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**DELTA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
November 19, 2024**

Escanaba, Michigan

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

November 14, 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 November 19, 2024, at 5:15 p.m. in the Board Room 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 5:15 p.m. in the Board Room of the Delta County Service Center by Delta County Clerk, Nancy Przewrocki.

IV. SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved by Commissioner van Ginhoven and seconded by Commissioner Jensen to approve the minutes of October 15, 2024 and November 5, 2024. MOTION CARRIED.

VI. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Commissioner Jensen and seconded by Commissioner van Ginhoven to approve the agenda, as amended, removing item 6. under New Business. MOTION CARRIED.

VII. PRESENTATION OF WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED: No communications were received

B. COMMUNICATIONS FORWARDED: No communications were forwarded

VIII. REPORTS OF STANDING AND STATUTORY COMMITTEE

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VIII. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES AND OTHERS

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

PUBLIC HEARING on Siting Utility-Scale Renewable Energy Projects Pursuant to PA233 of 2023 [Compatible Renewable Energy Ordinance (CREO)/PA233].

Moved by Commissioner van Ginhoven and seconded by Commissioner Jensen to open the Public Hearing at 5:19 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Joe Kaplan, Ford River Township, stated that the previous County Board had much input on the setbacks in the Solar Ordinance.

Moved by Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner van Ginhoven to close the Public Hearing at 5:25 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Administrator's Report.

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

2. Personnel Committee minutes of 11-4-24, 11-8-24.

Moved by Commissioner van Ginhoven and seconded by Commissioner Jensen to receive the Personnel Committee minutes of 11-4-24 and 11-8-24 and place on file. MOTION CARRIED.

3. IT Committee minutes of 11-13-24.

Moved by Commissioner van Ginhoven and seconded by Commissioner Viau to receive the IT Committee minutes of 11-13-24 and place on file. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Finance Committee minutes of 11-14-24.

Moved by Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner van Ginhoven to receive the Personnel Committee minutes of 11-14-24 and place on file. MOTION CARRIED.

5. Department Updates.

None.

XI. GENERAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

A. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Planning Commission By-Laws Update.

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

2. Planning Commission Ordinance Update.

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

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. Payment of Bills.

Moved by Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner Jensen to pay bills in the amount of \$ 728,609.03 and Commissioners expenses of \$ 2,807.66.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

2. Resolution of Appreciation - Thomas Butch.

A Resolution in Appreciation of Thomas Butch was read outlining many of Tom's contributions to our community. Moved by Commissioner van Ginhoven and seconded by Commissioner Jensen to adopt the Resolution of Appreciation of Thomas Butch, as presented.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

3. Appointments to the Parks and Recreation Commission (2 openings).

Moved by Commissioner van Ginhoven and seconded by Commissioner Viau to re-appoint Mary Harrington to the Parks and Recreation Commission. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Out of County Travel - New Commissioner School.

Moved by Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner Croasdell to approve out of county travel to Frankenmuth to attend New Commissioner Training. MOTION CARRIED.

5. Out of County Travel - NACO Conference.

Moved by Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner van Ginhoven to approve out of county travel per diem for Commissioner Malnar to attend the National Association of County Organization (NACO) Conference in Washington, D.C. on February 28 - March 4, 2025. Michigan Association of Counties (MAC) will be paying all expenses except per diem. MOTION CARRIED.

6. Veterans Affairs Committee Composition Change Request.

Removed.

7. Prosecutor - New Position - Circuit Court and Abuse/Neglect Intake Clerk.

Moved by Commissioner Croasdell and seconded by Commissioner Jensen to approve the Circuit Court and Abuse/Neglect Intake position, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

8. Prosecutor - Circuit Court and Evidence Clerk Description Review.

Moved by Commissioner van Ginhoven and seconded by Commissioner Jensen to approve the Circuit Court and Evidence Clerk Job Description changes, as presented. (Trial Clerk and Office Manager). MOTION CARRIED.

9. Prosecutor - Intake Clerk/Office Manager Description Review.

Moved by Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner van Ginhoven to approve the Intake Clerk/Office Manager Job Description changes, as presented. (Misdemeanor Intake Clerk). MOTION CARRIED.

10. Prosecutor - Felony/Probate Intake Clerk Description Review.

Moved by Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner Croasdell to approve the Felony/Probate Intake Clerk Job Description changes, as presented. (Felony and Juvenile Intake Clerk). MOTION CARRIED.

11. Prosecutor - City Contract Allocation.

Moved by Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner Croasdell to approve the Prosecuting Attorney - City Contract allocations of \$38,000, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

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12. Survey and Remonumentation - Request for Amended Contract.

Moved by Commissioner van Ginhoven and seconded by Commissioner Croasdell to amend the 2024 Remonumentation Contract, as presented, not to exceed \$3,000. MOTION CARRIED.

13. Administration - Defined Benefit Budget Amendment.

Moved by Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner Jensen to approve the Defined Benefit Budget Amendment of \$10,217.63, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

14. Board of Commissioners Budget Amendment.

Moved by Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner Jensen to increase the Board of Commissioners Budget by \$6,500. MOTION CARRIED.

15. FY25 Drug Court Grant Contract.

Moved by Commissioner van Ginhoven and seconded by Commissioner Jensen to accept the FY25 SCAO Michigan Drug Court Grant Contract of \$45,000, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Victoria LaFave, Wells Township, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding the dire need for a bike path on the Old State Road, asking if there was anything the County Board could do to help secure grant funding for a bicycle path.

Christine Williams, Ford River Township, addressed the Board, stating that she had worked with Tom Butch at Bay College and appreciated his leadership style, resolution was beautiful and well-deserved.

Judith Deloria, Ford River Township, Myra Croasdell will be ending her term, thanked her for stepping forward to be the candidate for the Recall for District 3 and she proud to say that she has served as her campaign treasurer.

XIII. COMMISSIONERS CONCERNS

Commissioner Viau: Would like a resolution in support of PenWin. Whispering Pines - 37 clients, 8 locations Adult Foster Care, 6 openings. They had a wage review and wages were increased by 20%. Also had administrative policy updates. Survey - highly satisfied with services.

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Commissioner Croasdell: Happy and safe hunting season and a Happy Thanksgiving.

Commissioner van Ginhoven: Recently attended UPACC Conference. MSU Extension, Paul Putnam, SNAP benefits for veterans. Local events: Black Friday on Tuesday November 26 with tree lighting in Escanaba, Old Fashion Christmas Friday November 29 in Gladstone.

Commissioner Jensen: Citizen Planner - finished up through MSU - absolutely amazing course - large benefit going forward for the Planning Commission. Veterans' Day ceremony at the Chamber of Commerce - amazing. Currently working on contract negotiations.

Commissioner Malnar: Attended first MAC meeting in Lansing November 8. Will be going the Washington, D.C. for the National Association of Counties Organization. Happy Thanksgiving.

XIV. MEETING SCHEDULE

December 3 rd	5:15 p.m.	Board meeting.
December 17 th	5:15 p.m.	Board meeting.
December 19 th	3:00 p.m.	Oath of Office Ceremony - Circuit Court.

XV. NOTICES

30 day notice of appointments: UP 911 Authority, UP State Fair Authority, CUPPAD

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Commissioner van Ginhoven and seconded by Commissioner Viau to adjourn at 6:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy J. Przewrocki, County Clerk

John Malnar, Board Chair