

DELTA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
October 7, 2008

Escanaba, Michigan

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

October 2, 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 October 7, 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 Bengry to approve the minutes of the September 16, September 24, and September 30, 2008 meetings. MOTION CARRIED.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Commissioner Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Bengry to amend the agenda adding Old Business Item 4. ORV Ordinance and New Business Item 4. UPCAP Work Van. 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 Conservation District Director, thanked the Board, the Health Department, the Superior Code Technical Advisory Committee and Don Shirley, Chair, everyone involved with the Superior Code process for coming up with a workable code.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Administrator's Report.

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

X. GENERAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Superior Health Code.

Moved by Commissioner Bengry and seconded by Commissioner Rivard to adopt the Delta-Menominee Sanitation Code as recommended by the Superior Code Technical Advisory Committee, as presented, effective January 1, 2009.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Commissioner Rivard and seconded by Commissioner Ruohomaki to send a letter of appreciation to the members of the Superior Code Technical Advisory Committee for their time and effort to update the Delta Menominee Sanitation Code. MOTION CARRIED.

2. IGT Resolution.

Moved by Commissioner Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Ruohomaki to adopt the Inter-governmental Transfer Authorizing Resolution for the Medical Care Access Coalition, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

3. ORV Ordinance.

The Delta County Road Commission will hold a public hearing regarding the roads to be closed in the newly adopted ORV Ordinance.

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. Payment of Bills.

Moved by Commissioner Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Bengry to approve the bills in the amount of \$2,037,161.36, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

2. Phone Issue.

Moved by Commissioner Bengry and seconded by Commissioner Schultz to re-bid the phone system for the benefit of the local people involved including Mr. Swetich. MOTION FAILED.

Moved by Commissioner Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Ruohomaki to ask SPS to waive the \$7,500 fee and allow new proposals to come in.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

3. Meeting/Mileage Policy.

Rory Mattson, Delta County Citizens for Transparency and Efficiency in Local Government, request that the County Board adopt a policy that tightens up meeting per diems and mileage.

4. UPCAP - Work Van.

Moved by Commissioner Ruohomaki and seconded by Commissioner Rivard to approve the UPCAP Community Corrections Work Detail Contract, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

XI. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

XII. COMMISSIONERS CONCERNS

Commissioners Bengry: Many Commissioners come to the Courthouse on a daily basis to check mail and talk with employees, many things not written on expense vouchers.

Commissioner Ruohomaki: The Board is struggling with the telephone system issue - want to do what's right and treat everyone fair.

Commissioner Rivard: Hope that all Commissioners are being painted with one brush. The Commissioners Expense Reports are available from the Administration office to the public. There are many meetings that don't appear on the expense reports.

Commissioner Schultz: Board does try to operate within the budget, pretty tight to the belt - credit to the department heads, employees and County Commissioners. Airport Appreciation - no per diem (he and his wife volunteered most of the day), lot of times attend different meetings without per diem - important to know what's going on - have to use your head and keep the public trust.

Commissioner Elegeert: Expect Commissioners to use good judgment on what to attend and what to charge for, 98% good, there are times that could be questioned.

Moved by Commissioner Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Ruohomaki to meet as a Committee of the Whole on Tuesday October 14th at 3:30 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

XIV. MEETING SCHEDULE

October 11 - 12th UP County Commissioners Conference- Island Resort
October 14th 3:30 p.m. Committee of the Whole
October 14th 5:15 p.m. Statutory Meeting Delta County Courthouse

XV. NOTICES - 30 day notice of appointments to DATA Board, Department of Human Services Board and the Building Authority.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Commissioner Rivard and seconded by Commissioner Ruohomaki to adjourn at 6:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy J. Kolich, County Clerk

Thomas Elegeert, Board Chairperson