DELTA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
May 19, 2020

Escanaba, Michigan

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

May 14, 2020

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 May 19, 2020, at 5:15 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Service Center and via Zoom due to the Governor’s Executive Order regarding Covid-19.

Sincerely yours,
Nancy J. Przewrocki
Delta County Clerk

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Commissioners Tatrow, Nelson, Johnson, Moyle, and Rivard.

ABSENT: None.

The meeting was called to order at 5:25 p.m. by Delta County Clerk, Nancy Przewrocki.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved by Commissioner Moyle and seconded by Commissioner Rivard to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2020 meeting and the Special meeting of 5-14-2020. MOTION CARRIED.

VI. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Commissioner Tatrow and seconded by Commissioner Rivard to approve the agenda, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

VII. PRESENTATION OF WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

VIII. REPORTS OF STANDING AND STATUTORY SPECIAL COMMITTEES AND OTHERS
Moved by Commissioner Rivard and seconded by Commissioner Moyle 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.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None.

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Administrator’s Report.
   See attached.

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

2. Finance Committee minutes of 5-12-20.

   Moved by Commissioner Moyle and seconded by Commissioner Rivard to receive the minutes of the Finance Committee minutes of May 12, 2020. MOTION CARRIED.

XI. 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 $ 3,372,749.12 and Commissioners expenses of $ 0.

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

   MOTION CARRIED.
   Moved by Commissioner Moyle and seconded by Commissioner Tatrow to approve the Airport CARES Act Grant Contract and authorize Chairman Johnson to sign. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Administrator’s Contract.
   Moved by Commissioner Rivard and seconded by Commissioner Moyle to table to a later date. MOTION CARRIED.

   Informational from Sheriff Oswald, Lt. Cunningham and Director LaMarche regarding law enforcement plan – would follow the State of Michigan plan.

5. Delta County Campgrounds.
   Moved by Commissioner Moyle and seconded by Commissioner Tatrow to direct the Delta County Conservation District to open the Delta County Parks to people from Regions 6 and 8 on May 21, 2020 to allow camping to seasonal campers who make Fuller or Pioneer Trail Park their secondary home within the Governor’s Executive Orders.

   ROLL CALL | TATROW | YES
              | NELSON | NO
              | MOYLE  | YES
              | RIVARD | NO
              | JOHNSON| YES

   MOTION CARRIED.

   Chairman Johnson issued a public apology to Connie Friets, as she was not the one who made derogatory comments at the last meeting. Ms. Friets graciously accepted the apology.

   XII. PUBLIC COMMENT
   Connie Friets, Escanaba, when the order is lifted, will there be any campsites left for locals? (The answer was yes, there will be many.)

   Rebecca McIntyre, Escanaba, asked who will pay the fines for the campground?

   Wendy Pepin, Escanaba, wanted to know what happened to waiting until the end of May when the order will be lifted?
Donna Allsworth, I just want to camp.

Richard Pichette, Garden Township Supervisor, questioned the PILT Swamp Tax distribution.

Renee Richer, Escanaba Township, wanted to clarify the cut to the Administrator’s salary due to Covid-19. (Answer: No cut and not due to Covid-19).

Neil Hivala, Escanaba, how much does a seasonal camping permit cost?

Fran Majestic, Escanaba, your opinion is not law.

XIII. COMMISSIONERS CONCERNS

Commissioner Tatrow: Takes opening the campgrounds very seriously, within the realm of the Governor’s Executive Order.

Commissioner Nelson: Wants people to realize that she takes opening the campgrounds very seriously. Rory and Steve do a fantastic job. Talked to EGLE, Homeland Security, Health Dept. health and safety of the people.

Commissioner Moyle: Took Oath to uphold the Constitution, never taken anything more seriously. The Governor is allowing bars and restaurants to re-open on Friday. Some things are worth fighting for, going to court for.

Commissioner Rivard: Thanked law enforcement and EMS for the great job they are doing during this unusual time. The campground not an easy decision. Took an oath to uphold laws.

Commissioner Johnson: Plenty of campsites still available on a first come first serve basis. Who will pay the fines? – take that very seriously. Why not wait? Some things have changed. Our opinion is not law – you’re absolutely right but it is our best interpretation.

XIV. MEETING SCHEDULE

June 2nd 5:15 p.m. Board meeting.
June 16th 5:15 p.m. Board meeting.
July 7th 5:15 p.m. Board meeting.
July 21st 5:15 p.m. Board meeting.

XV. NOTICES
Approved 6-2-20

30 day notice of appointments.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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Nancy J. Przewrocki, County Clerk  Patrick Johnson, Board Chair