

**DELTA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**  
**December 2, 2008**

Escanaba, Michigan

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

November 26, 2008

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 December 2, 2008, at 5:15 p.m. in the Circuit Courtroom of the Courthouse Building.

Sincerely yours,  
Nancy J. Kolich  
Delta County Clerk

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Commissioners Bengry, Elegeert, Rivard, Ruohomaki, Schultz

ABSENT: None.

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

V. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved by Commissioner Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Ruohgmaki to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2008 meeting.  
MOTION CARRIED.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Commissioner Bengry and seconded by Commissioner Rivard to amend the agenda adding New Business Item 1.a. Executive Session, Item 8. Administrator's Contract and Item 9. Building and Zoning Administrator's Letter of Retirement. MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

VI. PRESENTATION OF WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A. Received: No Communications were received.

B. Forwarded: No Communications were forwarded.

VII. REPORTS OF STANDING AND STATUTORY SPECIAL COMMITTEES AND OTHERS

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Rory Mattson, Delta County Soil Conservation District Director, addressed the Board with an explanation of the UP Resource Conservation and Development dues.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Administrator's Report.

Moved by Commissioner Bengry and seconded by Commissioner Ruohomaki to set a Committee of the Whole meeting to address a Step III grievance Monday December 15th at 9:00 a.m. with Attorney Burkhart to review the grievance prior to the meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Commissioner Bengry and seconded by Commissioner Rivard to accept and authorize Chairman Elegeert to sign the MSHDA Grant of \$39,400 for the Delta County Coalition Against Homelessness. MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Commissioner Bengry and seconded by Commissioner Rivard to authorize the Administrator to proceed with the Michigan Certified Business Park program application. MOTION CARRIED.

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

2. Finance minutes of November 24, 2008.

Moved by Commissioner Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Ruohomaki to set the Marine Patrol Officers at \$12.75 per hour and part-time Road Patrol Officers at \$12.00 per hour, with \$11.75 for a 6 month probationary and beginning the first full pay period in January 2009. MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Commissioner Ruohomaki and seconded by Commissioner Schultz to receive the Finance minutes and place on file. MOTION CARRIED.

X. GENERAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

A. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. November Appointments.

Moved by Commissioner Rivard and seconded by Commissioner Bengry to re-appoint William Charon to the Building Authority. MOTION CARRIED.

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. Payment of Bills.

Moved by Commissioner Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Ruohomaki to approve the bills in the amount of \$775,672.09, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

1. a. Executive Session.

Moved by Commissioner Ruohomaki and seconded by Commissioner Bengry to move into executive session at 5:45 p.m. for the purpose of discussing written opinion from Attorney Burkhart regarding the unit clarification request under OMA section 8(e).

ROLL CALL	BENGRY	YES
	RIVARD	YES
	RUOHOMAKI	YES
	SCHULTZ	YES
	ELEGEERT	YES

MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Commissioner Rivard and seconded by Commissioner Bengry to reconvene into regular session at 6:28 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

No actions were taken during executive session.

Moved by Commissioner Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Ruohomaki to allow Attorney Burkhart to continue negotiations with the union regarding the Prosecutor's Paralegal position. MOTION CARRIED.

2. Ratification of Peer Group Contracts.

Moved by Commissioner Ruohomaki and seconded by Commissioner Bengry to ratify the Remonumentation Peer Group Contracts, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

3. 2009 Remonumentation Contract.

Moved by Commissioner Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Bengry to approve the 2009 Remonumentation Contract, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Planning Commission Case 13-08-PC.

Case 13-08-PC, Charlene K. Wolcott (Claffey), Fairbanks Township. Moved by Commissioner Ruohomaki and seconded by Commissioner Schultz to approve the request to rezone from Lake Shore/River to Commercial 2 as recommended by the Planning Commission.

ROLL CALL	BENGRY	YES
	ELEGEERT	YES
	RIVARD	YES
	RUOHOMAKI	YES
	SCHULTZ	YES

MOTION CARRIED.

5. Bob McDonough re: Cell Phone Use in County.

Mr. McDonough addressed the Board with his concerns regarding passing an ordinance banning cell phone use while driving. Chairman Elegeert will check with the Michigan Association of Counties regarding a county ordinance.

6. Wage Proposal.

Moved by Commissioner Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Rivard to approve the benefit package for the Non-union, Non-elected employees, retroactive to October 1, 2008, as presented.

ROLL CALL	BENGRY	NO
	ELEGEERT	YES
	RIVARD	YES
	RUOHOMAKI	YES
	SCHULTZ	YES

MOTION CARRIED.

7. UPRC&D Dues.

Moved by Commissioner Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Ruohomaki to approve the payment of the Upper Peninsula Resource Conservation and Development annual dues of \$300 for 2009.

8. Administrator's Contract.

Moved by Commissioner Bengry and seconded by Commissioner Rivard to put on Committee of the Whole Agenda. MOTION CARRIED.

9. Letter of Retirement from Building and Zoning Director.

Moved by Commissioner Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Ruohomaki to accept the letter of retirement from the Building and

Zoning Director, Tom Carviou, effective December 19, 2008. MOTION CARRIED.

XI. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

XII. COMMISSIONERS CONCERNS

Commissioners Bengry: None.

Commissioner Ruohomaki: None.

Commissioner Rivard: Meeting set at 1:30 p.m. on December 3 at the ISD with vendor that may be able to supply fuel under the the new bulk purchase program for counties. Concerned with letters in the newspaper regarding Animal Shelter.

Commissioner Schultz: None.

Commissioner Elegeert: Business After Hours 5:30 p.m. Wednesday December 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Danforth Place.

XIV. MEETING SCHEDULE

December 15<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m. Committee of the Whole State Office Building  
December 16<sup>th</sup> 5:15 p.m. Regular Meeting Delta County Courthouse  
December 29<sup>th</sup> 4:30 p.m. Oath of Office Ceremony Delta County  
Courthouse

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Commissioner Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Rivard to adjourn at 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Nancy J. Kolich, County Clerk

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Thomas Elegeert, Board Chairperson