

Tony Seymour, addressed the Board with his concerns the Second Amendment.

Dave Adamini, Wells Township, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding the Second Amendment.

Randy Scott, Ford River Township, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding the Second Amendment and red flag laws.

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. Finance Meeting 6-2-23.

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to receive the Finance minutes of 6-2-23 and place on file.
MOTION CARRIED.

3. Personnel Committee meeting of 6-5-23.

Moved by Commissioner Petersen and seconded by Commissioner Viau to receive the Personnel minutes of 6-5-23 and place on file.
MOTION CARRIED.

3. 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. Trane - Connected Mechanical Proposal.

Tabled for more information.

2. Contract for County Administrator/Controller.

Tabled to have Corporate Counsel review.

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. Payment of Bills.

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Malnar to pay bills in the amount of \$ 3,638,416.33 and Commissioners expenses of \$ 1,333.16.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

2. 2023 Taxable Value Reports.

The 2023 Taxable Value is \$1,385,842,961. Moved by Commissioner Malnar and seconded by Commissioner Barron to receive the 2023 Taxable Value Reports and place on file. MOTION CARRIED.

3. 2023 Summer Tax Rate.

Moved by Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner Malnar to set the 2023 Summer Tax Rate at 5.0317. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Building and Zoning Fees.

Moved by Commissioner Petersen and seconded by Commissioner Malnar to approve the Delta County Commercial Permit Fee Structure, as presented.

5. Zoning Case No 3-23-PC.

Case 3-23-PC, Donald and Deborah Leisner, Wells Township. Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to approve the request to rezone from Commercial 3 to Residential 2, as recommended by the Planning Commission.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

6. PC/BA Recording Secretary Pay and Mileage.

Moved by Commissioner Malnar and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to set the Planning Commission/Building Authority Secretary pay at \$40 per meeting plus mileage, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

7. Removal and Assignment of Commissioner for Parks and Recreation Board.

Moved by Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner Malnar to change the Board Assignment for the Parks and Recreation Board from Commissioner Barron to Commissioner Petersen. MOTION CARRIED.

8. Resolution: Second Amendment.

Moved by Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to eliminate paragraph 9 and item D, and adopt the Resolution in Support of the Second Amendment, as amended.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

9. Resolution: Opposing House Bill 4479 and SB 299.

Moved by Commissioner Petersen and seconded by Commissioner Barron to adopt the Resolution Opposing House Bills 4479 & 4480 and Senate Bills 299 & 300 enacting a statewide septic system inspections, as presented.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

10. Out of County Travel - Legislative: Wells Sewer.

Moved by Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner Barron to approve out of County Travel for Commissioner Petersen's travel to Lansing on May 23 - 24th to request funding for the Wells Sewer Project. MOTION CARRIED. Petersen abstained.

11. Contribution to Township Picnic.

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to allocate \$250 for the Delta County Township Association Picnic. MOTION CARRIED.

12. Resignation of A. Nummilien, Request for Lump Sum Payout, and to Fill Airport Manager Position.

Moved by Commissioner Petersen and seconded by Commissioner Barron to accept the resignation of A. Nummilien, approve the lump sum payout and to fill the Airport Manager Position and send a letter of appreciation. MOTION CARRIED.

13. Recommendation from Airport Advisory Board on Airport Manager.

Brian Herioux, Airport Advisory Board, asked that they authorize the Administrator post the position and have the Finance Committee look at the salary of the Airport Manager. Moved by Commissioner Petersen and seconded by Commissioner Viau to authorize the Administrator to post the Airport Manager Position and to refer the Airport Manager salary to the Finance Committee. MOTION CARRIED.

14. Job Description for HR Specialist/Administrative Clerk, Request to Fill Position.

Moved by Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to approve the HR Specialist/Administrative Clerk job description and authorize the Administrator to post and fill the position. MOTION CARRIED.

15. Clarification MERS Purchase of Service Credit - Vallier.

Moved by Commissioner Petersen and seconded by Commissioner Barron to authorize Vallier to purchase 11 months of MERS service credit for \$23,267.00, as approved on April 11, 2023. MOTION CARRIED.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Glen Vanderville, Escanaba, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding grand standing, civil liberties, contract lawyer.

