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**DELTA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
March 4, 2025**

Escanaba, Michigan

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

February 27, 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 March 4, 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 Johnson, Williams, van Ginhoven, and Jensen.

EXCUSED: Commissioner Malnar.

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

Moved by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to accept the formatting with the changes as the new Rules of Procedure. MOTION CARRIED.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Williams to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2025 a.m. meeting and the February 18, 2025 p.m. meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

VI. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Commissioner Jensen and seconded by Commissioner Williams to approve the agenda, as amended, adding item 20. Resignation of J. Kell, and Item 21. Additional meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

VII. PRESENTATION OF WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Received:
  - 1. Letter from Federal Regulatory Com. (6).
  - 2. Letter from CUPPAD.
  - 3. Report from Solid Waste Mgmt Authority.
  
- B. Forwarded:
  - 1. Letter to Carlton Isaacson.
  - 2. Letter to Kelvin Smyth.
  - 3. Letter to Steve Kwarciany (2).
  - 4. Letter to Steven Viau (2).
  - 5. Letter to Brian Godfrey.
  - 6. Letter to Jay Bostwick.
  - 7. Letter to David Wilson.
  - 8. Letter to Kenneth Milam.

Moved by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Jensen to receive the communications and place on file.

VIII. REPORTS OF STANDING AND STATUTORY COMMITTEES

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IX. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Gary Gustafson, Ensign Township, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding the Veterans Affairs Committee. Complaint about how the committee was selected, notice not in the Daily Press nor sent to the Veterans organizations, need to follow the law.

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Administrator's Report.

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

2. Finance Committee minutes of 2-20-25.

Moved by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to receive the Finance Committee minutes of 2-20-25 and place on file. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Personnel Committee minutes of 2-28-25.

Moved by Commissioner Jensen and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to receive the Personnel Committee minutes of 2-28-25, and place on file. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Department Updates.

None.

XI. GENERAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

A. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. Payment of Bills.

Moved by Commissioner Johnson seconded by Commissioner Jensen to pay bills in the amount of \$ 396,817.98 and Commissioners expenses of \$ 1,033.00.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

2. Treasurer's Investment Report.

Moved by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Williams to receive the Treasurer's Investment Report and place on file. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Airport Advisory Board Update.

Will Carne, addressed the Board with information regarding the Airport.

4. Title III Proposed Projects.

Moved by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Jensen to approve posting the public notice seeking public comment for 45 days for the Title III Projects, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Johnson that if there is no public comment in 45 days, that the projects be accepted as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

5. Letter of Support for Ford River Twp - New Fire Truck.

Moved by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Jensen to authorize a Letter of Support for Ford River Township for a new Fire Truck, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

6. Ratification of Letter of Support for City of Escanaba.

Moved by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to ratify the Letter of Support for the City of

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Escanaba for an underground electric circuit at the Airport, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

7. Letter of Support for CUPPAD - MDOT Transit Service Initiatives.

Moved by Commissioner Jensen and seconded by Commissioner Williams to approve the Letter of Support for CUPPAD for the MDOT Transit Service Initiatives, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

8. Letter of Support for City of Escanaba - Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant.

Moved by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Jensen to approve the Letter of Support for the City of Escanaba Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

9. Letter of Support for Highline - Broadband Access.

Moved by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve the Letter of Support for Highline Broadband Access, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

10. FOIA Procedures and Guidelines.

Moved by Commissioner Williams seconded by Commissioner Johnson to adopt changes as presented: Section 9 change head of body to Board of Commissioners and #7 on page 5 and Appendix page 6. MOTION CARRIED.

11. FOIA Appeal #25-18 Fees.

Commissioner van Ginhoven recused herself for conflict of interest.

Moved by Commissioner van Ginhoven and seconded by Commissioner Williams to nominate Commissioner Johnson as temporary Chair.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Jensen to receive the FOIA Appeal. MOTION CARRIED.

12. Resignation of M. Laurila, Request for Lump Sum Payout.

Moved by Commissioner Jensen seconded by Commissioner Johnson to accept the resignation of M. Laurila, approve the lump sum payout, send a letter of appreciation. MOTION CARRIED.

