DELTA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
June 2, 2020  

Escanaba, Michigan  

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

May 28, 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 June 2, 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 5:17 p.m. by Delta County Clerk, Nancy Przewrocki.  

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING  

Moved by Commissioner Moyle and seconded by Commissioner Tatrow to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2020 meeting and the Special meeting of 5-15-2020. 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 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.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Janice Cummings, Escanaba, the Governor left opening campgrounds up to the local governments.

Rory Mattson, Ford River, watching things – fishing allowed, bars opened, casino opened, Stonington has 19 campers, DNR opened camping on State land, playgrounds in Escanaba opened.

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Administrator’s Report.

Will be submitting to FEMA for reimbursement, will be doing interviews for the Controller position, the Courthouse will be open 8:00 – 4:00 to the public starting June 8th, and received notice that the Census Bureau will be resuming door to door.

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

2. Personnel Committee minutes of 5-29-20.

Moved by Commissioner Moyle and seconded by Commissioner Tatrow to receive the minutes of the Personnel Committee minutes of May 29, 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 $358,361.88 and Commissioners expenses of $1,347.24.

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MOTION CARRIED.
2. Request to Purchase Service Credit – Hansen.
   Moved by Commissioner Rivard and seconded by Commissioner Moyle to grant Sgt. Hansen’s request to purchase Service Credit. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Cabin Fundraiser.
   Informational on fundraiser for cabins at Fuller and Pioneer Trail Parks.

4. Hannahville 2% Grant – Truck Purchase.
   Moved by Commissioner Rivard and seconded by Commissioner Tatrow to subsidize the $13,588.65 difference for the 2020 Chevrolet 2500 HD Crew Cab 4 x 4 not covered by the Hannahville 2% grant of $32,000. MOTION CARRIED.

5. Veterans Service Renovation Bid.
   Moved by Commissioner Moyle and seconded by Commissioner Tatrow to approve the renovation bid of $24,600 to move the Veterans Service office to the Service Center to be paid for by a grant. MOTION CARRIED.

6. Fair Authority Request for Loan.
   Moved by Commissioner Rivard and seconded by Commissioner Moyle to extend the UP State Fair Authority Board loan by $200,000 from the 616 Fund, to repair structural damage to the Beef Barn. The original loan balance is $240,000. MOTION CARRIED.

7. COVID-19.
   The Courthouse and Airport are back to regular hours.

8. County Campgrounds.
   Moved by Commissioner Moyle and seconded by Commissioner Tatrow to open the county campgrounds and pavilions to everyone for recreational camping and to allow the Conservation District to manage.

ROLL CALL

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MOTION CARRIED.

No applicants that met qualifications. Moved by Commissioner Rivard and seconded by Commissioner Moyle to create a full time Housekeeping/Grounds Maintenance position that will be split between the Courthouse and the Airport. MOTION CARRIED.

10. Closed Session.

Moved by Commissioner Moyle and seconded by Commissioner Tatrow to enter into closed session to discuss with the County's attorney trial and/or settlement strategy in the pending lawsuit of Hopkins v. Sierpien, et al, Case No. 2:19-cv-0026, pursuant to MCL 15.268(e) as a discussion on the open record would be detrimental to our position, and also to discuss material exempt from disclosure under the attorney-client privilege, MCL 15.243(1)(g) and MCL 15.268(h).

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Moved by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Moyle to exit closed session wherein we discussed with the County's attorney trial and/or settlement strategy in the pending lawsuit Hopkins v. Sierpien, et al, Case No. 2:19-cv-0026, pursuant to MCL 15.268(e) as a discussion on the open record would have been detrimental to our position, and also discussed material exempt from disclosure under the attorney-client privilege, MCL 15.243(1)(g) and MCL 15.268(h) at 6:54 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

No actions were taken during executive session.

Moved by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Moyle to accept the advice of counsel regarding trial/settlement strategy of the case of Hopkins v. Sierpien, et al, Case No. 2:19-cv-0026, within the certain parameters discussed during the closed session as part of the County's trial and/or settlement strategy. MOTION CARRIED.


Moved by Commissioner Moyle and seconded by Commissioner Tatrow to send letters of Appreciation for those who donated to the Search and Rescue building at the Service Center: DeGrand Construction, Mr. Rental – Rich McInerney, Billy Electric and the Delta Schoolcraft ISD.
XII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Donna Allsworth, Escanaba, thanked the Commissioners for opening the campgrounds. She will help with cabin fundraisers.

M.P. LeBeau, Escanaba, thanked the Commissioners for opening the campgrounds.

XIII. COMMISSIONERS CONCERNS

Commissioner Tatrow: None.

Commissioner Nelson: Happy the campgrounds are opening – thanked Rory and Steve for what they do at the campgrounds.

Commissioner Moyle: None.

Commissioner Rivard: Thank you everybody who is connected to the County – thank you tremendously.

Commissioner Johnson: Commend everybody especially members of the community.

XIV. MEETING SCHEDULE

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

30 day notice of appointments.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Commissioner Moyle and seconded by Commissioner Tatrow to adjourn at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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