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DELTA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
January 2, 2024

Escanaba, Michigan

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

December 28, 2023

The Honorable Members of the Delta
County Board of Commissioners

Dear Commissioners:

A Re-organizational Meeting of the Delta County Board of Commissioners is scheduled for Tuesday January 2, 2024, 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.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

1. Election of Chair.

County Clerk Przewrocki opened the nominations for Chairperson. Moved by Commissioner Barron to nominate Commissioner Moyle as Chair. Moved by Commissioner Viau to nominate Commissioner Barron as Chair and moved by Commissioner Viau to nominate Commissioner Malnar as Chair. There were no other nominations. A secret ballot vote was taken and Commissioner Moyle having received 3 votes was elected Board Chair.

2. Election of Vice Chair.

Moved by Commissioner Petersen to nominate Commissioner Barron as Vice Chair. Commissioner Viau nominated Commissioner Malnar. A vote was taken with Commissioner Barron receiving 3 votes and commissioner Malnar receiving 2 votes. Commissioner Barron was elected Vice Chair.

3. 2024 Board Assignments

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to accept the 2024 Board Assignments, as presented with the exception of Commissioner Viau appointed to Northwoods Rail, Commissioner Barron appointed as liaison of the Building and Zoning Department, Commissioner Malnar appointed to CAA/HRA and Commissioners Malnar and Barron appointed to the Personnel Committee and Commissioners Viau and Barron appointed to the Opioid Taskforce. MOTION CARRIED. Viau opposed.

4. Adoption of Rules of Procedure

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Malnar to add the Opioid Taskforce to the Rules and Procedures. MOTION CARRIED.

5. Commissioner Workshop

Discussion on hiring outside counsel to investigate the Airport.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2023. MOTION CARRIED.

VI. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Commissioner Petersen and seconded by Commissioner Malnar to approve the agenda, as amended, adding item 6. Deficit Elimination Plan Resolution Jail Debt Service Fund. MOTION CARRIED.

VII. PRESENTATION OF WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Received:
 - 1. Letter form the City of Escanaba.
 - 2. Letter from the Fed Energy Reg Com. (5)
 - 3. Letter from MDNR.
 - 4. Letter from US Dept of the Interior.

- B. Forwarded:
 - 1. Letter to Holly Harris.
 - 2. Letter to Mary Olson.
 - 3. Letter to Delta Cons. Dist. Directors.
 - 4. Letter to Debra Barton.
 - 5. Letter to MDNR.

VIII. REPORTS OF STANDING AND STATUTORY SPECIAL COMMITTEES AND OTHERS

- 1. Airport Advisory minutes of 5-15-23, 5-15-23 corr.,

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6-5-23, 6-5-23 corr., 6-29-23, 6-29-23 corr., 7-10-23,
7-10-23 corr., 7-17-23, and 7-17-23 corrected.

2. Human Services Board minutes of 10-26-23.
3. Public Health minutes of 10-26-23.

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Malnar 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

Chris Williams, Ford River Township, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding evidence based decision making, hand shake deal, two owners listed on bill of sale for tractor, never registered with Secretary of State.

Barbie Clairmont, Escanaba Township, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding two notices received and the court of record.

Dave Vanderlinden, Bay de Noc Township, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding the Board should hold payment from the Conservation District until the Conservation District pays Mr. Mattson.

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Administrator's Report.

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Viau to receive the Administrator's Report. MOTION CARRIED.

2. Finance Committee minutes of 1-2-24.

Moved by Commissioner Petersen and seconded by Commissioner Barron to receive the Finance Committee minutes of 1-2-24 and place on file. MOTION CARRIED.

2. Department Updates.

None.

XI. GENERAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

A. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Building and Zoning Administrator Increase for Soil Erosion Duties.

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

2. Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Permits.

Moved by Commissioner Malnar and seconded by Commissioner Barron that the County will be the one that will be providing the Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Permits, the Administrator will be filing the paperwork. MOTION CARRIED. Viau opposed.

3. Dump Trailer \$2,000.

Moved by Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to accept \$2,000 to release the County claim to the dump trailer. MOTION CARRIED.

4. DCD - 10% Administrative Cost.

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to approve the 10% Administrative Costs to the Delta Conservation District, as presented, in the amounts of \$41,0167.57 and \$18,437.27.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

5. Building and Zoning Administrator Job Description.

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

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. Payment of Bills.

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Malnar to pay bills in the amount of \$ 803,523.55 and Commissioners expenses of \$ 0.00.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

2. Set 2024 Meeting Dates.

Moved by Commissioner Malnar and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to set the 2024 Meeting Date Schedule, on the first and third Tuesdays of the month, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Out of County Travel - Fair Board in Grand Rapids.

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Viau to approve out of county travel stipend to Commissioner Petersen to attend the Fair Board meeting in Grand Rapids. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Tractor.

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

5. Emergency Circuit Breakers.

Moved by Commissioner Petersen and seconded by Commissioner Viau to authorize the Administrator to pay \$20,539.93 to Billy Electric to replace the failed circuit breakers. MOTION CARRIED.

6. Deficit Elimination Plan Resolution for the Jail Debt Service Fund.

Moved by Commissioner Petersen and seconded by Commissioner Barron to adopt the Deficit Elimination Plan Resolution for the Jail Debt Service Fund, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Kaye Rowlands, Wells Township, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding back door deals, past Park Manager Gary Branz, Building and Zoning had Soil Erosion before it went to the Conservation District.

Chris Williams, Ford River Township, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding Commissioner Moyle's loyalty to the County and inappropriate use of county money.

Rory Mattson, Escanaba, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding was asked in 2010 to run the parks for \$50,000 - hired employees with that money. The trailer was a good buy - split 3 ways to be used in the parks. He was willing to pay the \$2,000 to the entities.

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Bonnie Hakkola, Escanaba, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding crisis if the Airport closed, need to find out why this happened and what happened to the missing paperwork. Thanked Ashleigh for retraining Airport employees to keep the Airport open. Marquette coal plant closed, rice units put up to replace - will be paying for those until 2049, blackouts and high utility bills.

XIII. COMMISSIONERS CONCERNS

Commissioner Malnar: Received a call on the way to the meeting - two gates locked out at County Forest - who authorized locking of gates?

Commissioner Viau: Got ahold of Dr. Hughes - Bay College President - needs support from county. Needs another Commissioner to meet with her regarding taxation. Received a letter from Cub Scouts - 5th grade - reach out to talk with them. Material Management Plans - EGLE - need to start development plan. Still on MAC Environmental Committee, Finance and General Government Committee.

Commissioner Barron: Gates get locked this time of year because one the snow comes it's difficult to lock the gates so the roads don't get damaged during spring breakup. "There is no such thing as a little freedom, either you are all free or you are not" Walter Cronkite. "I am a great believer in luck. I find the harder I work, the more I have of it." Thomas Jefferson "We can all forgive a child who is afraid of the dark. The real tragedy of life is when men are afraid of the light." Plato

Commissioner Petersen: Contacted by the Administrator of Houghton County regarding Opioid funds.

Commissioner Moyle: Has a loyalty to Rory but has a deeper loyalty to people of Delta County. It took a lot work from a lot of people to get the Parks to where they are. Have a safe and Happy New Year.

XIV. MEETING SCHEDULE

January 16 th	5:15 p.m.	Board meeting.
February 6 th	5:00 p.m.	Board meeting.
February 20 th	5:15 p.m.	Board meeting.

XV. NOTICES

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30 day notice of appointments:

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to adjourn at 6:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy J. Przewrocki, County Clerk

David Moyle, Board Chair