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**DELTA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
December 19, 2023**

Escanaba, Michigan

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

December 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 December 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

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

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

VI. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Commissioner Malnar and seconded by Commissioner Viau to approve the agenda, as amended, adding Item 19. Airport Discussion. MOTION CARRIED.

VII. PRESENTATION OF WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED: No communications were received.

B. COMMUNICATIONS FORWARDED: No communications were forwarded.

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VIII. REPORTS OF STANDING AND STATUTORY COMMITTEES

VIII. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES AND OTHERS

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None.

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. Personnel Committee minutes 12-15-23.

Moved by Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner Malnar to receive the Personnel Committee minutes of 12-15-23 and place on file. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Finance Committee minutes 12-18-23.

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to receive the Finance Committee minutes of 12-18-23 and place on file. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Department Updates.

Parks: Joe Kaplan, Delta Conservation District Chair - there is no question that the legacy of those parks is forever tied to the actions of the District. More importantly during transition the County made the wise decision to hire Steve Wery as Park Manager - there is no one more dedicated and knowledgeable about how those parks run. Remind the County and the public that the District will remain available to assist the County if you so choose with conservation, agriculture, forestry - we have a dedicated staff in Gladstone to assist private property owners. There is a lot of state and federal money available allocated to 75 districts across Michigan to provide services to private landowners and act as a liaison. Goes without saying that the end of our formal contract with the DCD comes to end at the end of the year as does our District Manager, Rory Mattson's is also retiring. Certainly, the face of the parks and the forest really reflect this one man's drive and dedication over this past 30 plus years is why we have a park system worth fighting for and often fighting over. Moving equipment.

Moved by Commissioner Petersen to thank Rory Mattson for his years of service to Delta County and hopes he enjoys his retirement.

XI. GENERAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

A. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. Payment of Bills.

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Malnar to pay bills in the amount of \$ 1,247,635 and Commissioners expenses of \$ 355.50.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

2. 2024 Remonumentation Grant Application.

Moved by Commissioner Petersen and seconded by Commissioner Viau to approve the 2024 Remonumentation Grant Application, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

3. 2024 Contract - Davis/Wanic Surveyors.

Moved by Commissioner Malnar and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to approve the 2024 Remonumentation Plan Contract with Davis/Wanic Surveyors, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

4. FY24 Drug Court Grant Contract.

Moved by Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner Barron to ratify the Administrator's signature on the FY24 Drug Court Grant Contract, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

5. 2024 Marijuana Operation and Oversight Grant.

Moved by Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner Malnar to approve the 2024 Marijuana Operation and Oversight Grant, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

6. Appointment to DATA (1 opening).

Moved by Commissioner Petersen and seconded by Commissioner Barron to re-appoint Dana VanEnkevort to the Delta Area Transportation Authority Board. MOTION CARRIED.

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7. Medical Examiner Contract.

Moved by Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner Malnar to approve the Medical Examiner Contract, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

8. MEI Contracts.

Moved by Commissioner Petersen and seconded by Commissioner Barron to approve the Medical Examiner Investigation Agreements, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

9. D. Headington Transfer, Request to Fill Custodian 1 Position.

Moved by Commissioner Petersen and seconded by Commissioner Barron to authorize filling the Custodian 1 position, as requested. MOTION CARRIED.

10. Part-time Airport Clerk.

Moved by Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to authorize posting and filling a temporary Part-time Airport Clerk, as presented to the Finance and Personnel Committees. MOTION CARRIED.

11. Building and Zoning Administrator Job Description.

No action at this time.

12. Non-Union Cost of Living Increase.

Moved by Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to authorize a 3.5% Cost of Living increase for Non-Union employees, effective the first full pay period in January. MOTION CARRIED.

13. Building and Zoning Administrator Increase for Soil Erosion duties.

No action at this time.

14. Mail Machine Replacement.

Moved by Commissioner Petersen and seconded by Commissioner Barron to authorize purchasing a mail machine replacement for \$11,021. MOTION CARRIED.

