

**DELTA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**  
**April 1, 2008**

Escanaba, Michigan

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

March 27, 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 April 1, 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 Bengry and seconded by Commissioner Rivard to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2008. MOTION CARRIED.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Commissioner Ruohomaki and seconded by Commissioner Schultz to approve the agenda as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

VI. PRESENTATION OF WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A. Received: 1. Resolution from Lake County Board.  
2. Notice from City of Escanaba re: Brownfield  
Plan Amendment.

B. Forwarded: No written communications were forwarded.

VII. REPORTS OF STANDING AND STATUTORY SPECIAL COMMITTEES AND OTHERS

1. Public Health minutes of 2-20-08
2. Solid Waste Management minutes of 2-26-08
3. Airport Advisory Board minutes of 3-12-08
4. CAA/HRA minutes of 3-13-08
5. Concealed Weapons Board minutes of 3-18-08

VIII. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES AND OTHERS.

1. Township Association minutes of 2-28-08

Moved by Commissioner Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Ruohomaki 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.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Administrator's Report.
2. IT Cell Phone.

Moved by Commissioner Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Ruohomaki to approve paying half the cost (\$45.00 per month) of an IT cell phone to monitor the computer servers, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

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

X. GENERAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Superior Health Code.

Don Shirley, Delta County Drain Commissioner and Chair of the Superior Health Code ad hoc committee, updated the Board on the progress of the committee, submitted final draft, which was accepted by the Delta Menominee Health Board on March 19<sup>th</sup>, will go to the townships, legal review will be done and then postings and public hearings will be held.

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. Payment of Bills.

Moved by Commissioner Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Ruohomaki to approve the bills in the amount of \$618,535.92, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

2. Millage Renewal Request.

Moved by Commissioner Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Ruohomaki to approve the Community Action Agency request to put a Senior Services Program Millage Renewal Proposal on the ballot, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Air Service Update.

Moved by Commissioner Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Bengry to send a letter encouraging the FAA and the Department of Transportation to address the loss of essential air service in Delta County and asking that the 10,000 boarding requirement be waived due to a 2 month loss of service. MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Commissioner Bengry and seconded Rivard by to direct the Administrator Erickson to meet with Connie Ness, Ann Jousma-Miller, Bill Kwarciany, Marilyn Kinsey, and Mr. McIntyre to work on the problem and come back with recommendations.

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| ROLL CALL | BENGRY    | YES   |
|           | RIVARD    | NO  |
|           | RUOHOMAKI | YES   |
|           | SCHULTZ   | NO, support intent, doesn't want to limit who is on the committee |
|           |           | Come to middle ground to accomplish.                              |

ELEGEERT NO

MOTION FAILED.

Moved by Commissioner Ruohomaki and seconded by Commissioner Rivard to direct Administrator Erickson to put together a plan of action for recommendations for solutions to this problem. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Renzone Extension Resolution: Ann Jousma-Miller.

Moved by Commissioner Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Ruohomaki to adopt the Resolution Granting Delta County Permission to Extend Renaissance Zone Time Duration, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Commissioner Bengry and seconded by Commissioner Schultz to send a letter of appreciation to Ann Jousma-Miller for her efforts in extending the Renaissance Zone

5. Executive Session: Labor Negotiations.

Moved by Commissioner Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Ruohomaki to move into executive session for the purpose of discussing Delta County Jail labor negotiations with Sheriff Ballweg at 6:19 p.m.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Commissioner Bengry and seconded by Commissioner Ruohomaki to reconvene into regular session at 6:41 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

No actions were taken during executive session.

XI. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Connie Ness, Airport Manager, stated the Sen. Levin is signing on with the Essential Air Service proposal that's in congress now.

XII. COMMISSIONERS CONCERNS

Commissioners Bengry: Informed Maintenance Director of additional bids for equipment.

Commissioner Rivard: Working with MAC on Brownfield - May 20<sup>th</sup> Flo McCormick will be here to make a presentation.

Commissioner Ruohomaki: Moved by Commissioner Ruohomaki and seconded by Commissioner Bengry to adopt a Resolution in support of Michigan Works!

Commissioner Schultz: Pathways is in the process of hiring a new director - offer has been made to deputy director. Public Health has hired a director - Barb Chenier, she has a good working relationship with the State, she will do a good job.

Commissioner Elegeert: The new Public Health Director is proactive, the status of the Environmental Health department will rise because of the way she does business.

April 8 10:00 a.m. Statutory Board Meeting.

April 10 10:00 a.m. Special Conference.

April 15 5:00 p.m. Public Hearing - Brownfield Authority.

April 15 5:15 p.m. Board Meeting.

#### XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Commissioner Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Bengry to adjourn at 6:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Nancy J. Kolich, County Clerk

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Thomas Elegeert, Board Chairperson