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**DELTA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
February 6, 2024**

Escanaba, Michigan

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

February 1, 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 February 6, 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.

Introduction of Deputy Norman and the new canine deputy Rexi. Parks Manager Steve Wery gave the Board an update that the Parks will be opening May 10, they will start taking camping reservations February 19 (next year it will be December 1) and a brief presentation on his plans for the Day Use area at Fuller Park, which will be done with money in the Parks fund - at no extra cost to the County. It will include a pavilion, restrooms, picnic tables and grills, a parking lot and eventually a playground if they can secure grant funding for it. Work on the pavilion will start in October. He also introduced Parks Maintenance Michael Pepin, who holds a builders' license.

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V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to approve the minutes of the January 2, 2024. MOTION CARRIED.

VI. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner Malnar to approve the agenda, as amended, adding item 14. Delta Force, item 15. Veteran's Service Officer, and item 16. Building and Zoning Truck. MOTION CARRIED.

VII. PRESENTATION OF WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Received:
 - 1. Letter form the City of Gladstone.
 - 2. Letter from Pathways.
 - 3. Letter from DSWMA.
 - 4. Letter from Norm Stephens, CFLC.
 - 5. Letter from the City of Escanaba.

- B. Forwarded:
 - 1. Letter to Anderson Tackman.
 - 2. Letter to Robert Ranstadler.
 - 3. Letter to Jeffrey Hansen.

VIII. REPORTS OF STANDING AND STATUTORY SPECIAL COMMITTEES AND OTHERS

- 1. Airport Advisory minutes of 8-14-23, 9-5-23, 9-25-23, 10-9-23, 11-14-23, 12-11-23, 12-19-23.

- 1. Township minutes of 10-26-23, 12-1-23(Annual)

Moved by Commissioner Viau 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

Brady Irving, Wells Township, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding the agenda distributed at the Board meeting was missing the ADA Coordinator information which was on the third page.

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- 1. Administrator's Report.

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

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2. Finance Committee minutes of 1-25-24.

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to receive the Finance Committee minutes of 1-25-24 and place on file. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Personnel Committee minutes of 1-30-24.

Moved by Commissioner Malnar and seconded by Commissioner Barron to receive the Personnel Committee minutes of 1-30-24 and place on file. MOTION CARRIED

4. Department Updates.

Jack Smith, Building and Zoning Administrator, still filling building permits and is a consultant to citizens to help with projects for example - working with young contractors.

Robert Ranstadler, Airport Manager, gave the Board an update on the status of the Airport with the FAA. Has transmitted 600 documents to correct the extensive list of non-compliance issues. He is building coalitions with the FAA, TSA, MDOT and EGLE. Thanked his crew, Kelly Smith, Assistant Manager Morrison, Administrator Young. Monumental amount of work to meet the federal requirements. Steps have been taken to correct PFC account. Field truck is 30 years old. Staffing issues - 5 men to cover 24/7, some are retiring soon.

XI. GENERAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

A. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Building and Zoning Administrator Job Description.

Moved by Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner Malnar to approve the Building and Zoning Administrator Job Description, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

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

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to approve increasing the Building and Zoning Administrator salary by \$10,000 once certified, in two \$5,000 increments. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Permits.

Moved by Commissioner Petersen and seconded by Commissioner Barron to approve the Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Permits, as presented. MOTION CARRIED. Viau opposed.

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. Payment of Bills.

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Malnar to pay bills in the amount of \$ 2,468,975.96 and Commissioners expenses of \$ 668.56

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

MOTION CARRIED.

2. RFQ - Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Agent.

Moved by Commissioner Petersen and seconded by Commissioner Viau to send out an RFQ for a Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Agent. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Resolution - Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control.

Moved by Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to adopt the Delta County Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Resolution, as presented. MOTION CARRIED. Mitch Koetje, EGLE in Marquette, introduced himself and will work with the Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Agent.

4. Letter of Credit - Landfill.

Terri Rabbitoy, Delta County Landfill Manager, and Dave were present to answer any questions regarding the Letter of Credit or the Landfill. Moved by Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to approve the \$1.1 million Letter of Credit for the Landfill. MOTION CARRIED.

5. Resignation of C. Hammerstrom, and Request to Fill Interim Part Time Plumbing and Mechanical Inspector.

Moved by Commissioner Petersen and seconded by Commissioner Barron to accept the letter of resignation from C. Hammerstrom and to fill the interim Part-Time Plumbing and Mechanical Inspector position. MOTION CARRIED.

6. Mechanical and Plumbing Inspector Separate into Two Positions.

Moved by Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner Malnar to separate the Mechanical and Plumbing Inspector position into two part time positions. MOTION CARRIED.

7. Resolution Supporting Citizens for Local Choice Ballot.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner Malnar to adopt the Resolution Supporting Citizens for Local Choice Ballot Initiative, as presented.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

8. Airport Responsibilities during Investigation.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner Malnar to holt the investigation at the Airport until a complete internal audit report and findings of all the issues has been completed by county staff including the Airport manager.

