

DELTA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
June 4, 2024

Escanaba, Michigan

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

May 30, 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 June 4, 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, Croasdell, van Ginhoven, and Jensen.

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. 2024 Board Assignments

Moved by Commissioner Malnar and seconded by Commissioner Croasdell to appoint Commissioner van Ginhoven to the Northwoods Rail Committee. MOTION CARRIED.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved by Commissioner Jensen and seconded by Commissioner van Ginhoven to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2024 meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

VI. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Commissioner van Ginhoven and seconded by Commissioner Croasdell to approve the agenda, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

VII. PRESENTATION OF WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A. Communications Received:

1. Letter from Federal Energy Regulatory Commission(8).
2. Annual Report from Pathways.
3. Letter from US Dept. of the Interior.
4. Resolution from Branch County.
5. Resolution U.P. Association of County Commissioners(3)
6. Letter from Patricia Olesak.

B. Communications forwarded.

1. Letter to Theresa Nelson.

Moved by Commissioner Jensen and seconded by Commissioner van Ginhoven to receive the Communications and place on file. MOTION CARRIED.

VIII. REPORTS OF STANDING AND STATUTORY SPECIAL COMMITTEES AND OTHERS.

1. Central Dispatch minutes of 4-12-23, 7-11-23, 1-10-24.
2. Pinecrest Board minutes of 2-22-24, 3-28-24.
3. Airport Advisory Board minutes of 3-11-24, 4-8-24.
4. Public Health minutes of 3-12-24. 4-9-24.
5. CAA/HRA minutes of 4-25-24.

VIII. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES AND OTHERS

1. Township Association minutes of 4-25-24.

Moved by Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner Jensen to receive the Reports of Standing, Statutory and Special Committees and place on file. MOTION CARRIED.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Mary Harrington, Ford River, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding the Parks and Recreation Commission - she would like to be on the Commission.

Christine Williams, Ford River Township, addressed the Board regarding removing Rory Mattson from the Parks and Recreation Commission.

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Administrator's Report.

Moved by Commissioner van Ginhoven and seconded by Commissioner Jensen to receive the Administrator's Report and place on file. MOTION CARRIED.

2. Department Updates.

Jack Smith, Building and Zoning and Soil and Erosion, gave the Board an update. He has taken the final test for Soil and Erosion certification and passed. Still have a lot of building permit applications coming in. Rachel is fitting in great. Jim Shapy is doing Plumbing and Electrical permits.

XI. GENERAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

A. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program (MAEAP).

The letter withdrawing the complaint against Joe Kaplan was sent to MDARD on May 22, 2024.

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. Payment of Bills.

Moved by Commissioner Jensen and seconded by Commissioner Croasdell to pay bills in the amount of \$ 1,236,457.72 and Commissioners expenses of \$ 1,383.30.

ROLL CALL	VIAU	YES
	CROASDELL	YES
	JENSEN	YES
	VAN GINHOVEN	YES
	MALNAR	YES

MOTION CARRIED.

2. 2024 Taxable Value Reports.

No action was taken.

3. 2024 Summer Tax Rate.

Moved by Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner Croasdell to approve the Summer Tax Rate of 5.0095, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Zoning Case No. 1-24-PC.

Case 01-24-PC, MGI Leasing Co., Wells Township. Moved by Commissioner Jensen and seconded by Commissioner van Ginhoven to approve the request to rezone from C1/R3 to C3_ as recommended by the Planning Commission.

ROLL CALL	VIAU	YES
	CROASDELL	YES
	JENSEN	YES

VAN GINHOVEN YES
MALNAR YES

MOTION CARRIED.

5. Zoning Case No. 2-24-PC.

Moved by Commissioner Jensen and seconded by Commissioner van Ginhoven to table. MOTION CARRIED.

6. Cooperative Law Enforcement Agreement - Forest Service.

Moved by Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner Croasdell to approve the Cooperative Law Enforcement Agreement with the Forest Service, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

7. Resignation of Medical Examiner Investigator A. Christianson.

Moved by Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner Jensen to receive the resignation of Medical Examiner Investigator Z. Christianson and send a letter of appreciation. MOTION CARRIED.

