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**DELTA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
March 18, 2014**

Escanaba, Michigan

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

March 13, 2014

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, 2014, at 5:15 p.m. in the Circuit Courtroom of the Delta County Courthouse.

Sincerely yours,
Nancy J. Kolich
Delta County Clerk

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Commissioners Elegeert, Harrington, Miller, Moyle, and Rivard.

ABSENT: None.

The meeting was called to order at 5:17 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 Moyle and seconded by Commissioner Harrington to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2014 meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

VI. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Commissioner Harrington and seconded by Commissioner Moyle to approve the agenda moving Item 4. Executive Session up to Item 1.b. under Committee Reports. MOTION CARRIED.

VII. PRESENTATION OF WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

VIII. REPORTS OF STANDING AND STATUTORY SPECIAL COMMITTEES AND OTHERS

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VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

William Nelson, Escanaba, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding an article that appeared in the Daily Press, regarding not allowing public bidding on excess electronic equipment sidewalk not being shoveled at the courthouse.

Christine Pepin, President AFSCME 2755, addressed the Board concerning the Employee Handbook, and is the Board taking action regarding unfair hiring practices.

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Finance Committee minutes of March 10, 2014.

1. Building and Zoning Copy Machine.

Moved by Commissioner Rivard and seconded by Commissioner Moyle to approve the purchase of a Konica Bizhub C284e from Cooper not to exceed \$6,382.64, as presented, with funds from the Capitol Outlay Fund. MOTION CARRIED.

2. Sheriff Request for Increased Funds to the Building Repair Line Item.

Moved by Commissioner Rivard and seconded by Commissioner Harrington to increase the Sheriff's Building Repair Line Item \$15,000 with funds from the General Fund. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Jail Office Remodel.

Moved by Commissioner Rivard and seconded by Commissioner Harrington to approve not to exceed \$40,000 for remodeling the business office at the jail, as presented, with funds from the Residual Equity Fund. MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Commissioner Moyle and Commissioner Harrington receive the Finance Committee minutes of March 10, 2014 and place on file. MOTION CARRIED.

1.b. Executive Session.

Moved by Commissioner Moyle and seconded by Commissioner Harrington to move into closed session at 5:24 p.m. for the purpose of discussing written attorney opinion, and contract negotiations under OMI Section 15.268(8)(c) and (e).

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| ROLL CALL | HARRINGTON | YES |
| | MILLER | YES |
| | MOYLE | YES |
| | RIVARD | YES |
| | ELEGEERT | YES |

MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Commissioner Moyle and seconded by Commissioner Harrington to reconvene into regular session at 6:00 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

No actions were taken during executive session.

Attorney Terry Burkhart addressed the Board with the Road Patrol contract proposal ratified by the Road Patrol members.

Moved by Commissioner Harrington and seconded by Commissioner Moyle to ratify the Road Patrol contract, as presented.

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| ROLL CALL | HARRINGTON | YES |
| | MILLER | YES |
| | MOYLE | YES |
| | RIVARD | YES |
| | ELEGEERT | YES |

MOTION CARRIED.

2. Personnel Committee minutes of March 12, 2014.

1. Employee Handbook.

Moved by Commissioner Harrington and seconded by Commissioner Miller to approve the Employee Handbook, as presented.

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| ROLL CALL | HARRINGTON | YES |
| | MILLER | YES |
| | MOYLE | YES |
| | RIVARD | YES |
| | ELEGEERT | YES |

MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Commissioner Moyle and seconded by Commissioner Harrington to receive the Personnel Committee minutes of March 12, 2014 and place on file. MOTION CARRIED.

XI. GENERAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

A. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. Payment of Bills.

Moved by Commissioner Harrington and seconded by Commissioner Moyle to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$646,762.91, and Commissioner's expenses of \$1,304.92. MOTION CARRIED.

2. Extreme Cold Weather Impact - "State of Emergency".

Moved by Commissioner Harrington and seconded by Commissioner Moyle to send a letter to the City of Escanaba stating support of their effort in requesting a Declaration of a State of Emergency, but at this time, we need to wait and continue to document, as recommended by Emergency Management Coordinator, Bob Berbohm. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Gladstone - Little Bay de Noc Proposed Trail.

Moved by Commissioner Miller and seconded by Commissioner Rivard to send a Letter of Support for the Proposed Little Bay de Noc Trail, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Christine Pepin, ASFCME Local 2755 President, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding the Budgets posted online. They are proposed budgets. What are the approved budgets and what was actually spent. None of the entrances to the courthouse have been cleared. Doors are not being unlocked, lights not being turned on.

Kaye Rowlands, retired Courthouse employee, addressed the Board with her concerns regarding the Board of Code of Ethics.

XIII. COMMISSIONERS CONCERNS

Commissioner Harrington: None.

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Commissioner Miller: None.

Commissioner Moyle: Voted against the electronics policy.

Commissioner Rivard: Appreciate the concerns that we've heard at public comments. Encourage the public to send ideas regarding the Employee Handbook to him or one of the other commissioners.

Commissioner Elegeert: Thanked the negotiation team for working out a contract with the Road Patrol, a step in the right direction.

XIV. MEETING SCHEDULE

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| April 1 st | 5:15 p.m. | Board meeting. |
| April 15 th | 5:15 p.m. | Statutory Board meeting. |
| May 6 th | 5:15 p.m. | Board meeting. |

XV. NOTICES

30 day Notice of Appointments

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Commissioner Moyle and seconded by Commissioner Rivard to adjourn at 6:41 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy J. Kolich, County Clerk

Thomas Elegeert, Board Chairperson