DELTA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
January 20, 2015

Escanaba, Michigan

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

January 15, 2015

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 January 20, 2015, at 5:15 p.m. in the Boardroom of the Delta County Service Center.

Sincerely yours,
Nancy J. Kolich
Delta County Clerk

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Commissioners Malnar, Johnson, Harrington, Moyle, and Rivard.

ABSENT: None.

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m. in the Boardroom of the Delta County Service Center by Delta County Clerk, Nancy Kolich.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Vickie Micheau, UP State Fair Authority, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding the UP State Fair Board appointment.

Christine Pepin, President - AFSCME, addressed the Board with her concerns with Board appointments.

Matt Jensen, veteran, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding placement of the US Flag and the Michigan Flag.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

1. 2015 Board Assignments.

Moved by Commissioner Moyle and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to adopt the Board assignments, as presented.
Approved 2-3-15

ROLL CALL       MALNAR     NO
                JOHNSON     NO
                MOYLE      YES
                RIVARD     NO
                HARRINGTON YES

MOTION FAILED.

Moved by Commissioner Moyle and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to adopt the Board assignments, with exception of the MAC Workman’s Compensation Board.

ROLL CALL       MALNAR     NO
                JOHNSON     YES
                MOYLE      YES
                RIVARD     NO
                HARRINGTON YES

MOTION CARRIED.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved by Commissioner Moyle and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2015 meeting and the January 8, 2015 and January 16, 2015 Committee of the Whole meetings. MOTION CARRIED.

VI. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Commissioner Moyle and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve the agenda with the agenda with the addition of 13.a. Menards Tax Tribunal Information and moving Public Comment and Commissioner’s Comments before Executive Session. MOTION CARRIED.

VII. PRESENTATION OF WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A. Received:

B. Forwarded:

VIII. REPORTS OF STANDING AND STATUTORY SPECIAL COMMITTEES AND OTHERS

VII. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES AND OTHERS.

Moved by Commissioner Rivard and seconded by Commissioner Harrington 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.
X. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

X. GENERAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

A. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. Payment of Bills.

Moved by Commissioner Moyle and seconded by Commissioner Malnar to approve payment of the bills in the amount of $252,820.50 and Commissioner’s expenses of $1,179.52. MOTION CARRIED.

2. 2015 Remonumentation Contract Amendment.

Moved by Commissioner Moyle and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve the 2015 Contract for the Delta County Remonumentation Plan, as amended

ROLL CALL

HARRINGTON YES
JOHNSON YES
MALNAR YES
MOYLE YES
RIVARD YES

MOTION CARRIED.

3. Agreement with MGT of America.

Moved by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Malnar to approve the Agreement with MGT of America, as presented.

ROLL CALL

HARRINGTON YES
JOHNSON YES
MALNAR YES
MOYLE YES
RIVARD YES

MOTION CARRIED.

4. Agreement with County of Schoolcraft.

Moved by Commissioner Rivard and seconded by Commissioner Moyle to table the Agreement with the County of Schoolcraft for Emergency Management services, for an explanation from the Emergency Management Coordinator Berbohm. MOTION CARRIED.
5. Zoning Case No. 1-15-PC.

Case 1-15-PC, Garden Township and various property owners, Garden Township. Moved by Commissioner Rivard and seconded by Commissioner Moyle to approve the request to rezone from Resource Production to Residential 2 as recommended by the Planning Commission.

ROLL CALL
MALNAR YES
JOHNSON YES
MOYLE YES
RIVARD YES
HARRINGTON YES

MOTION CARRIED.

6. Resolution Adopting “Text to 911”.

Moved by Commissioner Rivard and seconded by Commissioner Moyle to adopt the Resolution Adopting “Text to 911”, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

7. Next Michigan - Superior Trade Zone.

Informational.

8. Request to Purchase Additional Credited Service - Weber.

Moved by Commissioner Moyle and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve Mr. Weber’s request, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.


Moved by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Rivard to table to a Committee of the Whole meeting to discuss a one time bonus or salary increase for Elected, Non-bargaining and revisit the Road Commissioner salaries. MOTION CARRIED.


Moved by Commissioner Moyle and seconded by Commissioner Malnar to approve sponsoring Jessica Pelto, new Chief Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, to attend Delta Force. MOTION CARRIED.
11. **Garden Township Noise Ordinance.**

Janet Daasch, Garden Township, presented information on Wind Turbines, to the Board, and asked that they consider a moratorium on wind turbine construction on the Garden Peninsula.

12. **Federal Surplus Assistance Program Sponsorship.**

Moved by Commissioner Moyle and seconded by Commissioner Rivard to authorize the Board Chair to sign for surplus property through the Federal Surplus Assistance Program as requested by Sheriff Oswald. MOTION CARRIED.

13. **Infrastructure Improvements at the Parks.**

Moved by Commissioner Malnar and seconded by Commissioner Moyle to allow Mr. Mattson to seek bids on a ¾ ton truck for the Parks. MOTION CARRIED. Rivard - No

Moved by Commissioner Rivard and seconded by Commissioner Moyle to approve $5000 for road improvements at Fuller Park.

ROLL CALL

MALNAR  YES
JOHNSON  YES
MOYLE  YES
RIVARD  YES
HARRINGTON  YES

MOTION CARRIED.

13a. **Tax Tribunal Appeal – Menards.**

Moved by Commissioner Moyle and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to authorize up to $7,000 for attorney fees to appeal the Tax Tribunal Menards’ decision with the City of Escanaba and possibly Escanaba Schools and Bay College.

ROLL CALL

MALNAR  YES
JOHNSON  YES
MOYLE  YES
RIVARD  YES
HARRINGTON  YES

MOTION CARRIED.

14. **Executive Session.**

Moved by Commissioner Moyle and seconded by Commissioner Rivard to move into closed session at 7:07 p.m. for
the purpose of discussing land purchase under OMI Section 15.268(8)(c).

ROLL CALL
MALNAR       YES
JOHNSON       YES
MOYLE         YES
RIVARD        YES
HARRINGTON    YES

MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Moyle to reconvene into regular session at 7:39 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

No actions were taken during executive session.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Les Ruohomaki, Gladstone, requested that an official copy of the Administrator’s contract be kept on file at the County Clerk’s office.

Christine Pepin, AFSCME Local President, addressed the Board with concerns regarding bonuses and extra monies for the Parks.

Matt Jensen, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding ethical conduct of the Board.

Debbie Springingsguth, DHS Board, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding the cut to the DHS from $2000 to $500.

Kelly Smith, Airport Manager, addressed the Board with concerns with the Airport being shutdown for 3 days due to FAA weather equipment. Airport employee will be receiving weather training.

Connie Friets, AFSCME 2755 Chapter Chair, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding Commissioner committee compensation.

XIII. COMMISSIONERS CONCERNS

Commissioner Malnar: Some controversy, better communication.

Commissioner Johnson: Looks forward to the Board growing this year. Confident in the Board Chair.

Commissioner Moyle: Democratic process isn’t always fun, but it is effective. Looks forward to working with this board.
Commissioner Rivard: This Board in the past has not been fair and frank, and I will not let it continue, needs to be above board and transparent.

Commissioner Harrington: Big learning curve and growing pains for the Board. Will be honest in what she does. Put herself on the Workman’s Comp Board because she is a nurse and worked workman’s comp in the past.

XIV. MEETING SCHEDULE

February 3rd  5:15 p.m. Board meeting.
February 17th  5:15 p.m. Board meeting.

XV. NOTICES

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Commissioner Moyle and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to adjourn at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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   Nancy J. Kolich, County Clerk   Mary K. Harrington, Board Chair