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**DELTA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
December 3, 2024**

Escanaba, Michigan

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

November 27, 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 December 3, 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 Croasdell to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2024. MOTION CARRIED.

VI. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

VII. PRESENTATION OF WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED:

1. Letter from Billerud.
2. Letter from the City of Gladstone.

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B. COMMUNICATIONS FORWARDED:

1. Letter to Thomas Lewis.
2. Letter to Mary Baker.
3. Letter to Mamie Shalifoe.
4. Letter to Mary Harrington.

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

VIII. REPORTS OF STANDING AND STATUTORY COMMITTEES

1. CAA/HRA minutes of 4-25-24, 5-23-24, 7-25-24, 9-26-24, 10-24-24.
2. Public Health minutes of 9-23-24
3. Human Services Board minutes of 9-26-24.
4. Airport Advisory Board minutes of 10-14-24.

VIII. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES AND OTHERS

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

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None.

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Administrator's Report.

Airport Manager Ranstadler and Assistant Manager Morrison have both given notices of resignation. Ranstadler 90 day, and Morrison 2 week. Moved by Commissioner van Ginhoven and seconded by Commissioner Viau to receive the Administrator's Report and place on file. MOTION CARRIED.

2. Finance Committee minutes of 11-21-24.

Moved by Commissioner Croasdell and seconded Commissioner van Ginhoven to receive the Finance Committee minutes of 11-21-24 and place on file. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Department Updates.

Robert Ranstadler, Airport Manager, have made many strides at Airport in the last year. Many staffing shortages, too many challenges and lack of support. Given 60 day notice with his last day being February 7, 2025.

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XI. GENERAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

A. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Planning Commission By-Laws Update.

Moved by Commissioner Jensen and seconded by Commissioner van Ginhoven to un-table and to be considered the Planning Commission By-Laws update. MOTION CARRIED.

2. Planning Commission Ordinance Update.

Moved by Commissioner Jensen and seconded by Commissioner Viau to un-table and to be considered the Planning Commissioner update. MOTION CARRIED.

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. Payment of Bills.

Moved by Commissioner Jensen and seconded by Commissioner van Ginhoven to pay bills in the amount of \$1,067,519.91 and Commissioners expenses of \$ 912.82.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

2. Michigan State University Extension - Veterans and SNAP Benefits.

Paul Putnam, MSU-E District Director, gave a presentation on the programs offered in Delta County to all citizens, and SNAP and Veterans benefits.

3. Resolution of Support PenWin Industries Waste to Renewables Project.

Moved by Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner CroasdeLL to adopt the Resolution of Support for PenWin Industries Waste to Renewables Project, as presented.

ROLL CALL	VIAU	YES
	CROASDELL	NO
	VAN GINHOVEN	NO
	JENSEN	NO
	MALNAR	NO

MOTION FAILED.

4. Revenue Sharing Trust Fund Legislation.

Moved by Commissioner Jensen and seconded by Commissioner Viau to send letter of support for the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund legislation. MOTION CARRIED.

5. 2025 County Veteran Service Fund Grant Agreement.

Moved by Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner van Ginhoven to approve the 2025 County Veteran Service Fund Grant Agreement for \$36,783.47, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

6. Resolution - Approve Magistrate Appointment of Nicholas Rossell.

Moved by Commissioner Croasdell and seconded by Commissioner van Ginhoven to approve the appointment of Nicholas Rossell as a District Court Magistrate.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

7. Resolution - Approve Magistrate Appointment of Andrew Hayse.

Moved by Commissioner van Ginhoven and seconded by Commissioner Viau to approve the appointment of Andrew Hayse as a District Court Magistrate.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

8. Building and Zoning - Township Zoning Contracts.

Moved by Commissioner Croasdell and seconded by Commissioner Jensen to approve and distribute the new Township Zoning Contracts with a \$0.25 per parcel increase, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

9. Sheriff - Seasonal Marine Patrol.

Moved by Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner Jensen to change the seasonal Marine Patrol position to a part-time Special Operations position. MOTION CARRIED.

10. Medical Examiner - Cremation Permit Policy and Procedure.

Moved by Commissioner van Ginhoven and seconded by Commissioner Croasdell to approve a \$63 Cremation Permit Fee effective January 1, 2025. MOTION CARRIED. Viau opposed.