8. Finance Committee Procedure Policy.

Moved by Commissioner Malnar and seconded by Commissioner van Ginhoven to revoke the Finance Policy of 3-1-23. MOTION CARRIED.

9. Commissioners Workshop and Committee of the Whole.

Moved by Commissioner van Ginhoven and seconded by Commissioner Malnar to remove the Commissioner Workshop from the first meeting of the month, to begin all regular meetings at 5:15 p.m. and to schedule Committee of the Whole meetings as needed. MOTION CARRIED.

10. Municipal Attorney Policy.

Moved by Commissioner Jensen and seconded by Commissioner Viau to change the order of precedence to Prosecuting Attorney, then Michigan Municipal Risk Management Agency (MMRMA) and then third-party attorney, with Board action required for third party municipal attorney. MOTION CARRIED.

11. Veterans Affairs Committee.

Moved by Commissioner ~~Croasdell~~ Jensen and seconded by Commissioner van Ginhoven to form a Veterans Affairs Committee comprised of 3 - 7 veterans, one from each district, with one of the

district members being from a veteran's organization and a county liaison. MOTION CARRIED.

12. Parks and Recreation Commission.

Moved by Commissioner van Ginhoven and seconded by Commissioner Jensen to rescind the motion to appoint Rory Mattson to the Parks and Recreation Commission for District 4. MOTION CARRIED. Viau opposed.

Moved by Commissioner van Ginhoven and seconded by Commissioner Jensen to post a 30-day notice of appointment to the Parks and Recreation Commission. MOTION CARRIED. Viau opposed.

Moved by Commissioner Croasdell and seconded by Commissioner van Ginhoven to rescind the motion to appoint Al Ettenhofer to the Parks and Recreation Board for District 3. MOTION CARRIED. Viau and Jensen opposed.

Moved by Commissioner van Ginhoven and seconded by Commissioner Malnar to post a 30-day notice of appointment to the Parks and Recreation Commission. MOTION CARRIED. Viau opposed.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Sandra Skiba, Maple Ridge Township, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding her character and integrity being attacked.

Kylie Kalishek, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding Emily DeSalvo's termination.

Val Skiba, Maple Ridge Township, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding his wife integrity being attacked.

Joe Kaplan, Ford River Township, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding the former Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

Ann Fix, Escanaba, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding the VA Committee - don't forget the women - the widows of the vets receiving benefits should be part of the committee.

Sema Deeds, Escanaba, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding sad to hear that attacks are still taking place.

Bob Barron, Escanaba Township, addressed the Board with several quotes.

Christine Williams, Ford River Township, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding the Parks Advisory Board.

XIII. COMMISSIONERS CONCERNS

Commissioner Viau: Billerud - would like to support any plans that they have. Soo Line retirees will be visiting the area. EL & S repair facility, great history in our community, need skilled trades employees, thanked John Larkin. Pinecrest - need workers. DTE contracts 2026. Opioid Taskforce will be meeting on Friday at 10:00 a.m. Would like to work on a formal complaint process.

Commissioner Croasdell: Thank you everybody.

Commissioner Jensen: Airport and Finance meetings will be on next agenda. There is a temporary agreement to accommodate larger planes. McCoy expansion in Wells Township increasing skilled jobs. Parks Commission meeting on Monday. Thanked everyone for attending meeting.

Commissioner van Ginhoven: Airport Board - upcoming FAA inspection. Airport Manager Robert Ranstadler is trying to bring the Airport into compliance. Planning Committee meeting - Fairbanks Township issue, still looking for a recording secretary. Solid Waste Management switching from ~~401K~~ 401A to Social Security.

Commissioner Malnar: None.

XIV. MEETING SCHEDULE

June 18 th	5:15 p.m.	Board meeting.
July 2 nd	5:15 p.m.	Board meeting.
July 16 th	5:15 p.m.	Board meeting.

XV. NOTICES

30-day notice of appointments: Parks and Recreation Commission.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner van Ginhoven to adjourn at 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy J. Przewrocki, County Clerk

John Malnar, Board Chair