DELTA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
March 20, 2018

Escanaba, Michigan

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

March 15, 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 March 20, 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, Moyle, Nelson 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 Chief Deputy Clerk, Susanne Dubord.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved by Commissioner Moyle and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve the minutes of the March 6, 2018 meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

VI. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Administrator’s Report removed from agenda in lieu of the presentation of a Mid Year Financial Report under New Business. Moved by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Moyle to approve the agenda. MOTION CARRIED.

VII. PRESENTATION OF WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS
A. Received: No communications were received.
B. Forwarded: No communications were forwarded.

VIII. REPORTS OF STANDING AND STATUTORY SPECIAL COMMITTEES AND OTHERS

None.

IX. Public Hearing on the MNRTF Grant Application for the Proposed ORV/ATV Campground at Rapid River Falls Park:

Moved by Commissioner Moyle and seconded by Commissioner Nelson to open the Public Hearing on the MNRTF Grant Application for the Proposed ORV/ATV campground at Rapid River Falls Park at 5:20 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Rory Mattson, Delta County Conservation District Director, presented information in regards to the grant application process, timeline and plans for the park.

Leonard Gustafson voiced his concerns to fixing the road and finding a solution for keeping the dust down before the park is built.

Mike Fuller agreed with all of Mr. Gustafson’s concerns.

Richard Wirt voiced concern of fixing the road for safety purposes before the ATV/ORV traffic increases.

Jody Norman addressed citizen concerns in regards to the state of the road.

Moved by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Tatrow to close the Public Hearing at 5:42 p.m. MOTION CARRIED

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Administrator’s Report.

X. GENERAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

A. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
   None.
B. NEW BUSINESS

1. Payment of Bills.

Moved by Commissioner Moyle and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to pay bills in the amount of $794,354.22 and Commissioners expenses of $351.30.

ROLL CALL  
TATROW  YES
JOHNSON  YES
NELSON  YES
MOYLE  YES
RIVARD  YES

MOTION CARRIED.

2. Civil Counsel Legal Update.

Phil Strom, Delta County Prosecuting Attorney, provided an update on the civil cases that have been filed in regards to the windmill matters. One case is expected to be dismissed and the other, the appeal case, is now moving forward with the filing of certified documents and minutes from the Planning Commission.

3. Zoning Case 2-18-PC.

Case 2-18-PC, Galen and Julie Vandrese, Cornell Township. Moved by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Tatrow to approve the request to rezone from Agricultural Production to Rural Residential as recommended by the Planning Commission.

ROLL CALL  
TATROW  YES
JOHNSON  YES
NELSON  YES
MOYLE  YES
RIVARD  YES

MOTION CARRIED.

4. Pinecrest Medical Care Facility – Executive Director.

Darlene Smith, current Administrator of Pinecrest Medical Care Facility, introduced the new incoming Administrator, Nicole Freeland. She then spoke about pursuing a millage in the three counties Pinecrest serves, including Delta County. The combination of an aging building, ongoing training requirements and revenue collection issues have left them dipping into their
investments to cover their expenditures. In Delta County they would be seeking 0.45 mils and would like support of the millage from Delta County.

Additionally, to complete a walking path in Spalding Township, a one acre plot of land would need to be deeded from Pinecrest to Spalding Township. Moved by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Moyle to allow Pinecrest to deed a one acre plot of land for the walking path with a right of way access easement to a wooded area for the purpose of a timber cut. MOTION CARRIED.

5. MNRTF Grant Application and Resolution – ORV/ATV Campground at Rapid River Falls Park.

Moved by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Nelson to approve the grant application and resolution for the ORV/ATV campground with the county covering the 25% local share of the grant, as presented.

ROLL CALL TATORW YES
JOHNSON YES
NELSON YES
MOYLE YES
RIVARD YES

MOTION CARRIED.


Administrator Bergman presented the 2018 mid-year financial report which included a look at the Fiscal year 2017 audit, review of the current budget projections, and preliminary planning for the FY 2018 budget. The report indicated that the financial state of the County is very strong due to high fund balances, recent taxable growth, low amount of debt, and a maxed out pension stabilization fund.


US Forest Service would like to build a building on some property owned by Delta County in Rapid River. They currently have an old building. Moved by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Moyle to approve the new building with the condition that they house our 911 equipment in the new building. MOTION CARRIED.
8. Hannahville 2% Grants.

The process for applying for Hannahville 2% grants is now electronic. For ease of use, we will maintain one approval login for Administration. Any commissioner needing any grant supported would just need to notify the Administrator.

9. Road Commission Executive Director.

Jody Norman, Road Commission Executive Director, informed the board about an upcoming US Forest Service project to cut and haul and estimated 35.1 million board feet of timber from property off County Road 440, County Road 442 and Highway 13. His concern is the damage that will occur to those roads and is requesting that funds deposited into the General Fund from the Forest Service, be redirected to the Road Commission to upgrade those roads.

XII. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

XIII. COMMISSIONERS CONCERNS

Commissioner Nelson: Attended a meeting with the Back 40 Mine Company and was disappointed that the meeting was merely a survey and no real information was given.

Commissioner Tatrow: None.

Commissioner Johnson: None.

Commissioner Moyle: Today is National Agriculture Day. Thanks to all who are a part of the agricultural industry.

Commissioner Rivard: Expressed concerns that it will be a tough year for millages.

XIV. MEETING SCHEDULE

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: None:

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Moyle to adjourn at 6:39 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susanne Dubord, Chief Deputy Clerk               David Rivard, Board Chair