15. Election Stats - Historical Election Results Database.

No action taken.

16. Dump Trailer \$2,000.

Moved by Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to direct the Administrator to research and follow Finance Committee recommendation. MOTION CARRIED.

17. DCD - 10% Administrative Cost.

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to have the Administrator work out the details with District Director Rory Mattson. MOTION CARRIED.

18. Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Permits.

No action taken at this time.

19. Airport Discussion.

Moved by Commissioner Petersen and seconded by Commissioner Barron that the Board refer to its Civil Counsel Scott Graham the investigation of Airport activity and policy that may have violated local, state or federal law, as well as contractual obligations or any other Airport right, duty or obligation. The basis for this motion and referral is the fact that considering the finding required by MCL 49.71 the office of the Prosecuting Attorney is unable to properly represent the County in this matter and investigation, because of the nature of the issues involved. The legal complexities of the issues and the existence of conflicts of interest that would arise based on the investigation of conduct of county employees.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Sema Deeds, Escanaba, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding Delta County Commissioner meetings might be a stage for shouting. Feel grateful to have Ashleigh Young and Airport Manager Ranstadler keeping our Airport open. Took an oath to America. Need to work together.

Rory Mattson, Delta Conservation District Director, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding the Parks, the 10%

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Administration cost, the District itself needs to exist - there is a cost, needed Conservation District employees to work at the Parks. The District assisted the County in obtaining \$1.5 million in grants for the parks. The dump trailer, was purchased by Conservation District, the County and Rory Mattson, for \$2,000 each, to save money, then Rory put an additional \$2,000 to fix the dump on the tractor.

Whitney Maloney, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding the PFC's (Passenger Facility Charges) were on the Airport Committee agenda 11 times since 2020. PFC program because audit not done by Anderson Tackman.

XIII. COMMISSIONERS CONCERNS

Commissioner Petersen: Houghton County has suggested pooling the Opioid funds to put a Mental Health Clinic in the U.P.

Commissioner Malnar: Commissioners Harrington and Malnar and the Conservation District - Rory Mattson, DNR Trust Fund presentation in Lansing - Rory did a great job speaking. Ensign Township Supervisor John Wolf is 94 years old. Enbridge did receive approved permits to start tunnel.

Commissioner Viau: Thanked Delta Conservation District and Rory Mattson, Chair Kaplan offering help if we need it. Attended Pinecrest meeting, Personnel meeting, Airport meeting, MAC meeting. Notification of Opioid Taskforce. Proud to have Airport Manager on board. Budget - Victim Advocate Lab, donated by private donor. Merry Christmas to employee and constituents.

Commissioner Barron: Thanks to the Conservation District and Rory Mattson and the work that they've done. Quote from Ronald Reagan "No limit to the amount of good that you can do if you don't care who gets the credit." The Soil Conservation District, Rory Mattson, Conservation District Board members and staff did a lot of work and didn't come out looking for accolades. Their accolade was the beauty of the parks. Thank you for that. "It always seems impossible until it is done." Nelson Mandela. "The risk of a wrong decision is preferable to the terror of indecision." "Accept the challenges so that you may feel the exhilaration of victory." General George S. Patton, Jr. Merry Christmas.

Commissioner Moyle: Merry Christmas, thank you for making us a part of your evening. My approach to advisory committees is that the department head makes the calls, if he made a motion to replace the audit company, it would have been at the advice of the Airport Manager. Have a safe and Merry Christmas.

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Ashleigh Young: Brought up at Airport meeting this afternoon Anderson Tackman, was not contracted to audit PFC's for 2017, 2018 and 2019. May explain why it is delinquent.

XIV. MEETING SCHEDULE

January 2nd 5:00 p.m. Reorganizational meeting

XV. NOTICES

30 day notice of appointments: DHHS, Opioid Taskforce

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Commissioner Petersen and seconded by Commissioner Barron to adjourn at 6:33 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy J. Przewrocki, County Clerk

David Moyle, Board Chair