

DELTA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
September 19, 2006

Escanaba, Michigan

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

September 14, 2006

The Honorable Members of the Delta  
County Board of Commissioners

Dear Commissioners:

A Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Delta County Board of Commissioners is scheduled for Tuesday September 19, 2006, at 1:30 p.m. in the Probate Courtroom of the Delta County Courthouse.

Sincerely yours,  
Nancy J. Kolich  
Delta County Clerk

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Commissioners Bengry, Elegeert, Ruohomaki and Schultz.

ABSENT: Commissioner Nelson.

The meeting was called to order at 1:36 p.m. in the Probate Courtroom of the Delta County Courthouse by Chairman Elegeert.

Moved by Commissioner Bengry and seconded by Commissioner Schultz to add items 7. Court Reporter Settlement.  
MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

IV. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None.

V. COMMUNICATIONS

None.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. MAC Representatives.

Tim McGuire, Executive Director of the Michigan Association of Counties, updated the Board on the Workers Compensation Fund and the Stop Over Spending proposal. Tom Hickson, Legislative Director, updated on current legislation, and Dorothy McCormack, Grant Services Coordinator, updated the Board on grant assistance and Brownfield grants.

1. MSU Children's Trust Fund Grant.

Moved by Commissioner Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Bengry to recommend approval of the Designation Agreement between the Children's Trust Fund and Delta County Early Childhood Council-MSU Extension. MOTION CARRIED.

2. Executive Session: Probate Court Proposed Contract.

Moved by Commissioner Bengry and seconded by Commissioner Ruohomaki to convene into Executive Session at 2:04 p.m. to discuss the Probate Court Proposed Contract.

ROLL CALL:           BENGRY       YES  
                          ELEGEERT    YES  
                          NELSON       ABSENT  
                          RUOHOMAKI YES  
                          SCHULTZ     YES

MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Commissioner Bengry and seconded by Commissioner Ruohomaki to reconvene at 2:13 p.m. MOTION CARRIED. No actions were taken in Executive Session.

Moved by Commissioner Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Bengry to recommend approval of the Probate Court Contract pending ratification by the Probate Court union.

ROLL CALL:           BENGRY       YES  
                          ELEGEERT    YES  
                          NELSON       ABSENT  
                          RUOHOMAKI YES  
                          SCHULTZ     YES

MOTION CARRIED.

3. Employment Agreements.

A. Joseph W. Erickson.

Moved by Commissioner Bengry and seconded by Commissioner Ruohomaki to convene into Executive Session at 2:16 p.m. with Mr. Erickson's approval for evaluation per existing

contract language and consider renewing his contract as Administrator, under MCL 15.268(a).

ROLL CALL:           BENGRY       YES  
                      ELEGEERT    YES  
                      NELSON       ABSENT  
                      RUOHOMAKI  YES  
                      SCHULTZ     YES

MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Commissioner Bengry and seconded by Commissioner Ruohomaki to reconvene at 2:57 p.m. MOTION CARRIED. No actions were taken in Executive Session.

Moved by Commissioner Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Bengry to recommend approval of Administrator Joseph Erickson's contract with the recommended change to scratch the word evaluate on page 11.

ROLL CALL:           BENGRY       YES  
                      ELEGEERT    YES  
                      NELSON       ABSENT  
                      RUOHOMAKI  YES  
                      SCHULTZ     YES

MOTION CARRIED.

B. Kelly Smith.

Moved by Commissioner Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Bengry to table Ms. Smith's contract until it can be addressed at the next meeting per her request. MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Commissioner Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Bengry to continue Ms. Smith's current contract until it can be addressed at the next meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Recommendation Special Conference.

Moved by Commissioner Bengry and seconded by Commissioner Schultz to recommend granting the grievance to Rob Buchler to be paid from the Register of Deeds Automation Fund, non precedent setting. MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Commissioner Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Ruohomaki to recommend that the Board discuss adopting a policy limiting department heads to grant overtime. MOTION CARRIED.

5. Hannahville 2% Grants Request.

Moved by Commissioner Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Bengry to recommend approving a Hannahville 2% grant application request from the Airport for \$12,000 for a courtesy car for pilots at the airport. MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Commissioner Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Ruohomaki to recommend approving a Hannahville 2% grant application request from the Prosecutor's office for \$1,025 for a Vulnerable Witness Screen. MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Commissioner Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Ruohomaki to recommend allowing the Administrator to approve 2% grant applications from county departments that meet the criteria, with a copy of the request being sent to Board members. MOTION CARRIED.

6. 2006-07 Budget.

Moved by Commissioner Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Ruohomaki to recommend paying \$40,000 to the library fund with a notice that this amount may not be available in the future, add \$5,000 to Soil Conservation, \$1,180 to the Chamber and \$12,000 to the Renaissance Zone line items to be taken from the Fund Balance. MOTION CARRIED.

7. Court Reporter Settlement.

Moved by Commissioner Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Ruohomaki to recommend raising the Court Reporter settlement to \$10,372.72. MOTION CARRIED.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Commissioner Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Ruohomaki to adjourn at 3:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Nancy J. Kolich, County Clerk

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Thomas Elegeert, Board Chairperson