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**DELTA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**  
**June 17, 2025**

Escanaba, Michigan

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

June 12, 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 June 17, 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.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved by Commissioner van Ginhoven and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve the minutes of the June 3, 2025 meeting, as amended - under A.1. to seek out files. MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Commissioner van Ginhoven and seconded by Commissioner Williams to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2025 Special meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

VI. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Jensen to add New Business Item 11. Appointment to the Central Upper Michigan Materials Management Planning Committee, make Closed Session Item 12, move Public Comment up before Closed Session and approve the agenda, as amended. MOTION CARRIED.

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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 COMMITTEES

VIII. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES AND OTHERS

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PLANNING COMMISSION ORDINANCE

Moved by Commissioner van Ginhoven and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to **open the Public Hearing at 5:24 p.m.** MOTION CARRIED.

Robert Barron, Escanaba Township, addressed the Board stating that the person appointed to fill the Planning Commission Delta County Township Association should be from a township that the County does the Zoning.

Rory Mattson, Escanaba, addressed the Board that he thought it was a great idea to have a citizen rather than a second commissioner on the Planning Commission.

Moved by Commissioner van Ginhoven and seconded by Commissioner Jensen to **close the Public Hearing at 5:27 p.m.** MOTION CARRIED.

Robert W. Barron, Escanaba Township, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding the Drain Commissioner salary and also Administrator DeSalvo contract.

Rory Mattson, Escanaba, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding the Drain Commissioner and that there are no Drain Districts in Delta County.

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Administrator's Report.

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

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2. Personnel Committee minutes of 6-6-25.

Moved by Commissioner Jensen and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to receive the Personnel Committee minutes of 6-6-25 and place on file. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Finance Committee minutes of 6-6-25.

Moved by Commissioner van Ginhoven and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to receive the Finance Committee minutes of 6-6-25 and place on file. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Department Updates.

None.

XI. GENERAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

A. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Drain Commissioner - Request to Increase Annual Salary.

Moved by Commissioner van Ginhoven and seconded by Commissioner Williams to increase the Drain Commissioner salary from \$50 to \$6,000 per year plus expenses.

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

MOTION FAILED.

Moved by Commissioner Jensen and seconded by Commissioner Williams to defer to the Finance Committee. MOTION CARRIED.

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. Payment of Bills.

Moved by Commissioner Johnson seconded by Commissioner Jensen to pay bills in the amount of \$ 2,190,639.99 and Commissioners expenses of \$ 2,445.40.

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

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2. Planning Commission Ordinance.

Moved by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Jensen to amend the Planning Commission Ordinance from two County Commissioners to one Commissioner and one member appointed by the Delta County Township Association from a township covered by the Ordinance.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

3. Magistrate Job Description.

Moved by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner van Ginhoven to approve the District Court Magistrate job description, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Resolution Approving Magistrate Appointment of John Harris.

Moved by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Jensen to approve the appointment of John Harris as District Court Magistrate.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

5. J. Harris Transfer, Request for Lump Sum Payout and to Fill Probation Officer - Male Position.

Moved by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Jensen to approve the lump sum payout to J. Harris and fill the Probation Officer Male position, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

6. Resignation of M. Shalifoe, Request to Fill Seasonal Parks Clerk Position.

Moved by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner van Ginhoven to send a letter of appreciation to M. Shalifoe and fill the Seasonal Parks Clerk position. MOTION CARRIED.

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7. Resignation of M. Morrison, Request for Lump Sum Payout and to Fill Custodian I Position.

Moved by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner van Ginhoven to approve a lump sum payout and send a letter of appreciation to M. Morrison and fill the Custodian I position. MOTION CARRIED.

8. Administrator Contract.

Moved by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Williams to approve the Administrator Contract, as presented, with \$100,000 annual salary, \$3,500 HSA or \$3,000 annual payment, and \$10,000 severance.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

9. MIWORKS Lease Agreement.

Moved by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner van Ginhoven to approve the MIWORKS Lease Agreement, as amended, removing the Board Conference Room from the square footage, 60-day notice. MOTION CARRIED.

