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**DELTA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
March 5, 2024**

Escanaba, Michigan

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

February 29, 2024

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 March 5, 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. Commissioner Workshop.

None. The Veteran's Service Officer presentation has been put off until April.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Malnar to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2024. MOTION CARRIED.

VI. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to approve the agenda, as amended, adding item 5. MAEAP Program, item 6. Closed Session to discuss Attorney memorandum, and move public comment before closed session. MOTION CARRIED.

VII. PRESENTATION OF WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Received:
1. Letter from Federal Energy Regulatory Com(2)
  2. Letter from US Dept of the Interior (5).
  3. Letter from Report from Delta Solid Waste Management Authority.
  4. Resolution from Huron County.
  5. Resolution from Chippewa County.
  6. Letter from Michigan State Univ. Extension.
  7. Resolution from Sanilac County.
  8. Letter from USDA Forest Service.
- B. Forwarded:
1. Letter to Norma Yoder.
  2. Letter to Kyle Kelly.
  3. Letter to Steven Howes.
  4. Letter to Kyle Rambo.
  5. Letter to Michael Snyder.
  6. Letter to Francie Myrick.
  7. Letter to Judge Steven Parks.
  8. Letter to Prosecutor Lauren Wickman.
  9. Letter to Sheriff Edward Oswald.
  10. Letter to Whitney Kolich.

VIII. REPORTS OF STANDING AND STATUTORY SPECIAL COMMITTEES AND OTHERS

1. CAA/HRA minutes of 10-26-23, 11-30-23.
2. Public Health minutes of 11-7-23, 12-12-23.
3. Human Services Board minutes of 12-14-23, 1-25-24.
4. Pinecrest Board minutes of 12-14-23.
5. Airport Advisory minutes of 1-22-24.

Moved by Commissioner Petersen and seconded by Commissioner Barron 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

Cheryl Corbiere, Escanaba, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding the Veterans Service Officer funding.

Joe Kaplan, Ford River Township, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding Fuller Park.

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Administrator's Report.

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Moved by Commissioner Malnar and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to receive the Administrator's Report. MOTION CARRIED.

2. Finance Committee minutes of 2-27-24.

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to receive the Finance Committee minutes of 2-27-24 and place on file. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Department Updates.

Jack Smith, Building and Zoning Administrator, gave the Board an update on Plumbing and Mechanical permits at this time last year 28, this year 82, Jim Shapy has taken over as part-time Plumbing and Mechanical Inspector. Planning Commission posted for recording secretary position. Training for Soil Erosion and Sedimentation has been pushed back due to the death of Building & Zoning Assistant Administrator, Sandy Caron.

XI. GENERAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

A. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Veteran's Service Officer.

The VSO will make a presentation at the first meeting in April. He is attending a Veteran's Health conference.

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. Payment of Bills.

Moved by Commissioner Petersen and seconded by Commissioner Malnar to pay bills in the amount of \$ 1,063,084.95. and Commissioners expenses of \$ 24.02.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

2. Out of County Travel - MAC.

Moved by Commissioner Malnar and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to approve out of county travel to Lansing, April 29 - May 1, to attend the Michigan Association of Counties conference. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Out of County Travel - UPACC.

Moved by Commissioner Malnar and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to approve out of county travel to attend the Upper Peninsula Association of County Commissioners conference at the Island Resort in Harris on May 16 - 17. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Fuller Park = Pavilion and Picnic Area Development.

Steve Wery, Parks Manager updated the Board on the Fuller Park Day Use Area project. Had a site visit with Mitch Kotje and Cassie from EGLE, there are pockets of wetland, next step would be an RFP to have the area delineated at a cost of about \$750. The permits would then be the next step. The plan is to have the project completed in October of this year.

5. MAEAP Program.

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to send a letter to Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development regarding an issue with the Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program (MAEAP) in Delta County. Motion withdrawn. Moved by Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner Malnar to allow Joe Kaplan to speak. Motion failed.

6. Closed Session.

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Viau to move into closed session at 6:22 p.m. for the purpose of discussing written legal memorandum under OMI Section 15.268(8)(h).

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to reconvene into regular session at 7:01 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

No actions were taken during executive session.

Moved by Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to turn the information from the local investigation of the Airport over to the FAA (Federal Aviation

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Administration) for further investigation, as recommended by Attorney Graham.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

#### XII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Joe Kaplan, Ford River Township, addressed the Board with his concerns with the complaint regarding MAEAP.

Chris Williams, Ford River Township, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding the three Commissioners not letting someone address the Board.

Bonnie Hakkola, Escanaba, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding the high cost of early voting.

Sandy Sovey, Ford River Township, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding information not given to all the commissioners.

Sema Deeds, Escanaba, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding illegal alien immigrants.

Rory Mattson, Escanaba, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding accusations.

Liz Fitzharris, Escanaba, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding civility and voting costs.

#### XIII. COMMISSIONERS CONCERNS

Commissioner Malnar: At CUPPAD meeting heard from the President of Billerud - expansion is still a go, will just take longer.

Commissioner Viau: Thanked the Board and the Administrator for helping him make decisions. Now have a full Opioid Taskforce - waiting for first meeting. Would like a Community Forest update and a list of grants available to the County. Material management -

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would like the Delta Solid Waste Management Authority to be part and he would like to be kept in the loop

Commissioner Barron: Just a reminder that there are 5 openings for the public - one from each County Commissioner District for the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, applications online or at the Clerk's office. "It is during our darkest moments that we must focus to see the light." Aristotle

Commissioner Petersen: Went to Fuller Park at the request of Steve Wery, the County is taking the right steps - working with EGLE. He will help as much as he can.

Commissioner Moyle: Thank you for making us part of your evening tonight. I would agree with you that have called for civility, I agree that the public wants the fighting to stop. I for one will try my best.

#### XIV. MEETING SCHEDULE

February 20 <sup>th</sup>	5:15 p.m.	Board meeting.
March 5 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 p.m.	Board meeting.
March 19 <sup>th</sup>	5:15 p.m.	Board meeting.

#### XV. NOTICES

30 day notice of appointments: None.

#### XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Viau to adjourn at 7:21 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Nancy J. Przewrocki, County Clerk

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David Moyle, Board Chair