DELTA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
April 11, 2017

Escanaba, Michigan

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

April 6, 2017

The Honorable Members of the Delta County Board of Commissioners

Dear Commissioners:

A Statutory Meeting of the Delta County Board of Commissioners is scheduled for Tuesday April 11, 2017, 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 Tatrow, Johnson, Nelson, and Rivard.

EXCUSED: Commissioner Moyle.

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.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Tatrow to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2017 meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

VI. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Tatrow to approve the agenda as amended, adding Item 7. Delta-Hermansville Trail. MOTION CARRIED.

VII. PRESENTATION OF WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A. Received: No written communications were received.

B. Forwarded: No written communications were forwarded.
VIII. REPORTS OF STANDING AND STATUTORY SPECIAL COMMITTEES AND OTHERS

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VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Rory Mattson, Delta County Conservation District Director, addressed the Board with information on setting a speed limit on the Delta Hermansville Trail.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Administrator’s Report.

Escanaba is working with the EDA on a solar farm location, and land at the Airport may be suitable. They are still developing the idea, but there may be opportunities to invest and realize electrical savings.

We may have to make some changes to the electrical panel at the courthouse to accommodate the new equipment. Current amp load will not be enough. We are working with Trane on solutions.

The City of Menominee has asked for one more month of Dan’s assistance—and he is willing. But, I told him the county would not be interested in a long-term partnership for Building Inspector.

An unused $400,000 loan will be paid back to the state in the next few weeks because of the cancelled Brownfield Project that the City of Escanaba had.

We will likely not have a complete contract with our Construction Manager until the first meeting in May. Still working out some of the issues.

Road Patrol and Corrections have been meeting to tweak the design of the facility. Reminder that our Architect/Engineer will be up April 19th at 2 pm. A Committee of the Whole will be held with Byce at 4:00 pm at the Service Center.

Moved by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Tatrow to receive the Administrator’s Report and place on file. MOTION CARRIED.

IX. GENERAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

A. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

B. NEW BUSINESS
1. Payment of Bills.

Moved by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Nelson to approve payment of the bills in the amount of $63,521.97 with Commissioner expenses of $739.92.

ROLL CALL

TATROW  YES
JOHNSON  YES
NELSON  YES
MOYLE  ABSENT
RIVARD  YES

MOTION CARRIED.

2. Veteran Affairs Officer Update.

David Dziewior, Delta County Veteran Affairs Officer, gave the Board an update on the improved services to Delta County Veterans. This included increasing the office hours from 12 to 40 hours per week, receiving accreditations giving him a higher level of access to review claims, servicing just under 500 veterans in the past year, $20,000 in grant monies, attending 3 major conferences, conducting various trainings for vets, a booth at the UP State Fair, the VA van will be up and running in July/August to drive D.C. vets to the VA hospital in Iron Mountain, it will be driven by approved volunteers and maintained by the VA. There will be a Veterans town meeting held on May 9 at 1:00 pm at the American Legion Hall in Gladstone.


Administrator Bergman gave a mid-year financial presentation to the Board stating that we are in a reasonably strong financial position other than the pension liability.

4. Detached Service Center Building Utilization.

Moved by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Tatrow to approve using the detached Service Center building as an operation point for the jail project contractors, and temporary offices for Jail Administrator Jason Thibeault, and Emergency Manager Bob Berbohm. MOTION CARRIED.

5. Appointment to the Jury Commission.

Moved by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Nelson to re-appoint Sandra Dagenais to the Jury Commission, as recommended by Judge Economopoulos. MOTION CARRIED.

Tim Kobasic, SORVA, addressed the Board requesting a Resolution in support of a 25 mph speed limit on the Delta-Hermansville Trail from K.5 Road to CR 551. The Board tabled this to next week to get input from the Sheriff.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Rory Mattson, DCCD Director, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding whitewater rafting (Discovering Episode 2015-142) the Conservation District Board will meet to discuss the impact on Pioneer Trail Park, will make a Parks presentation to the Board on May 2, would like to meet with Senator Casperson and Representative LaFave regarding the budget hold up on the Cornell property purchase.

XIII. COMMISSIONERS CONCERNS

Commissioner Tatrow: None.
Commissioner Johnson: None.
Commissioner Nelson: None.
Commissioner Moyle: None.
Commissioner Rivard: Encourage the Veterans to see Dave.

XIV. MEETING SCHEDULE

April 18th 5:15 p.m. Board meeting.
May 2nd 5:15 p.m. Board meeting.
May 16th 5:15 p.m. Board meeting.

XV. NOTICES

30 day notice of appointments.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Tatrow to adjourn at 6:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Nancy J. Kolich, County Clerk  David Rivard, Board Chair