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**DELTA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
February 18, 2025**

Escanaba, Michigan

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

February 13, 2025

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 February 18, 2025, at 5:15 p.m. in the Boardroom of the Delta County Service Center.

Sincerely yours,  
Nancy J. Przewrocki  
Delta County Clerk

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Commissioners Malnar, Johnson, Williams, van Ginhoven, and Jensen.

ABSENT: None.

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m. in the Boardroom of the Delta County Service Center by Delta County Clerk, Nancy Przewrocki.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

1. Rules and Procedure

Working on making them accessible, cleaned up and updated. MOTION CARRIED.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2025 meeting. MOTION CARRIED. Moved by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Jensen to defer the correction to the minutes of February 13, 2025 Special meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

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VI. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Jensen to approve the agenda, as amended, adding County Board minutes 2-4-25, and 2-13-25 under Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings and item 1.5 Personnel Committee minutes of 1-30-25 corrected, 2-13-25 under Committee Reports. MOTION CARRIED.

VII. PRESENTATION OF WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Received: No communications were received.
- B. Forwarded: No communications were forwarded.

VIII. REPORTS OF STANDING AND STATUTORY COMMITTEES

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IX. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None.

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Administrator's Report.

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

1.5. Personnel Committee minutes of 1-30-25 corrected, 2-13-25.

Moved by Commissioner van Ginhoven and seconded by Commissioner Jensen to receive the Personnel Committee minutes of 1-30-25, as corrected, and the minutes of 2-13-25 and place on file. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Department Updates.

Lauren Wickman, Prosecuting Attorney, gave the Board an update of her office: fully staffed, all 3 Prosecutors running around like crazy. Last week she was down state training in Traverse City at the annual mid-winter conference.

XI. GENERAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

A. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

B. NEW BUSINESS

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1. Payment of Bills.

Moved by Commissioner Jensen seconded by Commissioner Johnson to pay bills in the amount of \$ 1,576,048.07 and Commissioners expenses of \$ 697.88.

ROLL CALL	JOHNSON	YES
	WILLIAMS	YES
	VAN GINHOVEN	YES
	JENSEN	YES
	MALNAR	YES

MOTION CARRIED.

2. Delta Conservation District.

Heather LeDuc, Delta Conservation District Director, gave the Board an update from the District that included:

- a. Invasive Species Assessment.
- b. Spring Tree/Native Plant Sales.
- c. Conservation of Tap Series.

3. Zoning Case No. 1-25-PC.

Case 1-25-PC, Karen Derouin, Cornell Township. Moved by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner van Ginhoven to approve the request to rezone from Resource Production to Rural Residential, Conditional Use, as recommended by the Planning Commission.

ROLL CALL	JOHNSON	YES
	WILLIAMS	YES
	VAN GINHOVEN	YES
	JENSEN	YES
	MALNAR	YES

MOTION CARRIED.

4. RFQ - Master Plan 2025.

Moved by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Jensen to approve the RFQ for the 2025 Master Plan, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

5. Master Plan 2025 Notice of Intent.

Moved by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner van Ginhoven to approve the Master Plan 2025 Notice of Intent, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

6. Landfill - Letter of Credit.

Terri Rabitoy, Landfill Manager, answered questions on the Letter of Credit request. Moved by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner van Ginhoven to approve the \$1.1 million dollar open Letter of Credit, as requested. MOTION CARRIED.

7. Fuller Park - Pavilion and Picnic Area Development.

Moved by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner van Ginhoven to call the question.

ROLL CALL	JOHNSON	NO
	WILLIAMS	YES
	VAN GINHOVEN	YES
	JENSEN	YES
	MALNAR	NO

MOTION CARRIED. (This was erroneous, as it requires 2/3 vote (at least 4 yes votes) to call the question. Commissioner Johnson was given the opportunity to speak after the vote on the main question was taken.

Moved by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to delay the Pavilion and Picnic Area Development at the new location until the 5-year Recreation Plan is completed next year.