Kaye Rowlands, Wells Township, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding the Commercial Building Permit Fees.

Deb Abrahamson, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding damage from guns, suicides.

Diane Webber, Gladstone, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding guns and prayer.

Theresa Ross, Ford River Township, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding Zoom and also FOIA requests.

Paul Cavalero addressed the Board with his concerns regarding the Second Amendment and mental health issues.

Judy Adamini, Wells Township, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding statements by the Board about Covid.

Brian Godfrey, Gladstone, President of the Delta County Gunowners Association, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding the red flag laws.

Kim Knauf Wycoff, Escanaba Township, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding annexation signatures and deadlines.

Ada Knauf, Escanaba Township, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding the solar presentation.

Chris Williams, Ford River Township, addressed the Board regarding park funds and the Conservation District meeting on June 20th at 2:00 p.m. - not sure on the time.

Steve Krupski, sent an email to the Board with his concerns regarding hiring of Administrator Young.

Kelli Van ginHoven, Escanaba, read a letter from Andrea Nummilien on events leading up to her resigning.

Andrea Nummilien, Maple Ridge Township, read a letter from Andrea Nummilien on events leading up to her resigning.

Christiana Reynolds, Escanaba, read a letter from Andrea Nummilien on events leading up to her resigning.

Terri Nummilien, Maple Ridge Township, read a letter from Andrea Nummilien on events leading up to her resignation.

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Chris DeSalvo, Escanaba, read a letter from Andrea Nummilien on events leading up to her resignation.

Dave Adamini, Wells Township, addressed the Board with his concerns about the public's displeasure - should be working together.

Reid Hyken, Escanaba, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding the 1st Amendment, and his tether.

Joe Kaplan, Ford River Township, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding free speech.

XIII. COMMISSIONERS CONCERNS

Commissioner Malnar: Thank you Andrea for your years of service. Two promotions in the Sheriff's office - Steve Kositzky to Sergeant and Kurt Wilson to Lieutenant.

Commissioner Viau: He is for continuing Zoom, attended the Spring Conference would like to expand agreement with Marquette County to include Menominee and Schoolcraft counties. Met Congressman Jack Bergman's aide Dawn Curley, and Sen. Debbie Stabenow's aide Jay Gage. Attended the Gladstone City Commission meeting and saw a Bravebots demonstration and learned of a new brewery company at Saunders Point. Attended the Escanaba Township Planning Commission meeting. Happy to meet Robyn Morrison. Thanked Andrea for helping him on the Board - wishes her luck in whatever she does.

Commissioner Barron: None.

Commissioner Petersen: Commissioners can't discuss amongst themselves - a violation of the opening meetings act. Doesn't have the Conservation District contracts in front of him, but the contract the gentleman was talking about sounds like the contract between Mr. Mattson and the Conservation District - not the county - which we have no control over. Stands 100% behind decision to hire Ashleigh Young as County Administrator, for 3 months as interim she did a wonderful job and has done a wonderful job since, she has stepped up to every single challenge, she has common sense, drive and heart, you can attack me if you like, but leave her out of it, she is doing her job and she is doing a good job.

Commissioner Moyle: I asked to be here, so I will take the heat. He did go out to the Airport on February 23rd, had no intentions of undermining anybody. Billerud is coming in and we will have between 2,000 - 2,500 contractors coming in, how can we

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get the big jets like Iron Mountain and Houghton, did not speak ill of anyone. Asked Delta what can we do. Doesn't know when anyone is on vacation. Has known Andrea since she was a kid. Not happy to see her go.

Ashleigh Young: To clarify that the \$50,000 bonus for Mr. Mattson is in the Conservation District contract, not the County Contract. Zoom was a band-aid for Covid, poor quality and not made for the County Board application. Thanked Kim Knauf for information she brought in.

XIV. MEETING SCHEDULE

June 20 th	5:15 p.m.	Board meeting.
July 18 th	5:15 p.m.	Board meeting.
August 1 st	5:00 p.m.	Board meeting.
August 15 th	5:15 p.m.	Board meeting.

XV. NOTICES

30 day notice of appointments:

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Commissioner Petersen and seconded by Commissioner Barron to adjourn at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy J. Przewrocki, County Clerk

David Moyle, Board Chair