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

MOTION FAILED.

9. Delta County Conservation District/County Parks Transfer Update.

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Viau to eliminate the Parks Advisory Committee and fill the Statutory Parks and Recreation Commission. MOTION CARRIED.

10. Deficit Elimination Plan Amendment Resolution for the Jail Debt Service Fund and Drug Enforcement Funds.

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.

11. Civil Clerk - Sheriff's Office Job Description and Position.

Moved by Commissioner Malnar and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to create one full-time position from the two part-time Civil Clerk positions at the Sheriff's Department and approve the job description, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

12. Appointment to the Human Services Board (1 opening).

Moved by Commissioner Petersen and seconded by Commissioner Barron to appoint Norma Yoder to the Human Services Board. MOTION CARRIED.

13. Appointment to Opioid Taskforce (9 openings).

Moved by Commissioner Petersen and seconded by Commissioner Viau to appoint to the following people to the Opioid Taskforce for 3-year staggered terms: Lauren Wickman, Ed Oswald, Kyle Kelly, Michael Snyder, Dr. Francie Myrick, Steven Howes, Kyle Rambo and Judge Steven Parks. MOTION CARRIED.

14. Delta Force.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to authorize funding of \$425 for any Commissioner who wants to attend Delta Force. MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner Moyle to authorize Administrator Young to attend Delta Force. MOTION CARRIED.

15. Veteran's Service Officer.

Tabled to next meeting after it has gone through the Finance Committee.

16. Building and Zoning Truck.

Moved by Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to authorize purchasing a truck for the Building and Zoning Department for \$42,820 with \$20,000 coming for the Building and Zoning budget and \$22,820 coming from the General Fund.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Judy Adamini, Wells Township, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding decorum, Mr. Moyle gaveled the audience but made comments regarding President Biden, who corrects the Chair?

Brian Godfrey, Gladstone, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding the Sanctuary County Resolution, will stop all efforts to remove the resolution.

Bonnie Hakkola, Escanaba, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding reminding people to vote in the Presidential Primary, there were many professional reports presented, there should be a complete investigation of what went wrong at the Airport to make sure it doesn't happen again, solar farm land an food manipulation, the United States is a Constitutional Republic.

Barbie Clairmont, Escanaba, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding January 2 three notices with 62 signatures with constitutional points of clarity, would like publicly declare, read and understood.

Teresa Ross, Ford River Township, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding its been one year since they fired Emily

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DeSalvo because she addressed ethics and the lack of transparency. Just his week I was blocked and my comments were removed on Bob Petersen's facebook page. Three of you are facing a recall petition and your jobs are in jeopardy this May. Concerns on hiring of county attorney, name calling by Board Chair and Zoom availability.

Rory Mattson, Escanaba, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding history of the Park Board/Authority - they had dissolved themselves as the Conservation District was taking care of the parks. The Road Commission originally was in charge of the parks as they were roadside parks.

XIII. COMMISSIONERS CONCERNS

Commissioner Malnar: Septic tanks will be on a 5 year inspection schedule. He is on the MAC Transportation Board. \$3.9 billion funding deficit for roads. Looking at an increase of \$0.73/gallon in the gas tax, or increasing the registration fees, or implementing road usage fees.

Commissioner Viau: Will do his best to bring your concerns into his decisions. Wasn't coming to the defense of someone's right to speak, was doing the right thing. Citizens' Initiative - Ax Michigan Tax. Road funding problems - less gas tax. Airport Board - compliance - experience. Pinecrest Board Appreciation for Volunteers.

Commissioner Barron: "Whereas the ability of local jurisdictions to determine for themselves which projects should and should not be in their local communities, what plans are best and reasonable for each neighborhood rather than these decisions being forced upon the townships and municipalities without their best interest at hand." "No change of circumstance can change defect of character." Waldo Emerson. "Thinking is the hardest work there is, which is probably why so few engage in it." Henry Ford "Honesty is the first chapter in the Book of Wisdom." "The future success of the United States is not written in the Constitution, but upon the laws of God ." James Madison.

Commissioner Petersen: Went to Grand Rapids in mid-January for Fair Board Authority, breakout sessions - there was a big storm and speakers didn't make it. Every county who has a fair has sewer and water problems - fix 9th Avenue North by the Fairgrounds to prepare for road construction on north Lincoln Road.

Commissioner Moyle: Charged with conducting and maintaining order at the meetings - can't run a meeting while people are shouting from the audience. Public is the ultimate purveyor and decider of

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what he is to be held accountable for. Five freedoms in the first amendment. Wants the work of the people to be done. His number is 906-235-8427, if you want to call him.

XIV. MEETING SCHEDULE

February 20th 5:15 p.m. Board meeting.
March 5th 5:00 p.m. Board meeting.
March 19th 5:15 p.m. Board meeting.

XV. NOTICES

30 day notice of appointments: Pathways Board

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Commissioner Malnar and seconded by Commissioner Barron to adjourn at 8:51 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy J. Przewrocki, County Clerk

David Moyle, Board Chair