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**DELTA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
December 5, 2023**

Escanaba, Michigan

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

November 30, 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 December 5, 2023, at 5:00 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 5:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Delta County Service Center by Delta County Clerk, Nancy Przewrocki.

IV. SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

1. Commissioners Workshop.

Discussion regarding the bill signed by the Governor regarding wind and solar - takes effect one year from signing. Will take to Planning Commission and compare to our current ordinance. Workshop ended at 5:11 p.m.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Malnar to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2023. MOTION CARRIED.

VI. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Malnar to approve the agenda, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

VII. PRESENTATION OF WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

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A. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED:

1. Letter from State of MI DNR.
2. Letter from Ensign Township.
3. Resolution from Sanilac Co.

B. COMMUNICATIONS FORWARDED:

1. Letter to Sarah Scheuren.

VIII. REPORTS OF STANDING AND STATUTORY COMMITTEES

1. Public Health minutes of 9-12-23.
2. Human Services Board minutes of 9-28-23

VIII. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES AND OTHERS

1. Township Association minutes of 12-9-22. (Annual)

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Steve Kwarciany, Wells Township, Veterans Council member, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding the Soldiers and Sailors Relief Fund PA192, would like to be on the agenda regarding Veteran's services.

Al Ettenhofer, UP Whitetails, asked to meet with the Parks Advisory Committee.

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. Finance Committee minutes 12-1-23.

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to receive the Finance Committee minutes of 12-1-23 and place on file. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Department Updates.

Airport: Robert Ranstadler, new Airport Manager, updated the Board regarding the state of the Airport, he has been working with the FAA and MDOT regarding the Letter of Investigation - years of administrative neglect - near being out of compliance. Would like to restructure employees and would like temporary clerical help so he can focus on getting the Airport back into compliance.

Parks: Joe Kaplan, Chair of the Delta Conservation District Board - ready to move forward with the ponds - they are a liability

to health and safety - need to make them accessible to wildlife and not dangerous to public. Increase legal access and increase access for disabled public.

Clerk: Nancy Przewrocki, County Clerk, updated the Board on Early Voting, will take place at Wells Township. Equipment has been arriving. The Clerk and Elections Clerk Kylee Hanson have been attending training from the Bureau of Elections.

XI. GENERAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

A. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Civil Attorneys Stipend Increases.

Moved by Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner Malnar to rescind the motion passed at the September 19, 2023 meeting relating to the order of Counsel.

Moved by Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner to call the question.

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

MOTION FAILED.

Moved by Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner Malnar to rescind the motion passed at the September 19, 2023 meeting relating to the order of Counsel.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Petersen that legal issues would go to MMRMA first, then Administrator would determine path of issues not handled by MMRMA, if it goes to Attorney Graham, must go before the Board first.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner Malnar to increase the Civil Attorney stipend to \$12,000. 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 \$ 737,067.30 and Commissioners expenses of \$ 1,512.98.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

2. Investment Report.

Sherry Godfrey, Delta County Treasurer, presented the 2023 Investment Report to the Board.

3. 2020 Foreclosure Sale Reports.

Sherry Godfrey, Delta County Treasurer, presented the 2020 Foreclosure Reports to the Board.

4. Airport Grant Contract and Authorization - Airport Project.

Moved by Commissioner Petersen and seconded by Commissioner Viau to authorize to Chair's signature on the MDOT 2023-0588 Airport Grant Contract, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

5. Airport MDOT Contract Amendment - 2020-0032/A1.

Moved by Commissioner Petersen and seconded by Commissioner Malnar to approve the Airport MDOT Contract Amendment to 2020-0032, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

6. RFP-Airport-NFPA 407 Refueler Overfill Shutdown System Bid Award.

Moved by Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to award the Airport-NFPA 407 Refueler Overfill Shutdown System bid to Sparling Corporation for \$20,130. MOTION CARRIED.

7. Airport-Contract with Mead and Hunt.

Moved by Commissioner Petersen and seconded by Commissioner Barron to authorize the Chair to sign the Airport Contract with Mead and Hunt. MOTION CARRIED.

8. Township Zoning Contracts.

Moved by Commissioner Malnar and seconded by Commissioner Viau to extend the Township Zoning Contract by one year. MOTION CARRIED.

9. Opioid Taskforce.

Moved by Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner Malnar to form a standing committee for the Opioid Taskforce and take applications by those who meet the criteria. MOTION CARRIED.

10. Thank You to Business Opening in Delta County.

Moved by Commissioner Petersen and seconded by Commissioner Malnar to adopt a policy to send a thank you to new business that open in Delta County. MOTION CARRIED.

11. Purchase and Procurement Policy.

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to adopt the updated Purchase and Procurement Policy, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

12. Thank you to H. Harris.

Moved by Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to send H. Harris a thank you letter for her service to Delta County. MOTION CARRIED.

17. Resignation of M. Olson, Human Services Board.

Moved by Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to accept the resignation of M. Olson and send her a thank you letter for her service to Delta County. MOTION CARRIED.

18. Delta County Parks and Forest.

Moved by Commissioner Petersen and seconded by Commissioner Barron to direct the Conservation District no new projects or no modifications to infrastructure for the remainder of the contract, until all DNR issues are resolved. MOTION CARRIED. Malnar opposed.

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Moved by Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner Petersen for Administrator Young to request a 90 day extension from the DNR to get pertinent facts. MOTION CARRIED.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ed Fleury, Cornell Township Trustee, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding violations of the County Forest grant.

Tim Salisbury, Wells Township, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding he has been stirred to level of concern and his displeasure of politics, Board serves at pleasure of constituency.

Tyler Anthony, Escanaba, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding moving the previous question rather than call the question. Delta County rules Section 7.

Alan Ettenhofer, Whitetails Unlimited, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding the County Forest in Cornell, motorized vehicles do not have to be allowed. We are in compliance with the DNR grant right now.

Clayton Harris, Planning Commission, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding buildings built without permits.

Chris Williams, Ford River Township, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding Rory Mattson and the increase in administration fees over the years.

Dave Adamini, Wells Township, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding rules for public comment and Commissioner Moyle's interview with DeCastro.

Teresa Ross, Ford River Township, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding Commissioner Moyle's interview with DeCastro.

Dana VanEffen, Escanaba, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding her FOIA request not being answered by the Conservation District.

Lee Anne Oman, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding we should have paper ballots that are hand counted.

XIII. COMMISSIONERS CONCERNS

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Commissioner Petersen: Went out to the County Forest - one of the ponds could use more work to take out the steepness.

Commissioner Malnar: Tries to attend as many meetings as possible.

Commissioner Viau: Thanked the public for their comments. Thanked the Administrator for bringing forth the Opioid Taskforce - one million dollars will be well served. John Malnar received a recognition from the Township Association for outstanding service and attendance to the Township Association.

Commissioner Barron: Two quotes from Michelangelo: "Genius is eternal patience." "The greater danger for most of us lies not in setting our aim too high and falling short, but in setting our aim too low and achieving our goal."

Commissioner Moyle: We loosely follow Robert's Rules, they are not laws. Did not call Chile - he call me and asked for an interview. Has always supported law enforcement. Disagreed with Chile in the interview and was called a derogatory term. Heading in the right direction as a county.

Ashleigh Young: None.

XIV. MEETING SCHEDULE

December 19th 5:15 p.m. Board meeting.
January 2nd 5:00 p.m. Reorganizational meeting

XV. NOTICES

30 day notice of appointments: DHHS, Opioid Taskforce

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Viau to adjourn at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy J. Przewrocki, County Clerk

David Moyle, Board Chair