

JOINT GOVERNMENTAL ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION
Wednesday, February 10, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. in the Escanaba City Council Chambers, Room C101, 410 Ludington Street, Escanaba, Michigan, Delta County.

Present: Escanaba Delta County Commissioners David Rivard and John Malnar, Ryan Bergman Delta County Administrator, Ed Oswald Delta County Sheriff, Delta County Clerk Nancy Kolich, Escanaba Mayor Marc D. Tall, Escanaba City Manager James V. O'Toole, City Clerk Robert S. Richards, Darla Falcon Gladstone City Manager, City Recreation Director Kimberly Peterson, Ed Legault Downtown Development Director, Kelly Smith of the Delta County Airport, William Farley Wells Township Supervisor, Peter Van Steen, and Richard Smith of CUPPAD, Greg Johnson of Bark River Township, Vicki Schwab Executive Director of the Delta County Economic Development Alliance (EDA), Rick Elrod of the Delta County Commerce Center, Stacy Haughey Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and members of the public and media.

Escanaba City Manager Jim O'Toole called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

NEW BUSINESS

Presentation – Delta County Administrator Ryan Bergman and Sheriff Ed Oswald – Delta County Jail Project.

Mr. Ryan Bergman and Sheriff Ed Oswald updated those in attendance the proposed jail project and proposed May 3rd millage currently under consideration. (See Attachment – A)

- The proposed new Jail was a \$19.9 million Bond Proposal;
- Provided a brief history of the current jail and consultant activities for the proposed new jail;
- Proposed new jail site was the current County Service Center;
- Project would accommodate approximately 180 inmates, and reviewed proposed Pod design;
- Reviewed proposed financial details for the project that would cost on average approximately \$45 on a \$100,000 home;
- Reviewed project timeline based on an approval at the May 3, 2016, special election;
- To help pay for operating cost, County would sell extra beds to neighboring communities;
- Need to pay for a jail eventually. Current facility was outdated and if fell in a state of disrepair, and failed, would drain financial resources within a year;
- Rural Development Funding would come in at a reduced interest rate that would save approximately one million dollars;
- Millage rate would fluctuate to pay the debt.

Update – Delta Chamber of Commerce – Community Events Calendar.

Rick Elrod of the Delta Chamber of Commerce advised they were in the process of updating their 2016 Community Events Calendar for all events taking place in Delta County. Their goal was to provide an opportunity for community organizations to promote their upcoming event and to ensure their events appear on the Community Events Calendar. Mr. Elrod stated, any business or group, were encouraged to put their event on the Community Event Calendar to promote their event;

Update – Delta County Airport – Commercial Airline Services.

Mrs. Kelly Smith, Delta County Airport Manager, provided an update on the new schedule for commercial airlines services at the Delta County Airport. The proposed new Airline schedules would be changing on March 2, 2016. Mrs. Smith advised it was important to keep flights at 10,000 seats to ensure funding from the Federal Government. (See Attachment – B)

Committee Member Announcements and Updates.

Those in attendance also provided Items of Mutual Interest and Concern in their municipalities and received updates by Department of Natural Resources (DNR) representative Stacey Haughey regarding DNR activities and funding available in Delta County, and an update by Vicki Schwab on Economic Development activities in Delta County.

Next scheduled meeting was March 9, 2016.

Hearing no further public comment, meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Robert S. Richards, Escanaba City Clerk, Recording Secretary