13. Dispatch - Request to Fill Dispatcher Position.

Moved by Commissioner Williams seconded by Commissioner Jensen to fill the Dispatcher position prior to the vacancy to allow for training. MOTION CARRIED.

14. Appointment to Opioid Taskforce (1 opening).

Moved by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to appoint Greg Toutant to the Opioid Taskforce to fill the vacancy. MOTION CARRIED.

15. Administration - Administrative Assistant/Board of Commissioners Secretary Job Description.

Moved by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Jensen to approve the update to the Administrative Assistant/Board Secretary Job Description, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

16. Board of Commissioners - Per diem and Travel Reimbursement Policy.

Moved by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to accept the Board of Commissioners Per Diem and Travel Reimbursement Policy, with the following amendments: Item E. should be Delta County Township Association, and Michigan Association of Counties (MAC) committees and boards may be afforded per diems. MOTION CARRIED.

17. Board of Commissioner - Committee of the Whole Request.

Moved by Commissioner Jensen and seconded by Commissioner Williams to hold a Committee of the Whole meeting on Thursday March 13 at 1:00 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

18. Rescind Appointments to the Veterans Affairs Committee.

Moved by Commissioner Jensen and seconded by Commissioner Williams to appoint Dave Dziejior as the Interim Veterans Affairs Director until the Veterans Affairs Committee is formed.

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Moved by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Williams to allow the Interim VA Director to allocate up to \$1,000 for emergency Veterans relief. MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Jensen to rescind the appointments to the Veterans Affairs Committee made on February 18. MOTION CARRIED.

19. Hiring Committee for Veterans Affairs - Director.

Moved by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Williams to form a Veterans Affairs Director Hiring Committee comprised of Administrator Young, two Commissioners, and two Veterans to be drawn out of a hat. MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Jensen to ratify the appointments of Commissioners Jensen and Johnson to the Veteran's Affairs Director Hiring Committee. MOTION CARRIED.

20. Resignation of J. Kell, Request for Lump Sum Payout, Fill Position.

Moved by Commissioner Jensen seconded by Commissioner Johnson to accept the resignation of J. Kell, approve lump sum payout, send a letter of appreciation and to fill the Airport Operations Specialists position to allow for training. MOTION CARRIED.

21. Additional Meeting in March.

Moved by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Jensen to hold an additional Board meeting on Tuesday March 11 at 8:00 a.m. MOTION CARRIED.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Gary Gustafson, Ensign Township, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding that the County Board needs to do the hiring of the Veterans Affairs Director.

XIII. COMMISSIONERS CONCERNS

Commissioner Johnson: MI Works! meeting - worried about cuts coming - recommended 10% budget cuts for EDO's. Their CEO was due for a raise for 2 ½ years - given a 6% raise.

Commissioner Williams: None.

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Commissioner van Ginhoven: Delta Conservation District tree sale online: DeltaCD.org. Opioid Taskforce still receiving RFP's until March 31, 2025. She is on the MAC Health and Human Services Board.

Commissioner Jensen: Planning Commission meeting had a really good turnout -good cross section of individuals. Fairgrounds - original hope was to have construction completed by Fair - will not be until finished until October. Emergency Preparedness Meeting - for an incident at the Fair - thanked the Emergency Management Coordinator Paul Geyer for putting it together. Citizen Planner MSUE starting April 10 at the Escanaba Township Hall - would recommend for anybody interested in Planning and Zoning.

Commissioner Malnar: None.

Administrator Young: Moved by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Jensen to appoint Commissioner Johnson as the Designee to the Hannahville Taskforce when the Administrator can not attend.

#### XIV. MEETING SCHEDULE

March 11 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 a.m.	Board meeting.
March 13 <sup>th</sup>	1:00 p.m.	Committee of the Whole meeting.
March 18 <sup>th</sup>	5:15 p.m.	Board meeting.
April 1 <sup>st</sup>	5:15 p.m.	Board meeting.
April 15 <sup>th</sup>	5:15 p.m.	Statutory Board meeting.

#### XV. NOTICES

30 day notice of appointments: Veterans Affairs Committee

#### XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to adjourn at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Nancy J. Przewrocki, County Clerk

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Kelli van Ginhoven, Vice Chair