11. Administration - Non-Union/Elected Officials Cost of Living Adjustment.

Moved by Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner Croasdell to approve 3.5% Cost of Living Adjustment for Non-union and /Elected Officials except County Commissioners effective the first full pay period in January. MOTION CARRIED.

12. Closed Session - LOA - Corrections - Contract Extension.

Moved by Commissioner van Ginhoven and seconded by Commissioner Viau to move into closed session at 6:31 p.m. for the purpose of discussing negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement under OMI Section 15.268(8)(c).

ROLL CALL	VIAU	YES
	CROASELL	YES
	VANGINHOVEN	YES
	JENSEN	YES
	MALNAR	YES

MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner Jensen to reconvene into regular session at 6:52 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

No actions were taken during executive session.

Moved by Commissioner Jensen and seconded by Commissioner Viau to approve the Letter of Agreement for a six month extension. MOTION CARRIED.

13. Closed Session- LOA - Corrections - Clerk Wage Increase.

Moved by Commissioner van Ginhoven and seconded by Commissioner Viau to move into closed session at 6:31 p.m. for the purpose of discussing negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement under OMI Section 15.268(8)(c).

ROLL CALL	VIAU	YES
	CROASELL	YES
	VANGINHOVEN	YES
	JENSEN	YES
	MALNAR	YES

MOTION CARRIED.

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Moved by Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner Jensen to approve the Letter of Agreement to increase the Corrections Clerk's wage for 6 months, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

14. Closed Session - LOA - Road Patrol - Insurance for Transfers.

Moved by Commissioner van Ginhoven and seconded by Commissioner Viau to move into closed session at 6:31 p.m. for the purpose of discussing negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement under OMI Section 15.268(8)(c).

ROLL CALL	VIAU	YES
	CROASELL	YES
	VANGINHOVEN	YES
	JENSEN	YES
	MALNAR	YES

MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner Jensen to reconvene into regular session at 6:52 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

No actions were taken during executive session.

Moved by Commissioner Jensen and seconded by Commissioner van Ginhoven to approve the Letter of Agreement for clarification of language for insurance transfers, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Dennis Hopkins, Bark River Township, retired Navy Captain, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding the resignations at the Airport.

XIII. COMMISSIONERS CONCERNS

Commissioner Viau: Would like to have the Administrator Review, at the next meeting. The Airport is in good hands yet. Would like to do some value judgments. Moved by Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner van Ginhoven to have the documentation ready to review by all the people who signed the agreement for

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confidentiality, safety sensitive information for any Commissioner who wants it by Friday. God Bless Delta County. MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Croasdell: Two upcoming activities December 7 Parade in Escanaba - City Hall to the Market Place. December 14 noon- 3:00 Ford River Lions Club Kids Christmas Party. Thank you.

Commissioner van Ginhoven: Has made a valiant effort since May 2022 to attend the Airport Advisory Board meetings. Moved by Commissioner van Ginhoven and seconded by Commissioner Malnar for a vote of no confidence for the Airport Advisory Board and remove current members.

ROLL CALL	VIAU	NO
	CROASDELL	NO
	VAN GINHOVEN	YES
	JENSEN	NO
	MALNAR	NO

MOTION FAILED.

Mrs. Fittante will be retiring from the Escanaba Public Library after 40 years. There will be an Open House on December 17<sup>th</sup>. Thank her for her dedication and all the lives that she has touched.

Commissioner Jensen: Mrs. Fittante had helped the Astronomy Club obtain safe solar viewing devices - she will be missed. Contract negotiations - one left - has been challenging. Storm Advisory - drive safe.

Administrator Young: Thanked Bob Ranstadler for his leadership at the Airport and his extended resignation notice.

Commissioner Malnar: Thanked Bob Ranstadler for what he has done at the Airport.

#### XIV. MEETING SCHEDULE

December 5 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 a.m.	Finance Committee meeting.
December 12 <sup>th</sup>	11:00 a.m.	Personnel Committee meeting.
December 17 <sup>th</sup>	5:15 p.m.	Board meeting.
December 19 <sup>th</sup>	3:00 p.m.	Oath of Office Ceremony.
January 7 <sup>th</sup>	5:15 p.m.	Reorganizational meeting.

#### XV. NOTICES

30 day notice of appointments:

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XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Commissioner Viau and seconded by Commissioner Jensen to adjourn at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Nancy J. Przewrocki, County Clerk

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John Malnar, Board Chair