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**DELTA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**  
**April 2, 2024**

Escanaba, Michigan

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

March 28, 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 April 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. Commissioner Workshop.

David Dziejwior, Veteran's Service Officer, made a presentation to the Board regarding the services provided to the 3250 Delta County Veterans and the need for more Veteran's Service Officers in Delta County. He requested that the Board approve putting an initiative on the November ballot to establish a 0.10 millage to establish a Veteran's Relief Fund and establish a Department of Veterans Affairs Board.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Malnar to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2024. MOTION CARRIED.

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VI. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

VII. PRESENTATION OF WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Received:
1. Letter from UP Assoc. of Co. Commissioners
  2. Resolution from Washtenaw County.
  3. Letter from David Fairbanks.
  4. Letter from Federal Energy Regulatory Com(7)
  5. Letter from Marquette County.
  6. Letter from CUPPAD re: Alger County.
  7. Resolution from Ingham County.
  8. Resolution from Ogemaw County.
  9. Resolution from Tuscola County.

- B. Forwarded:
1. Letter to Congressional Leaders.
  2. Letter to George Botbyl.
  3. Letter to Steven Howes.
  4. Letter to Schoolcraft County.
  5. Letter to Menominee County.
  6. Letter to Marquette County.(2)
  7. Letter to Alger County.(2)

VIII. REPORTS OF STANDING AND STATUTORY SPECIAL COMMITTEES AND OTHERS

1. Pinecrest Board minutes of 1-25-24.
2. Airport Advisory minutes of 2-12-24.
3. Public Health minutes of 2-13-24.

1. Superior Trades minutes of 3-22-24.
2. Delta County Township Association minutes of 2-22-24.

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

Brian Godfrey, Gladstone, Delta County Gun Owners Association, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding support of the Veterans millage. The UMGOA will hold a benefit on June 15<sup>th</sup>

Ann Fix, Escanaba, addressed the Board with her concerns in support of the Veterans Service Officer funding, Delta County Veterans have been under served since before she worked for Representative Bart Stupak.

Al Ettenhofer, Whitetails, will work with the Board.

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Steve Kwarciany, Wells Township, Delta County Veteran, supports the desperately needed Veteran's millage.

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Administrator's Report.

None.

2. Department Updates.

Lauren Wickman, Prosecuting Attorney, gave the Board a quarterly update on her office.

XI. GENERAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

A. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Veteran's Service Officer.

Moved by Commissioner Petersen and seconded by Commissioner Viau to approve placing a 10 year millage for Veteran's Services on the November ballot.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

2. Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program (MAEAP).

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to have two letters put into the record. MOTION CARRIED. Viau and Malnar opposed.

3. Response to Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund.

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Viau to approve the comprehensive response, as presented, authorize the Board Chair to sign with the addition of all the names of people who provided information.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. Payment of Bills.

Moved by Commissioner Malnar and seconded by Commissioner Barron to pay bills in the amount of \$ 1,043,741.90 and Commissioners expenses of \$ 288.76.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

2. 2024 Equalization Report.

Moved by Commissioner Malnar and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to approve the 2024 Equalization Report, as presented by Shalice Northrop, Equalization Director. MOTION CARRIED. The State Equalized Value increased 7.5% to \$1,798,694,980.

3. Extension to UP State Fair Campground Improvement .

Moved by Commissioner Petersen and seconded by Commissioner Viau to authorize the Chair to sign the Extension to the UP State Fair Campground Improvement.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

4. Rescind Soil Erosion Sedimentation Control Agent Award.

Moved by Commissioner Malnar and seconded by Commissioner Viau to rescind the Soil Erosion Sedimentation Control Agent Award to Rory Mattson due to the complaint filed by Joe Kaplan to the Attorney General's office.

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

MOTION FAILED.

5. Appointments to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Moved by Commissioner Malnar and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to appoint Matthew Valiquette to the Parks and Recreation Commission. MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner Malnar to appoint Brian Godfrey to the Parks and Recreation Commission. MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to appoint Alan Ettenhofer to the Parks and Recreation Commission. MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Commissioner Moyle and seconded by Commissioner Barron to appoint Rory Mattson to the Parks and Recreation Commission. MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Commissioner Petersen and seconded by Commissioner Viau to appoint Raymond Grew to the Parks and Recreation Commission. MOTION CARRIED.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Brian Godfrey, Gladstone, Delta County Gun Owners Association, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding support of the Veterans millage. The UMGOA will hold a benefit on June 15<sup>th</sup> with the proceeds staying in the U.P.

Clayton Harris, Baldwin Township, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding multiple homes brought to the county's attention not having building permits.

Kaye Rowlands, Wells Township, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding Mr. Harris can file complaint with State Building Inspector.

Rory Mattson, Escanaba, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding the Building and Zoning Administrator - he is a carpenter, needs help with Soil Erosion, he will help out if he can.

Kelli van Ginhoven, Escanaba, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding using personal emails for county business.

Dave Adamini, Wells Township, addressed the Board with his concerns in support of increasing Veterans services, and concerns with trust in the Commissioners.

XIII. COMMISSIONERS CONCERNS

Commissioner Malnar: Had Road Commission maps to hand out. He also had Citizens for Local Choice petitions to circulate. Attended a pipeline safety seminar, still concerned about the septic system legislation, and the Great Lakes Line 5 tunnel.

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Commissioner Viau: Thanked the crowd for showing up. Jack Smith does need help with Soil Erosion. He has limited knowledge on how the general budget works. Still would like to know who writes and applies for county grants. EGLE Tire Clean Up project.

Commissioner Barron: The petition for Local Control puts limits on local control. Reid Hyken is not his employee, did not send him out to stalk anyone.

Commissioner Petersen: None.

Commissioner Moyle: Mr. Harris, need to get together with another Commissioner. Personal emails: 99% of his county emails go over the portal.

Administrator Ashleigh Young: The previous Administrator would not have hired Building and Zoning Administrator, Jack Smith, if there was a conflict of interest. Assessments are the townships' responsibility.

#### XIV. MEETING SCHEDULE

April 9 <sup>th</sup>	5:15 p.m.	Statutory Board meeting.
May 7 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 p.m.	Board meeting.
May 21 <sup>st</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 Petersen to adjourn at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Nancy J. Przewrocki, County Clerk

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David Moyle, Board Chair