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**DELTA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
October 17, 2023**

Escanaba, Michigan

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

October 12, 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 October 17, 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

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Malnar to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2023. MOTION CARRIED.

VI. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to approve the agenda, as amended, removing items 7., 12., and 14. And adding Unfinished Business item 3. Stipend/Per Diem item 4. Cornell Property and New Business item 15. Delta Solid Waste Management Authority Resolution and correct date of item 2 under Committee Reports to October 16. MOTION CARRIED.

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VII. PRESENTATION OF WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED: No Communications Received.

B. COMMUNICATIONS FORWARDED: No Communications forwarded.

VIII. REPORTS OF STANDING AND STATUTORY COMMITTEES

VIII. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES AND OTHERS

None.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Al Ettenhofer, U.P. Whitetails Association, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding the Cornell Community Forest Grants and permission to do so.

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Administrator's Report.

Administrator Young gave a verbal report.

2. Personnel Committee minutes 10-16-23.

Moved by Commissioner Malnar and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to receive the Personnel Committee minutes of 10-16-23 and place on file. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Department Updates.

Parks - Nate Brockman, Vice Chair of the Delta Conservation District stated the DCD would like to extend the contract agreement with the County to manage the Community Forest past the December 31, 2023 deadline.

XI. GENERAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

A. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Healthcare: Hard Cap Resolution.

Moved by Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to adopt the Healthcare Hard Cap Resolution, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

2. Civil Attorneys Stipend Increase.

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

3. Stipend/Per Diem.

Moved by Commissioner Petersen and seconded by Commissioner Barron to pass the Personnel Committee recommendation to the Finance Committee. MOTION CARRIED.

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. Payment of Bills.

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to pay bills in the amount of \$ 798,647.17 and Commissioners expenses of \$ 953.66.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

2. CUPPAD Master Plan Presentation.

Dotty LaJoye, CUPPAD, gave the Board a presentation on the need to update the Master Plan, especially due to Covid.

3. EMPG Grant Agreement.

Moved by Commissioner Petersen and seconded by Commissioner Malnar to approve the Emergency Management Performance Grant Agreement, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Resolution - Homelessness Awareness Month Proclamation.

Moved by Commissioner Petersen and seconded by Commissioner Viau to adopt the Homelessness Awareness Month Proclamation Resolution proclaiming November as Homelessness Awareness Month, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

5. Credit Card Request for Airport - Robert Ranstadler.

Moved by Commissioner Malnar and seconded by Commissioner Barron to approve a credit card for Airport Manager Robert Ranstadler, as requested. MOTION CARRIED.

6. Letters of Appreciation.

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to send letters of appreciation to Dana VanEnkevort, Emily DeSalvo, Sally Schultz and Sharyn Caszatt, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

7. Prosecutor's Office Intern.

Removed from agenda.

8. District Court Consultant Continuation.

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to send to the Finance Committee. MOTION CARRIED.

9. Retirement of D. Barton, Request for Lump Sum Payout and to Fill Receptionist/Case Worker Position.

Moved by Commissioner Malnar and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to approve the Lump Sum Payout for D. Barton, send a letter of appreciation and to fill the FOC Receptionist/Case Worker Position. MOTION CARRIED.

10. Resignation of S. Scheuren, Request for Lump Sum Payout and to Fill Co-Legal Assistant Position.

Moved by Commissioner Petersen and seconded by Commissioner Malnar to approve the Lump Sum Payout for S. Scheuren, send a letter of appreciation and to fill the FOC Co-Legal Assistant Position. MOTION CARRIED.

11. FOC Request to Overlap Co-Legal Assistant Position.

Moved by Commissioner Petersen and seconded by Commissioner Barron to approve the Friend of the Court overlap, as requested. MOTION CARRIED.

12. Utility Relocation Additional Work.

Removed from the agenda.

13. Health Department Appropriation.

Moved by Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner Malnar to amend the budget to increase the Health Department Appropriation by \$23,579, as presented.

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

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14. Prosecutor's Office Allocation of City of Escanaba Contract.

Removed from agenda.

15. DSWMA Amended Resolution Supporting Purchase of Equipment and Limited Guaranty.

Moved by Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner Barron to adopt the amended Delta Solid Waste Management Authority Resolution Supporting Purchase of Equipment and Limited Guaranty.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Al Ettenhofer, U.P. Whitetails Association, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding the Cornell Township property and working with the Wheelin Sportsman and Ken Buchholtz on accessibility.

Garrett Van Nett, Gladstone, addressed the Board to have Chile DeCastro speak on his behalf. (ADA compliance).

Chile DeCastro, California, advocate for Garrett Van Nett, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding the Prosecutor, local law enforcement and civil rights violations.

Theresa Ross, Ford River Township, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding including Zoom in the budget and she has the utmost pride in the recall petition committees.

Cheryl Corbiere, Escanaba, addressed the Board with her concerns that the Board did not intervene when Mr. DeCastro was addressing the audience.

Brian Godfrey, Gladstone, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding Delta County's reputation, hoping the Board and the public can work to make Delta County something to be proud of again.

Judy Adamini, Escanaba, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding local police officers - who do you call when you need help.

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Chris Williams, Ford River Township, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding HB5120-5123 that give control to the Michigan Public Service Commission, takes away local control, look into these bills. Fulfilling an agenda on the backs of rural America. The Michigan Public Service Commission does not have the local land owners best interest in mind - they have their own selves in their best interest.

Dave Adamini, Escanaba, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding ethics.

Nate Brockman, Wells Township, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding the Community Forest gate.

Rory Mattson, Delta Conservation District Director, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding the reason for the Community Forest, poplar stands, game species, the gate and proposed walking trail.

Bonnie Hakkola, Escanaba, addressed the Board with her concerns thanking the Commissioners for serving on this Board, civility and good will.

XIII. COMMISSIONERS CONCERNS

Commissioner Malnar: Homeowners with septic systems - get ahold of your representatives regarding changes to the law.

Commissioner Viau: Drug Court Sobriety graduation, need to update the Master Plan - hire CUPPAD. The Prosecuting Attorney - all dealings honorable and loyal to the County.

Commissioner Barron: "Love your enemies."

Commissioner Petersen: Issues and lies being circulated as part of the recall.

Commissioner Moyle: Scott Graham never has been his attorney. Will continue to conduct County business. Thank you for attending.

Ashleigh Young: Contacted the County Attorney on a civil matter as there was a time constraint.

XIV. MEETING SCHEDULE

November 7th 5:00 p.m. Board meeting.
November 21st 5:15 p.m. Board meeting.

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December 5th 5:00 p.m. Board meeting.

December 19th 5:15 p.m. Board meeting.

XV. NOTICES

30 day notice of appointments:

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to adjourn at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy J. Przewrocki, County Clerk

David Moyle, Board Chair