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County board hires DeSalvo as district court consultant

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ESCANABA — The Delta County Board of Commissioners voted Tuesday to hire former Delta County Administrator Emily DeSalvo as a district court consultant, despite commissioners initially hesitating to employ the administrator whose February firing sparked ongoing recall efforts.

"I reached out to the former county administrator, Emily DeSalvo, (who) used to work for me, who's spent most of her career in the courts and knows the district court better than anyone, really, and asked her if she would be

willing to come back to serve as a consultant to assist the court administrator in learning the responsibilities that are associated with running the drug and sobriety court and submitting the grants that are necessary to keep it operating," District Court Judge Steven Parks told the commissioners Monday.

This was not the first time commissioners had heard the request to hire DeSalvo on a temporary basis. The issue was first broached by 94th District Court Magistrate Jeana LaCarte at the Delta County Finance Committee, who represented Parks at the county's finance committee Friday.

"It's just it's too much and Emily makes the

most sense because she knows the job, you know? There are things I don't even know, you know, so it just makes sense for that person to be Emily," LaCarte told commissioners Bob Barron and Bob Petersen at the committee meeting.

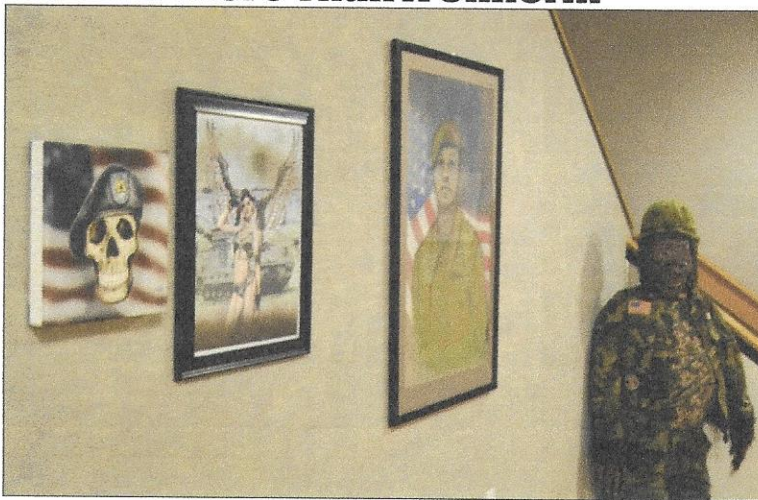
While it was noted that Emily's hire would be paid for using grant funding, approval at the finance committee level was a crucial first step for the full county commission to weigh in on the proposal. However, Barron and Petersen both voted to table the hiring of a consultant, preventing the question from being included on Tuesday's commission agenda.

After video of the committee meeting began circulating on Facebook, Petersen made a post through the "Bob Petersen for Delta County Commissioner, District 5" Facebook page, which he has historically used to communicate with constituents.

"As the discussion advanced it was disclosed that the consultant was Emily DeSalvo, the county administrator that was fired in February by the County Board. Emily was actually going to be hired to help catch up on paper work, she would be worked as long and as much as possible. The pay would have been

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'More Than A Uniform'



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Some of the artwork is shown in the "More Than A Uniform" exhibit at the Bonifas Fine Arts Center in Escanaba. The exhibit will be on display from Thursday, Sept. 21 through Thursday, Nov. 2, and will highlight art by service members, veterans, family members and caregivers. A reception to kick off the exhibit is being held at the arts center tonight from 6 to 8 p.m. The Oscar G. Johnson VA Medical Center partnered with the Bonifas to bring this exhibit to the arts center.

Prank at Bay comes hours after false shooter alert

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ESCANABA — Just hours after a "run, hide, fight" message was sent to Bay College students and staff in error Tuesday, officers were back at the college's Escanaba campus to investigate a report of a subject carrying an assault rifle — which was later discovered to be a prank gone wrong.

According to a release issued by Escanaba Public Safety Wednesday, officers were dispatched to the college at 11:01 p.m. on a report of a subject walking around the Bay College dormitory carrying an assault rifle, wearing a mask, and knocking on the dorm room doors.

Officers simultaneously worked with Bay College staff to review surveillance footage and interview students while searching for the suspect. Through the interviews and video, officers learned that three suspects were wearing Halloween masks and one was carrying a plastic Halloween machete.

No real weapons were involved in the incident and officers learned the students — who were identified and interviewed — were attempting to prank other students.

The prank followed the "run, hide, fight" message, which was sent by text and automated voice message to students and staff enrolled in the e2Campus emergency messaging system shortly before 10:20 a.m. Tuesday. According to Bay College, that message was the result of an accidental activation, but the warning of a possible deadly threat on campus sent students fleeing buildings and led to distraught messages being sent to family members.

"Thank you to local law enforcement for their rapid response, as well as students and employees who rapidly acted to exit the college as well as assist others. We understand these events can cause high emotion, and encourage those affected to seek support," the college wrote in a Facebook post published shortly before noon Tuesday.

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Candidate forum features Escanaba, Gladstone city races

ESCANABA — In partnership with the American Association of University Women (AAUW), then League of Women Voters of Delta County will hold a candidate forum Wednesday, October 18 at the Escanaba City Hall Council Chambers. The League will host the candidates running for the Gladstone City Commission and the Escanaba City Council from 7 to 8:30 p.m. In each race, there are three candidates running for two seats. Those candidates invited to participate from Gladstone are: Judy Akkala, Brian Godfrey, and Brad Mantela. Escanaba candidates are: Tyler Dubord, Karen Moore, and Rhonda Waters.

A few days after the October 18 forum, the LWVDC directs voters to the League Facebook page: HYPERLINK "http://www.facebook.com/DeltaCountyLeagueofWomenVoters/" www.facebook.com/DeltaCountyLeagueofWomenVoters/. There you will be able to view the forum video.

The League of Women Voters of Delta County would also like to direct voters to a free, non-partisan,

At a glance

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tisan, voter education resource, VOTE411.org. It was created to provide a personalized voting guide that includes up-to-date information the voter needs to cast their ballot, including who will be on the ballot, information about early or absentee voting and what types of identification you will need.

Vote411.org also helps voters find their polling

place, check voting hours, and read tips about voting in Michigan.

"We have solicited responses to questions from the candidates running for the various local races. Voters in Delta County need to hear candidates' positions on key issues — in their own words, without bias or favoritism," said Ann Hissell, voter service chair of the LWVDC. "We know voters in Delta County want to be informed before they vote in the upcoming general election."

The LWV is a non-partisan political organization that has worked for over 100 years to encourage informed and active participation in government. The organization works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influence public policy through education and advocacy.

The League never supports or opposes candidates or political parties. New members are always welcome. Contact Ann at 786-3058 or Sue at 786-9261 or HYPERLINK "mailto:lwvdeltacounty@yahoo.com" lwvdeltacounty@yahoo.com.

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