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DELTA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
September 19, 2023

Escanaba, Michigan

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

September 14, 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 September 19, 2023, at 5:15 p.m. in the Board Room 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 Board Room of the Delta County Service Center by Delta County Clerk, Nancy Przewrocki.

IV. SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

Public Hearing on 2023/24 Budget.

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Malnar to open the Public Hearing at 5:17 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

No members of the public commented.

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Malnar to close the Public Hearing at 5:17 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to approve the minutes of the September 5, 2023. MOTION CARRIED.

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VI. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Commissioner Petersen and seconded by Commissioner Barron to approve the agenda, as amended, adding Unfinished Business item 2. Municipal Counsel and New Business item 0.5. Rules of Procedure. MOTION CARRIED.

VII. PRESENTATION OF WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED:

B. COMMUNICATIONS FORWARDED:

VIII. REPORTS OF STANDING AND STATUTORY COMMITTEES

VIII. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES AND OTHERS

None.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Curt Larsen, Bay de Noc Township, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding the budget, people have a right to see how the money is spent.

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Administrator's Report.

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

2. Personnel Committee minutes 9-14-23.

Moved by Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner Malnar to receive the Personnel Committee minutes of 9-14-23 and place on file. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Finance Committee minutes 9-15-23.

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to receive the Finance Committee minutes of 9-15-23 and place on file. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Department Updates.

Judge Parks, District Court Judge, requested that Emily DeSalvo be contracted to work with the new District Court Administrator to be paid with administrative grant monies from the Drug and Sobriety Court through October 1.

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Moved by Commissioner Moyle and seconded by Commissioner Barron to approve Ms. DeSalvo as a contract employee for District Court.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

XI. GENERAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

A. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. RFP for PTP Electric and Water Bid Award.

Moved by Commissioner Petersen and seconded by Commissioner Barron to award the bids to Billy Electric for \$102,640 and A-1 Water Systems for \$14,775. MOTION CARRIED.

2. Municipal Counsel.

Moved by Commissioner Petersen and seconded by Commissioner Barron to restructure Counsel request to Attorney Graham, then MMRMA and then the Prosecuting Attorney.

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to call the question.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Commissioner Petersen and seconded by Commissioner Barron to restructure Counsel request to Attorney Graham, then MMRMA and then the Prosecuting Attorney.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting recessed at 6:04 p.m. Reconvened at 6:09 p.m.

B. NEW BUSINESS

0.5. Rules of Procedure.

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to Adopt the Rules of Procedure Decorum and Order at Public Meeting, as presented.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

1. Payment of Bills.

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Malnar to pay bills in the amount of \$ 1,112,814.29 and Commissioners expenses of \$ 2,690.49.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

2. FY2024 MVAA Grant Agreement.

Moved by Commissioner Malnar and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to approve the FY 2024 Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency FY24 County Veterans Service Fund Grant Agreement for up to \$78,550, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

3. MIDC Attorney Contracts.

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Malnar to approve the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission Attorney Contracts, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Northcare Network Grants.

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

5. 2023 Winter Tax Rate.

Moved by Commissioner Malnar and seconded by Commissioner Barron to approve the 2023 Winter Tax Rate, as presented.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

6. Changes made to recommended Budget.

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to approve the Changes made to the recommended Budget, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

7. FY24 Proposed Budget Book Presentation.

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Viau to approve the FY24 Proposed Budget Book presentation and place on file, as presented by Administrator Young. MOTION CARRIED.

8. Budgetary Motions.

A. Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to authorize the Administrator to transfer budget line items in order to balance budget within guidelines as adopted or to comply with State & Federal Statutes. MOTION CARRIED.

B. Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to authorize Administrator to handle other year end and housekeeping items. MOTION CARRIED.

C. Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to authorize the Administrator to update the County's Chart of Accounts to comply with the State of Michigan's Uniform Chart of Accounts. MOTION CARRIED.

D. Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to approve the budget amendments to make any additional amendments to conform with the Uniform Budgeting Act. MOTION CARRIED.

E. Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to adopt the 2023-24 Budget, to reflect the Board actions taken at the 9-19-23 Board meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

F. Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to adopt the 2023-24 General Budget Resolutions, as presented, with amendments to reflect the Board actions taken at the 9-19-23 Board meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

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G. Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to adopt the 2023-24 Budget Resolution, as presented, with amendments to reflect the Board actions taken at the 9-19-23 Board meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

H. Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to adopt the 2023-24 Purchase Order Policy as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

I. Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to accept the Human Services Agency Resolution. MOTION CARRIED.

J. Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to accept the Road Commission Resolution. MOTION CARRIED.

K. Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to accept the Remonumentation Peer Group Per Diem and Mileage Resolution. MOTION CARRIED.

L. Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to authorize the Treasurer to record FY2024 Residual Equity Fund interest earnings in the General Fund. MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to approve the Budgetary Motions A. - L., as presented.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

9. Airport Designated Ramp Observer(DRO) Job Description /Position.

Moved by Commissioner Petersen and seconded by Commissioner Barron to approve the Airport Designated Ramp Observer Job Description and Position at a pay grade level 10, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

10. Courthouse LOA - Employer Discretion New Employee.

Moved by Commissioner Petersen and seconded by Commissioner Barron to approve the Employer Discretion New Employee

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Letter of Agreement, with Union recommendation as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

11. Prosecutor by Karpel Contract.

Moved by Commissioner Petersen and seconded by Commissioner Barron to approve the Prosecutor by Karpel Contract, as presented, at no cost for the next 3 years. MOTION CARRIED.

12. Motorola Service Contract.

Moved by Commissioner Malnar and seconded by Commissioner Viau to approve the annual Motorola Service Contract for Central Dispatch, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

13. Temporary Part-Time Dispatcher Position.

Moved by Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner Malnar to approve the Temporary Part-Time Dispatcher Position, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

14. Department of Human Services and Pinecrest Board Assignment.

Moved by Commissioner Moyle and seconded by Commissioner Barron to appoint Commissioner Viau to the Department of Human Services and Pinecrest Board to replace Commissioner Malnar as he has a conflict with attending the CUPPAD Board meeting at the same time. MOTION CARRIED.

15. Closed Session - Probate Court Unit Contract.

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Malnar to move into closed session at 7:35 p.m. for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining contract negotiations under OMI Section 15.268(8)(c).

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Viau to reconvene into regular session at 7:59 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

No actions were taken during executive session.

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Moved by Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner Malnar to ratify the Probate Contract, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

16. Closed Session - Opioid Settlement.

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Malnar to move into closed session at 7:35 p.m. for the purpose of discussing a settlement under OMI Section 15.268(8)(e).

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Viau to reconvene into regular session at 7:59 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

No actions were taken during executive session.

Moved by Commissioner Malnar and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to authorize the Chair to sign the Opioid Agreement with Master's Pharmacy, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Joe Kaplan, Ford River Township, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding the Cornell Township easement, breach of contract.

Kaye Rowlands, Wells Township, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding Mr. Graham, the tax rate, Building and Zoning.

Kathie Scott, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding the Prosecutor was elected to be the Prosecuting Attorney, asks for extra money to answer county questions, convictions very low prepping for a murder trial, support of Attorney Graham.

Clayton Harris, Baldwin Township, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding inspections, homes built without permits, avoided paying taxes, should be fined substantially.

Brian Godfrey, Gladstone, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding Zoom, getting the high schools involved.

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Stephen Skrupski, Escanaba addressed the Board with his concerns in support of County Commissioners - thanked them. (Letter read by Administrator Young).

Steve Benoit, Wells Township, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding the County Finance Committee, consultant.

Gary Gustafson, Ensign Township, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding the Veterans Service Officer, the trust fund and the Cornell Easement.

Denise Moulds, Escanaba, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding Precinct Delegates.

Randy Scott, Ford River Township, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding the Commissioners were well within their means to let the Administrator go.

XIII. COMMISSIONERS CONCERNS

Commissioner Malnar: None.

Commissioner Viau: Health Department Mobile Unit to go to Townships for vaccines. Would give the Veterans Service Officer whatever he wants. Webinar in Escanaba Township. Tire Disposal grant through the state - EGLE and Hannahville 2% monies. Letter from Prosecutor - has a 28.9% conviction rate.

Commissioner Barron: George Washington: "If the Freedom of Speech is taken away, then dumb and silent we may be led like sheep to the slaughter." I am thankful that the Board passed the procedural changes.

Commissioner Petersen: Airport Manager interview - good candidate.

Commissioner Moyle: Thanked Commissioner Viau for taking Pinecrest appointment. Very grateful for the young people attending the meeting.

Ashleigh Young: Thanked everyone for attending during her first Budget Presentation.

XIV. MEETING SCHEDULE

October 3rd	5:00 p.m.	Board meeting CANCELLED.
October 10th	5:00 p.m.	Statutory Board meeting.
October 17th	5:15 p.m.	Board meeting.
November 7 th	5:00 p.m.	Board meeting.

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XV. NOTICES

30 day notice of appointments:

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to adjourn at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy J. Przewrocki, County Clerk

David Moyle, Board Chair