DELTA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
February 6, 2018
Escanaba, Michigan

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

February 1, 2018

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 February 6, 2018, 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, 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.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved by Commissioner Moyle and seconded by Commissioner Tatrow to approve the minutes of the January 16, 2018 meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

VI. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Moyle to approve the agenda, as amended, adding Item 10. Michigan Salt Bill. MOTION CARRIED.

VII. PRESENTATION OF WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A. Received: 1. Letter from State of Michigan, LARA.
2. Letter from City of Escanaba (2).
3. Letter from State of Michigan, DNR.
5. Letter from FCC.

B. Forwarded: No communications were forwarded.

VIII. REPORTS OF STANDING AND STATUTORY SPECIAL COMMITTEES AND OTHERS

1. Solid Waste Authority minutes of 1-24-17 and 12-26-17.
2. Central Dispatch minutes of 11-8-17 and 1-10-18.
3. CAA/HRA minutes of 11-9-17.
4. Human Services Board minutes of 12-11-17.
5. Pinecrest Board minutes of 12-14-17.

VIII. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES AND OTHERS.

1. Township Association minutes of 10-26-17 and 12-1-16.
2. Joint Governmental minutes of 10-26-17.

Moved by Commissioner Moyle and seconded by Commissioner Tatrow 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.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Administrator’s Report.

There are new ADA rules on government websites. There are no exceptions. It is going to take significant time investment to put all agenda materials on the website.

We had a owners construction meeting this morning on the jail facility. We’ve used only 5% of our construction contingency, and we’re probably about 40% through the project. We also may have an earlier completion date than the initial November 19th date. We are currently on schedule and on budget.

Sent the transition team up to Marquette to review their mental health diversion model.

All reimbursement has been approved for our DNR Trust Fund Grant.

The Planning Commission approved the special use permits for 36 wind turbines at the meeting yesterday. No board action is required. If there is an appeal, by rule it would go directly to Circuit Court.
X. GENERAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

A. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. Payment of Bills.

Moved by Commissioner Moyle and seconded by Commissioner Tatrow to pay bills in the amount of $321,943.47 and Commissioners expenses of $938.58.

ROLL CALL

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MOTION CARRIED.

2. Judge Parks: District Court Updates.

Judge Parks gave the Board an update on the District Court. District Court had taken over sentenced Community Service Program when the Community Corrections lost funding. John Harris is doing a good job. Community Service is a great tool. 362 people with a 93% completion rate and a total of 11,700 hours. They are building benches and kid’s tables. Proceeds will be given back to the community. Drug Court started about 1 ½ years, in 3-4 months will have first four graduates – who were high risk IV drug users. Judge Parks has been with the county for 14 years and stated Administrator Ryan Bergman has brought transparency and integrity to the county.


Treasurer Tom Sabor gave the Board the 2017 Foreclosure Report for the 2014 taxes. Started March 1 with 326 delinquent tax properties. Last August, auctioned 21 properties which included 14 abandoned homes and 7 vacant lots. 19 properties were sold at auction which left one empty lot and one abandoned home, which will be torn down and the empty lot sold. Moved by Commissioner Moyle and seconded by Commissioner Tatrow to receive the 2017 Foreclosure Report and place on file. MOTION CARRIED.


Moved by Commissioner Moyle and seconded by Commissioner Tatrow to pay the City of Escanaba $21,020.68 for attorney fees for the Menards Tax Tribunal lawsuit based on the 2017 apportionment not to include 911 and the Landfill portion,
with future reimbursements for only the Menards Dark Store case.  
MOTION CARRIED.

5. Airport Manager Search Update.

There were 38 candidates who applied for the Airport Manager position, eight candidates were interviewed with three candidates being selected as finalists. They will be interviewed February 19 and 20th.


The bids for the Jail Management Software RFP were opened. The bids were given to the Sheriff to review with the IT Director and make a recommendation.

7. Child Advocacy Center Lease Agreement.

Move by Commissioner Moyle and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve the Child Advocacy Lease Agreement for $1,150 per month including utilities, based on the Memorandum of Understanding, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.


Moved by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Moyle to authorize a letter of support for the City of Escanaba Trust Fund Grant request to connect the north side of Escanaba to the non-motorized pathway system. MOTION CARRIED.


Rory Mattson, DCCD Director, gave the Board an update on the Rapid River Falls Trust Fund Development Grant application for campground facilities. A second Public Hearing will be held at 6:00 pm on February 13 at the USDA Service Center in Gladstone. CUPPAD will be doing the mapping for the project. The Board will need to approve the final resolution and the matching funds for the application.

10. Michigan Salt Bill.

Moved by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Moyle to authorize a letter opposing Senate Bill 363 which creates a preference for the salt produced in Detroit. Will cause problems for our Road Commission who will have to pay a higher price. Additionally, our salt currently comes in through the Gladstone Port, which is good for the port. MOTION CARRIED.
XII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Rory Mattson, Delta County citizen, addressed the Board regarding property in Cornell Township.

XIII. COMMISSIONERS CONCERNS

Commissioner Tatrow: None.

Commissioner Johnson: None.

Commissioner Nelson: Thanked Judge Parks for establishing the Drug Court. The Sign Committee will have raffle tickets.

Commissioner Moyle: Thanked Dan Menacher for his work with the Planning Commission - outstanding and conscientious.

Commissioner Rivard: Thanked Judge Parks for his work with the Drug Court. Moved by Commissioner Rivard and seconded by Commissioner Nelson to send a letter thanking Building and Zoning Director Dan Menacher and the Planning Commission for their work on the Wind Turbines.

XIV. MEETING SCHEDULE

March 6th  5:15 p.m.  Board meeting.
March 20th  5:15 p.m.  Board meeting.
April 3rd  5:15 p.m.  Board meeting.
April 10th  5:15 p.m.  Statutory Board meeting.
April 17th  5:15 p.m.  Board meeting.

XV. NOTICES

30 day notice of appointments.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Commissioner Moyle and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to adjourn at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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