

DELTA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
March 21, 2006

Escanaba, Michigan

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

March 16, 2006

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 21, 2006, at 5:15 p.m. in the Circuit Courtroom of the Delta County Courthouse.

Sincerely yours,
Nancy J. Kolich
Delta County Clerk

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Commissioners Bengry, Elegeert, Nelson, Ruohomaki.

EXCUSED: Commissioner Schultz.

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m. in the Delta County Circuit Courtroom by Delta County Clerk, Nancy J. Kolich.

V. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved by Commissioner Ruohomaki and supported by Commissioner Nelson to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2006 meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

VI. PRESENTATION OF WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A. Received: No written communications were received.

B. Forwarded: No written communications were forwarded.

VII. REPORTS OF STANDING AND STATUTORY SPECIAL COMMITTEES AND OTHERS

VIII. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES AND OTHERS.

Moved by Commissioner Ruohomaki and supported by Commissioner Bengry that the Communications and Reports of Standing and Statutory Committees and the Reports of Special

Committees and Others be received and placed on file. MOTION CARRIED.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None.

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Building and Grounds Committee.

2. Finance Committee.

a. February 21, 2006

Moved by Commissioner Nelson and seconded by Commissioner Bengry to approve the salary increase for the Friend of the Court Attorney to \$49,300 and the Friend of the Court to \$60,000 both retroactive to October 1, 2005, and the FOC to \$65,000 effective October 1, 2006, to be paid from the Friend of the Court 215 funds, as recommended by the Circuit Court Judge. MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Commissioner Nelson and seconded by Commissioner Bengry to receive the minutes and place on file. MOTION CARRIED.

b. February 24, 2006.

1. Payment of Bills.

Moved by Commissioner Ruohomaki and seconded by Commissioner Bengry to approve payment of the bills. MOTION CARRIED.

2. Airport Finances.

Moved by Commissioner Nelson and seconded by Commissioner Bengry to approve payment of \$25,000 of the \$52,000 local match for the Airport project from the Capitol Projects Fund this year and a payment plan option for the remaining \$27,000. MOTION CARRIED.

5. Payment of Silver and Van Essen \$7,452.56.

Moved by Commissioner Nelson and seconded by Commissioner Bengry to approve payment of the county's share of 50% of the Van Essen bill of \$3,726.28. MOTION CARRIED.

7. Payment of Bittner billing \$2,975.37.

Moved by Commissioner Nelson and seconded by Commissioner Bengry to approve payment of \$2,975.37 to Bittner Engineering for airport mitigation. MOTION CARRIED.

8. Prosecutor's Office Temporary Employee.

Moved by Commissioner Nelson and seconded by Commissioner Bengry to approve an extension of the Prosecutor's office temporary employee to the end of April or up until there are no medical restrictions for the regular employee. MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Commissioner Nelson and seconded by Commissioner Bengry to receive the minutes and place on file. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Personnel Committee.

4. Administrator's Report.

3. Jail Medical Issues.

Moved by Commissioner Bengry and seconded by Commissioner Ruohomaki for Administrator Erickson to meet with Health Professions, Ltd. and bring back a recommendation to the Board. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Sheriff's Department and Jail Facility.

Moved by Commissioner Ruohomaki and seconded by Commissioner Nelson to authorize Administrator Erickson to look into options for improvement of the old portion of the jail built in 1964 or finance a new jail. MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Commissioner Nelson and seconded by Commissioner Ruohomaki to receive the Administrator's report and place on file. MOTION CARRIED.

X. GENERAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

A. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. Payment of Bills.

Moved by Commissioner Bengry and seconded by Commissioner Nelson to pay the bills in the amount of \$1,560,209.64 MOTION CARRIED.

2. 2006 Remonumentation Contract.

Moved by Commissioner Nelson and seconded by Commissioner Bengry to approve the 2006 Remonumentation Contract.

3. Ratification of Contract with MDOT.

Moved by Commissioner Bengry and seconded by Commissioner Nelson to ratify the MDOT contract to provide firefighters training at the airport. The County's share is 10 %. The cost will be shared with the Iron Mountain airport. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Mike Falcon re: Airport and Parks.

Airport and Parks Board Chairman, Michael Falcon, made a presentation to the Commissioners of the working relationship between the County Board and the Airport and Parks Board and the factors that have affected the Airport finances.

5. Timber Sales.

Rory Mattson, Director of the Delta Conservation District, updated the Board on the timber cutting at the airport and timber cruising of Sac Bay, Fuller Park and the Maniaci (Service) Center.

6. Support for 2% funding applications for United Way and the UP Model Railroaders Club.

Moved by Commissioner Nelson and seconded by Commissioner Ruohomaki to approve support for the United Way and the UP Model Railroaders Club applications for Hannahville 2% funding. MOTION CARRIED.

7. Islands by Pioneer Trail Park.

Moved by Commissioner Nelson and seconded by Commissioner Ruohomaki to authorize Administrator Erickson to send a letter to the owner of the Pioneer Trail Park islands requesting donating the property to the county that would allow for trails to built on the island.

8. Cancellation of April 4, 2006 meeting.

Moved by Commissioner Bengry and seconded by Commissioner Nelson to cancel the April 4th Board meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

XI. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Linda Maki addressed the Board with her concerns regarding the Prosecutor's office, Baldwin Township officials and EDC funds.

XII. COMMISSIONERS CONCERNS

Commissioner Ruohomaki: Chairman Elegeert and Commissioner Ruohomaki attended the National Association of Counties Conference in Washington, DC, and interacted with Senators Levin and Stabenow and Rep. Stupak discussing proposed cuts in the Federal Budget that would affect local citizens.

Commissioners Nelson:

Commissioner Bengry:

Commissioner Schultz:

Commissioner Elegeert:

XIII. NOTICES.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Commissioner Nelson and supported by Commissioner Bengry to adjourn at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy J. Kolich, County Clerk

Thomas Elegeert, Board Chairperson