ROLL CALL	JOHNSON	NO
	WILLIAMS	YES
	VAN GINHOVEN	YES
	JENSEN	YES
	MALNAR	NO

MOTION CARRIED.

8. Utility Easement for OB Fuller Park - UPPCO.

No action necessary.

9. Loan Renewal - NMUSAF Static Display.

Moved by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Jensen to defer until the Airport Advisory Board takes action. MOTION CARRIED.

10. FOIA Procedures and Guidelines.

Moved by Commissioner Williams seconded by Commissioner Jensen to correct the FOIA Procedures and Guidelines

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Appeal Section 8 to the Board of Commissioners as the head of the Public Body, instead of the Board Chair. MOTION CARRIED.

11. Determination of Conflict of Interest - Workers Comp Committee.

The Prosecuting Attorney determined that Board Chair appointing himself to the Workers Compensation Board is not a conflict of interest.

12. Assignment to Veterans Affairs Committee - 1 Commissioner Liaison.

Chair Malnar recommended Commissioner Jensen, as a Veteran, be appointed to the Veterans Affairs Committee. Moved by Commissioner van Ginhoven seconded by Commissioner Williams to ratify Commissioner Jensen's appointment to the Veterans Affairs Committee. MOTION CARRIED.

13. Streaming of Board of Commissioners Meetings.

Moved by Commissioner van Ginhoven seconded by Commissioner Jensen to refer to the IT Committee to have all Board and Committee meetings streamed. MOTION CARRIED.

14. Out of County Travel - MAC Conference.

Moved by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Williams to approve out of County travel to Lansing for the Michigan Association of Counties Conference on April 7-9. MOTION CARRIED.

15. C. Webb to Circuit Court Abuse/Neglect Clerk position, Request to Fill Enforcement Clerk.

Moved by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner van Ginhoven to fill the Friend of the Court Enforcement Clerk position. MOTION CARRIED.

## XII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Will Carne, Airport Advisory Board member, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding Airport management, EDK Consulting, Christopher Hopkins still available, he is also in contact with a few consultants. The Airport is our largest asset, what is our master plan.

## XIII. COMMISSIONERS CONCERNS

Commissioner Johnson: Appreciates debate - wants what's best for the county.

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Commissioner Williams: Add Will Carne to our next meeting agenda to give him more time to speak. CUPPAD Renewable Energy Workshop March 11 from 2:00 - 5:00 at Bay College Room 525 - PA233 - new laws.

Commissioner van Ginhoven: Negotiations with Corrections Unit, three applicants for Airport Manager - hiring process going well. MAC Agri-tourist, Materials Management committees. Overdose Awareness different resources come together, 100 doses of Narcan given out, public outreach event. Conservation District - County looks forward to moving forward together. Opioid Taskforce still receiving RFP's until March 31.

Commissioner Jensen: Corrections had an extension to their contract. Hiring Committee for Airport Manager on second round of interviews. The Podcast Will Carne was referring to is from Dr. Jones - a PhD in Airport Management. Citizen Planner MSUE starting April 10 at the Escanaba Township Hall at half price. Shout out to Tom Sealander - retiring from Search and Rescue and Ice Rescues. His mentorship will be greatly missed. Thank you for your service.

Commissioner Malnar: He was invited to the remodeled Student Success Center - very nice facility.

Administrator Young: Remote comment - on the website - agenda and minutes tab - follow the instructions. Master Plan and 5-year Recreation Plan - public please fill out surveys.

#### XIV. MEETING SCHEDULE

March 4<sup>th</sup>            5:15 p.m. Board meeting.  
March 18<sup>th</sup>           5:15 p.m. Board meeting.

#### XV. NOTICES

30 day notice of appointments: Opioid Taskforce, Pathways and Jury Commission

#### XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Jensen to adjourn at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Nancy J. Przewrocki, County Clerk

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John Malnar, Board Chair