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**DELTA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
May 7, 2024**

Escanaba, Michigan

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

May 2, 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 May 7, 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.

Rory Mattson, retired Soil Conservation District Director, gave the Board a presentation on the Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assessment Program. Delta County was the first county in Michigan to be MAEAP Certified.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2024 and the Special meeting of April 29, 2024. MOTION CARRIED.

VI. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Commissioner Petersen and seconded by Commissioner Barron to approve the agenda, as amended, adding Committee Reports

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item 1.5. Finance meeting of 5-6-24 and New Business items 6. Dispatch - Responding Professionals Service Purchase and 7. Closed Session - Administrator's Evaluation. MOTION CARRIED.

VII. PRESENTATION OF WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Received:
1. Letter from Federal Energy Regulatory Com.
  2. Resolution from Lapeer County (2).
  3. PACE Program Report.
  4. Letter from Michigan Dept. of Treasury.
  5. Letter from Dickinson County.
  6. Resolution from Washtenaw County.
  7. Resolution from Eaton County.
  8. Resolution from Ontonagon County.
  9. Letter from Schoolcraft County.
  10. Letter from Menominee County (2).
  11. Letter from CUPPAD re: Alger County.
- B. Forwarded:
1. Letter to Clay Summers, MDNR.
  2. Letter to Schoolcraft County.
  3. Letter to Matt Valiquette.
  4. Letter to Brian Godfrey.
  5. Letter to Alan Ettenhofer.
  6. Letter to Rory Mattson.
  7. Letter to Raymond Grew.
  8. Letter to Jesse Pepin.
  9. Letter to Menominee County.

VIII. REPORTS OF STANDING AND STATUTORY SPECIAL COMMITTEES AND OTHERS

1. Solid Waste Authority minutes of 10-24-23, 11-28-23, 1-23-24, 2-27-24.
  2. CAA/HRA minutes of 1-25-24, 2-9-24, 3-28-24.
  3. Human Services Board minutes of 2-22-24, 3-28-24.
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1. Delta County Township Association minutes of 3-28-24.

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

Whitney Maloney, Gladstone, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding MAEAP and thanked Administrator Ashleigh Young.

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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1. Administrator's Report.

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to receive the Administrator's Report and place on file. MOTION CARRIED.

1.5. Finance Committee meeting minutes of 5-6-24.

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to approve the Finance Committee meeting minutes of 5-6-24 and place on file. MOTION CARRIED.

2. Department Updates.

Jack Smith, Building and Zoning and Soil and Erosion Director, gave the Board an update on the Building and Zoning and Soil Erosion department: they have hired Rachel Pascoe to fill the Administrative Assistant position, still looking for a full-time Plumbing and Mechanical Inspector, Mr. Smith will be taking his final Soil and Erosion certification test on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Year to date, they have 207 Building Permit requests. He runs the department with common sense and integrity.

Steve Wery, Parks Manager, gave the Board an update on the Parks, the Parks will open on Friday at 8:00 am. CampSpot online reservations is doing phenomenal. Have added 8 seasonal sites in the rustic area. Three wells have been tested and passed. Fourth well yet to be put online because of the power and water projects which now have been completed. Has to get 30 gallons per minute before the 20 sites can be energized. Cabins are being rented. Campgrounds have been mowed. Hiring the assistant has made a tremendous difference on how quickly they got the parks up and running this year. Sac Bay vault toilets clean. Seasonal employees have been selected. Fuller Park project - have quotes for the delineation at Fuller Park. Once delineation is done, will apply for DEQ permit soil and erosion permits.

Nancy Przewrocki, County Clerk and Register of Deeds, gave the Board a brief update on the Clerk's office.

XI. GENERAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

Recessed at 6:23 p.m. Reconvened at 6:30 p.m.

A. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program (MAEAP).

None.

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. Payment of Bills.

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Malnar to pay bills in the amount of \$ 1,091,012.71 and Commissioners expenses of \$ 879.40.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

2. Front Entry Security Upgrade Bid Opening.

One bid was received and opened from Roy Ness Contracting for \$51,900.

3. FY23/24 HMEP Grant Agreement .

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Malnar to approve the FY23/24 Hazmat Emergency Preparedness Grant Agreement, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Appointment to DATA (1 opening).

Moved by Commissioner Malnar and seconded by Commissioner Viau to appoint Theresa Nelson to the Delta Area Transit Authority, as recommended by the Township Association.

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

MOTION FAILED.

5. Front Entry Security Upgrade Bid Award.

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to award the Front Entry Security Upgrade Bid Award to Roy Ness for \$51,900. MOTION CARRIED.

6. Dispatch Responding Professional Purchase

Moved by Commissioner Petersen and seconded by Commissioner Barron to approve purchase of the Dispatch Responding

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Professional software as requested by Central Dispatch. MOTION CARRIED.

7. Closed Session.

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Malnar to move into closed session at 7:02 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the Administrations Evaluation at the request of Administrator Young under OMI Section 15.268(8)(a).

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Commissioner Malnar and seconded by Commissioner Barron to reconvene into regular session at 7:37 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

No actions were taken during executive session.

In closed session, the Administrator's Evaluation was discussed, each individual Commissioner evaluated the Administrator. Her strengths are extremely strong financial background, incentive - the Airport - moving her office out there and doing what needed to be done so that the Airport stayed on a good footing and she saw that problem through, she continues to be noted for her relationship with the department heads. Areas of need would be communications and timeliness. She has come in under an atypical situation and these last 16 months have not been very easy.

Ms. Young stated several items of accomplishment - the first is the Delta County Airport within a couple months of becoming interim Administrator the Airport Manager quit and had a new Assistant Airport Manager start she was able to assist the Assistant Airport Manager. She created an Alternate Method of Compliance (AMOC) which allowed a larger aircraft to come in. Helped to complete the bidding process with the Essential Air Services, helped train in the Assistant Airport Manager. Created a new department with the help of the Commission and the Conservation District so now the parks are now back in Delta County's hands. In the process of updating some old policies. Thank you and its been an adventure for the last 16 months.

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XII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Sema Deeds, Escanaba, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding mutual respect, had two incidents when she was out campaigning.

Bonnie Hakkola, Escanaba, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding commending the Commissioners, civil society, work together without attacks, Right to Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness.

Rory Mattson, Escanaba, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding the reason he made the presentation on MAEAP is that he wrote the plans.

XIII. COMMISSIONERS CONCERNS

Commissioner Malnar: Went down to the MAC conference, brought back some information that the Administrator could use.

Commissioner Viau: Administrator's attributes and weaknesses, will grow tremendously. DATA Board thing became a hot mess. Supports the people.

Commissioner Barron: Accolades to the Administrator.

Commissioner Petersen: Thanked everyone here, its been a learning experience. In the future we will do great things with this county.

Commissioner Moyle: He called Rory Mattson with questions regarding MAEAP and then he asked him to attend the meeting and explain MAEAP to the Board.

Administrator Ashleigh Young: Thanked Commissioner Viau for putting her evaluation on the agenda prior to the Recall election. Thanked the Commissioners for constructive criticism and compliments.

XIV. MEETING SCHEDULE

May 21 <sup>st</sup>	5:15 p.m.	Board meeting.
June 4 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 p.m.	Board meeting.
June 20 <sup>th</sup>	5:15 p.m.	Board meeting.

XV. NOTICES

30 day notice of appointments: None.

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XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Commissioner Barron and seconded by Commissioner Petersen to adjourn at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Nancy J. Przewrocki, County Clerk

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David Moyle, Board Chair