10. FOIA Appeal #25-94.

Moved by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner van Ginhoven to uphold partial disclosure denial of FOIA Appeal #25-94. Full denial of items 2, 3, and 4, as they do not exist, and uphold the partial denial of item 1, as 2024 and 2025 reports do not exist - will provide when they exist; 2021, 2022, 2023 have already been provided. MOTION CARRIED.

11. Appointment to Central Upper Peninsula Materials Management Planning Committee.

Moved by Commissioner van Ginhoven and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to open the Central Upper Michigan Materials Management Planning Committee for a 30-day notice of appointment. MOTION CARRIED. (30 day notice was done on May 6, 2025.)

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12. Closed Session - Attorney Opinion.

Moved by Commissioner Jensen and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to move into closed session at 6:49 p.m. for the purpose of discussing written Attorney Opinion under OMA Section 15.268(8)(h).

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Commissioner Jensen and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to reconvene into regular session at 6:59 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

No actions were taken during executive session.

Moved by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Johnson that we terminate the contract between the County and Counselor Scott Graham, PLLC, and provide notification by certified mail and provide 60-days for Mr. Graham to produce the files that we seek. MOTION CARRIED.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Rory Mattson, Escanaba, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding the Conservation District \$25,000 contract, the Drain Commissioner duties, and the negotiation of the 1,400 acre County Forest which was done by Ryan Bergman, Commissioners Rivard, Harrington, Johnson and Malnar.

Teresa Ross, Ford River Township, thank you for finding a work around for public comments, thanked Ashleigh for being Administrator and good luck at the Airport, and thanked the Board and Emily for bringing Emily back.

Joe Kaplan, Ford River Township, addressed the Board with his concerns with the annual appropriation of \$50,000 to the Conservation District for park operations and \$25,000 for natural resource/environmental assistance/support to all county land/operations/activities and for natural resource/environmental assistance to private landowners within Delta County and administration of Delta County's SESC regulatory program.

Bob Barron, Escanaba Township, addressed the Board with a reading from scripture and his concerns with Commissioner van Ginhoven wearing Handmaiden outfit at No Kings protest.

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Brian Godfrey, Gladstone, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding the Drain Commission salary.

Mike Maskart, Gladstone, addressed the Board with his notice to all Delta County Elected and Appointed Officials.

Bonnie Hakkola, Escanaba, addressed the Board with continued notice to all Delta County Elected and Appointed Officials.

Stephanie Carpenter, Escanaba, addressed the Board with continued notice to all Delta County Elected and Appointed Officials.

Jim Stock, Gladstone, addressed the Board with continued notice to all Delta County Elected and Appointed Officials.

Sema Deeds, Escanaba, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding Flag Day celebrations at the band shell with no flags, very disappointed.

## XIII. COMMISSIONERS CONCERNS

Commissioner Johnson: Thanked Administrator Young for all her hard work, she's been thru more turbulence than most. Wished her the best at the Airport. Congratulated the new Administrator, look forward to working with Ms. DeSalvo again.

Commissioner Williams: Ditto what Commissioner Johnson stated need separate Controller. Thanked Ashleigh, learned so much from her, wish her absolute best.

Commissioner van Ginhoven: Jazzed to have Ashleigh at the Airport. Best of Luck, can't wait to see what she does at the Airport.

Commissioner Jensen: Thanked Ashleigh, been a pleasure working with her at the County, and will have the pleasure of working with her at the Airport, looks forward to big things coming to the Airport. A new lighting and sound systems put into the horse barn. Emergency Preparedness working with the Fair, one more exercise to go. Toured the new McCoy facility opening in Wells Township, it is absolutely amazing. Delta Astronomical Society will have its grand opening of Planetary Walk on main street tomorrow.

Commissioner Malnar: Ditto, ditto, ditto. Doesn't know how Ashleigh did it some days.

County Clerk Przewrocki: Thanked Administrator Young, it's been a pleasure working with her even though it has been difficult

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because she was spread so thin, she's done a great job, as much as she could possibly do.

Administrator Young: Thanked everyone for their kind words.

XIV. MEETING SCHEDULE

July 1 <sup>st</sup>	5:15 p.m.	Board meeting.
July 15 <sup>th</sup>	5:15 p.m.	Board meeting.
August 5 <sup>th</sup>	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 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Nancy J. Przewrocki, County Clerk

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John Malnar, Chair