

**DELTA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**  
**December 7, 2010**

Escanaba, Michigan

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

December 2, 2010

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 7, 2010, at 5:15 p.m. in the Circuit Courtroom of the Delta County Courthouse.

Sincerely yours,  
Nancy Kolich  
Delta County Clerk

ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: None.

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

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved by Commissioner Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Ruohomaki to approve the minutes of November 23, 2010. MOTION CARRIED.

VI. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Commissioner Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Bengry to add item 12. Airport Maintenance Position. Moved by Commissioner Schultz and seconded Commissioner Rivard to approve the agenda as amended. MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

VII. PRESENTATION OF WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A. Received:

1. Letter from Wells Township on Public Hearing.

B. Forwarded:

1. Letter to Representative Elect Ed McBroom.
2. Letter to Senator Elect Tom Casperson.

VIII. REPORTS OF STANDING AND STATUTORY SPECIAL COMMITTEES AND OTHERS

1. Brownfield Authority minutes of 8-12-08, 10-20-10.
2. Board of Health minutes of 9-15-10.
3. Airport Advisory Board minutes of 8-11 & 9-8-10.
4. Concealed Weapons Board minutes of 10-19 & 11-9-10.
5. DATA Authority minutes of 10-21-10.
6. Dept of Human Services Board minutes of 10-25-10.
7. Solid Waste Management minutes of 10-26-10.
8. Pinecrest Board minutes of 10-29-10

VIII. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES AND OTHERS.

Moved by Commissioner Ruohomaki and seconded by Commissioner Rivard 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.

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Administrator's Report.

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

X. GENERAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

A. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. Payment of Bills.

Moved by Commissioner Ruohomaki and seconded by Commissioner Rivard to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$383,908.19. MOTION CARRIED.

2. Appointments to the Planning Commission.

Moved by Commissioner Bengry and seconded by Commissioner Rivard to re-appoint Donald Spodeck and Julian Vandecaveye to the Planning Commission. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Appointments to the Construction & Zoning Board of Appeals.

Moved by Commissioner Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Ruohomaki to re-appoint Wallen Godlewski and Donald Spodeck to the Construction and Zoning Board of Appeals. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Appointments to the Building Authority.

Moved by Commissioner Bengry and seconded by Commissioner Rivard to re-appoint Michael Parrett, Tom Pairolero, John Winneroski, and William Charon to the Building Authority. MOTION CARRIED.

5. Appointments to the Airport Advisory Board.

Tabled to allow Commissioner-elect Holm to make the appointment for his district.

6. Appointments to the Human Services Board.

Moved by Commissioner Bengry and seconded by Commissioner Ruohomaki to re-appoint Gerald Smith to the Human Services Board. MOTION CARRIED.

7. Appointments to the Parks and Recreation Board.

Moved by Commissioner Rivard and seconded by Commissioner Schultz to refer to the Delta County Soil Conservation District Board for appointment. MOTION CARRIED. Bengry opposed.

8. Appointments to the Delta-Menominee District Board of Health.

Moved by Commissioner Schultz and seconded by Rivard to re-appoint Tom Trudgeon to the Delta-Menominee District Board of Health Board. MOTION CARRIED.

9. Appointments to the Brownfield Authority.

Moved by Commissioner Rivard and seconded by Commissioner Schultz appoint Scott Wieting to the Brownfield Authority to fill the vacancy created by Don Spodeck's resignation. MOTION CARRIED.

10. Current Budget Year layoffs.

Moved by Commissioner Ruohomaki and seconded by Commissioner Bengry that money be transferred to the salary and wage accounts from the Delinquent Tax Fund and/or from the Foreclosure Fund and/or Revenue Sharing Reserve Fund and/or the Discretionary Fund and/or the Residual Equity Fund to assure that full time county employees will not be laid off this budget year.

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

MOTION FAILED.

11. Court Recording Equipment Request.

Moved by Commissioner Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Rivard to refer to the Finance Committee. MOTION CARRIED.

12. Airport Position.

Moved by Commissioner Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Rivard to authorize that the part-time Airport Maintenance position be returned to a full-time position. MOTION CARRIED. Ruohomaki opposed.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT

Charles Lindquist addressed the Board with his concern regarding the appointment to the Delta County Road Commission.

Sandra Buckland, Delta County Treasurer, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding the 2011 Budget and cuts being made.

XII. COMMISSIONERS CONCERN

Commissioner Bengry: 1. Place John LaTulip on Road Commission 2. Use the Residual Fund to fund the current budget shortfall 3. Address the Gary Branz retirement issue.

Commissioner Rivard: Addressed why one of the salaried positions received a raise while others didn't. Possibilities that lay-offs may not occur, or if funding does come in - employees will be called back.

Commissioner Ruohomaki: Clarification on what this Board has done in the past and why this procedure is not currently being used for wedding ceremonies performed by the Clerk on weekends and evenings. Has not been budgeted. Moved by Commissioner Ruohomaki and seconded by Commissioner Bengry to authorize the County Clerk's salary be paid for weddings that were performed and that the money be transferred and that a policy be developed. MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Schultz: None.

Commissioner Elegeert: Morgan Tatrow, Garden Township Supervisor, requested that the Board look into a county-wide zoning language for windmills. Moved by Commissioner Bengry and seconded by Commissioner Ruohomaki to refer to the Planning Commission to make recommendations to the County Board to add language to address the windmill activity in Delta County, not as an obstacle but as a standard. MOTION CARRIED.

#### XIII. MEETING SCHEDULE

December 21<sup>st</sup> 5:15 p.m. Board Meeting.

#### XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Commissioner Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Rivard to adjourn at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Nancy J. Kolich, County Clerk

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Thomas Elegeert, Board Chairperson