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**DELTA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
July 15, 2025**

Escanaba, Michigan

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

July 10, 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 July 15, 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.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Jensen to approve the minutes of the July 1, 2025 meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

VI. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Jensen to approve the agenda, as amended, adding Item 10. Resignation of L. Castor, Request for Lump Sum Payout and to Fill Corrections Position, Item 11. Resignation of T. Aicher, Request to Fill Seasonal Parks Laborer Position, and Item 12. Opioid Taskforce Mini-Grants, all under New Business. MOTION CARRIED.

VII. PRESENTATION OF WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED:

B. COMMUNICATIONS FORWARDED:

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VIII. REPORTS OF STANDING AND STATUTORY COMMITTEES

VIII. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES AND OTHERS

None.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None.

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Administrator's Report.

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

2. Department Updates. None.

XI. GENERAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

A. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. FOIA Appeal #25-109.

a. Closed Session.

Moved by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Jensen to move into closed session at 5:22 p.m. for the purpose of considering Attorney written memorandum under OMA Section 15.268(8)(h).

ROLL CALL	JOHNSON	YES
	WILLIAMS	YES
	VANGINHOVEN	YES
	JENSEN	YES
	MALNAR	ABSENT

MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Jensen to reconvene into regular session at 5:37 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

No actions were taken during executive session.

b. Decision.

Moved by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to uphold partial denial of FOIA Appeal #25-109 because it meets all the requirements. MOTION CARRIED.

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. Payment of Bills.

Moved by Commissioner Johnson seconded by Commissioner Williams to pay bills in the amount of \$ 661,307.82 and Commissioners expenses of \$ 2,120.70.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

2. Title III Proposed Projects RFP Awards.

Moved by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to open for re-bid the Title III RFP's for 60 days to allow for more specific bids. MOTION CARRIED.

3. FY 24/25 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant Applications.

Moved by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Jensen to authorize Chair signature on the FY 24/25 Hazardous Material Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant Applications. MOTION CARRIED.

4. FY2026 Local Emergency Management Program (LEMP) Work Agreement.

Moved by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Williams to authorize the FY2026 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HEMP) Grant application, as presented. MOTION CARRIED

5. Secure Rural Schools FY2025 Election.

Moved by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner van Ginhoven to have the Administrator prepare a resolution for the Secure Rural Schools FY2025 Election. MOTION CARRIED.

6. Zoning Case 6-25-PC.

Case 6-25-PC, Baldwin Township, in Baldwin Township. Moved by Commissioner van Ginhoven and seconded by Commissioner Williams to approve the request to rezone from C3 to R1 as recommended by the Planning Commission.

ROLL CALL	JOHNSON	YES
	WILLIAMS	YES
	VANGINHOVEN	YES
	JENSEN	YES
	MALNAR	ABSENT

MOTION CARRIED.

7. Zoning Case 8-25-PC.

Case 8-25-PC, Amanda Fierens (Holesh), Fairbanks Township. Moved by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner van Ginhoven to approve the request to rezone from RR to LSR as recommended by the Planning Commission.

ROLL CALL	JOHNSON	YES
	WILLIAMS	YES
	VANGINHOVEN	YES
	JENSEN	YES
	MALNAR	ABSENT

MOTION CARRIED.

8. Recommendation for Essential Air Service Contract.

Moved by Commissioner van Ginhoven and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to allow Airport Manager and Airport Board to speak. MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Jensen to take the Airport Advisory Board recommendation and select Denver Air for the Essential Air Service Contract as the recommendation to the DOT. MOTION CARRIED.

9. Set Committee of the Whole.

Moved by Commissioner van Ginhoven and seconded by Commissioner Jensen to schedule a Committee of the Whole meeting to set goals and objectives for the Administrator for Tuesday July 22, 2025 at 5:15 p.m. at the Service Center. MOTION CARRIED.

10. Resignation of L. Castor, Request for Lump Sum Payout and to Fill Corrections Position.

Moved by Commissioner Jensen and seconded by Commissioner Williams to receive the resignation of L. Castor, approve the request for lump sum payout, to fill Corrections position and send a letter of appreciation. MOTION CARRIED.

11. Resignation of T. Aicher, Request to Fill Seasonal Parks Laborer Position.

Moved by Commissioner Jensen and seconded by Commissioner Williams to receive the resignation of T. Aicher, fill the Seasonal Parks Laborer position and send a letter of appreciation. MOTION CARRIED.

12. Opioid Taskforce Mini-Grants.

The Opioid Taskforce will be taking RFP's for mini-grants up to \$15,000 annually.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Joe Kaplan, Ford River Township, addressed the Board with his concerns on the limited discussion on the FOIA appeal. He recommends some coaching to reduce the number of appeals.

Louis Vallance, through remote, addressed the Board with his concerns asking for a Resolution in support of Amtrak in the U.P.

XIII. COMMISSIONERS CONCERNS

Commissioner Johnson: None.

Commissioner Williams: Received two of the six Burkhart files - the others were destroyed - would like a better explanation. It is in the best interest of the community to provide more information when coming out of closed session. Eight-year Parks Agreement (MOU) waiver of conflict of interest - did not sign nor received notification.

Commissioner van Ginhoven: Deadline for Opioid Taskforce RFP's is August 1st, also offering mini-grants for events. Three seats open on the Escanaba City Council.

Commissioner Jensen: We're approaching the end of the budget. At the Fairgrounds, held the third emergency management meeting/training. Kudos to all the individual first responders and to Mr. Geyer for starting and pulling it together. Big move, as far as Emergency Preparedness.

Commissioner Malnar: None.

Administrator DeSalvo: None.

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XIV. MEETING SCHEDULE

July 22 nd	5:15 p.m.	Committee of the Whole meeting.
August 5 th	5:15 p.m.	Board meeting.
August 19 th	5:15 p.m.	Board meeting.

XV. NOTICES

30-day notice of appointments:

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Commissioner Jensen and seconded by Commissioner Williams to adjourn at 6:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy J. Przewrocki, County Clerk

Kelli van Ginhoven, Vice Chair