

**DELTA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**  
**March 18, 2008**

Escanaba, Michigan

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

March 13, 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 March 18, 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, and 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 Kolich.

V. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved by Commissioner Ruohomaki and seconded by Commissioner Bengry to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2008. MOTION CARRIED.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Commissioner Ruohomaki and seconded by Commissioner Rivard to approve the agenda as amended. MOTION CARRIED.

VI. PRESENTATION OF WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Received:
1. Copy of welfare fraud reimbursement.
  2. Resolution from Iron County Board.
  3. MERS Information from Road Commission.
  4. Letter regarding HB 4323.

B. Forwarded: No written communications were forwarded.

VII. REPORTS OF STANDING AND STATUTORY SPECIAL COMMITTEES AND OTHERS

1. Solid Waste Management minutes of 1-16-08
2. Road Commission minutes of 1-10, & 1-28-08
3. Public Health minutes of 1-16-08
4. Human Services minutes of 1-28-08
5. Airport Advisory Board minutes of 1-9-08
6. Concealed Weapons Board minutes of 2-19-08
7. Parks Commission minutes of 2-20-08

VIII. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES AND OTHERS.

1. Township Association minutes of 1-24-08

Moved by Commissioner Rivard and seconded 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.

Moved by Commissioner Rivard and seconded by Commissioner Ruohomaki to have Administrator look into Iron County Resolution regarding the Eurasian Milfoil and other invasive Aquatic Species. MOTION CARRIED.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Kaye Rowlands, President, AFSCME Local 2755 and Chapter Chair, addressed the Board requesting a special conference regarding the new position in the Prosecutor's office.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Administrator's Report.

2. Drain Commissioner - Salary.

Moved by Commissioner Ruohomaki and seconded by Commissioner Rivard to reduce the Drain Commissioner salary by \$1,000 and put it into a Drain Commissioner travel budget, effective January 1, 2009. MOTION CARRIED.

4. IT Cell Phone.

Moved by Commissioner Ruohomaki and seconded by Commissioner Rivard to table approval of an IT cell phone to monitor the computer servers for more information.

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

2. Conservation District Report.

Rory Mattson, Conservation District Director, gave a monthly report. Moved by Commissioner Bengry and seconded by Commissioner Ruohomaki to receive the 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, updates to the code and outline of the technical manual, which will be discussed at the Delta Menominee Health Board on March 19<sup>th</sup>.

2. Zoning Support from Townships.

Moved by Commissioner Bengry and seconded by Commissioner Rivard to adopt a 2 year agreement with the 10 townships that are not currently doing their own zoning to charge a County Zoning Fee of \$.50 per capita. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Committee of the Whole minutes of February 18, 2008.

1. Prosecutor's Request.

Moved by Commissioner Ruohomaki and seconded by Commissioner Bengry to hold a Committee of the Whole meeting on March 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m. or April 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m., to honor the AFSCME Union request for a Special Conference regarding the proposed non-union paralegal position in the Prosecutor's office. MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Commissioner Ruohomaki and seconded by Commissioner Rivard to adopt the Defined Contribution benefit as 10% County contribution with up to a 5% County match. MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Commissioner Rivard and seconded by Commissioner Ruohomaki to adopt a County policy that any new hired, elected and non-union employees receive Defined Contribution and Health Savings Account benefits. MOTION CARRIED.

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. Payment of Bills.

Moved by Commissioner Rivard and seconded by Commissioner Ruohomaki to approve the bills in the amount of \$394,910.63, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

2. Adoption of Comprehensive Plan and Resolution.

Moved by Commissioner Bengry and seconded by Commissioner Rivard to adopt the Comprehensive Plan and Resolution, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Adoption of Cooperative Reimbursement Amendment.

Moved by Commissioner Bengry and seconded by Commissioner Rivard to ratify the Chairman's signature on the Cooperative Reimbursement Amendment, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Adoption of Courthouse Camera Upgrade.

Bids will be requested.

5. Proclamation of Head Start Month.

Moved by Commissioner Bengry and seconded by Commissioner Rivard to adopt a resolution proclaiming April 2008 Head Start month in Delta County. MOTION CARRIED.

6. Parks Board Recommendation.

Moved by Commissioner Rivard and seconded by Commissioner Ruohomaki to remove the Parks Commission and the Airport Board from the Renaissance Zone Loan. MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Commissioner Bengry and seconded by Commissioner Rivard to adopt the report as presented by Parks Commission Chair Starr Romps.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

7. Approval of Parks Grant.

No action taken.

8. Adoption of contract agreement w/Dept. of Human Services.

Moved by Commissioner Bengry and seconded by Commissioner Rivard to adopt the Department of Human Services Contract Agreement, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

9. Appointment of David Schultz to Pathways Board.

Moved by Commissioner Bengry and seconded by Commissioner Ruohomaki to re-appoint Commissioner Schultz to the Pathways Board. MOTION CARRIED.

XI. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Rob Van Effen, Delta County Road Commission, reminded the Commissioners to call and confirm attendance at the Asset Retention Training next Tuesday.

Rory Mattson commented that grant matches should come from in-kind contributions and not monies.

XII. COMMISSIONERS CONCERNS

Commissioners Bengry: None.

Commissioner Rivard: Local government units coming together to reactivate Intergovernmental meetings. Will continue to attend. Will meet March 19 at noon at Escanaba City Hall.

Commissioner Ruohomaki: None.

Commissioner Schultz: None.

Commissioner Elegeert: UPCAP received a \$100,000 grant to conduct regional jail study. Commissioners Elegeert and Ruohomaki will meet with Jonathan Mead from UPCAP.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Commissioner Rivard and seconded by Commissioner Bengry to adjourn at 6:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Nancy J. Kolich, County Clerk

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Thomas Elegeert, Board Chairperson