

DICKINSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Monday, August 28, 2017 - 6:00 p.m.
Courthouse - Circuit Courtroom

Tape 285

1. The meeting was called to Order by Chairman Wender at 6:00 P.M.
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said by all.
3. Roll Call was taken by County Clerk Dolly Cook and a quorum was present.
Present: Chairman Wender, Vice Chairman Stevens and Commissioners Degenauer, Kramer and Martin. (5)
Absent: None
Also Present: County Clerk Dolly Cook, Sheriff Scott Rutter, Controller Brian Bousley, Prosecutor Lisa Richards., Judge Mary Barglind and Judge Rich Ceello.
4. Motion by Commissioner Kramer, supported by Commissioner Stevens to accept the agenda with the following additions:
 - Move 10.1. Discussion regarding re-structuring of the Friend of the Court to 7A, 2.
K. Public Safety and Judiciary
 1. Approve/Deny the secondary Road Patrol and Traffic Accident Prevention Program Application for Fiscal Year 2018 (October 1, 2017 to September 30, 2018).
 - M. Airport Committee:
 3. Approve/Deny the Airport Manager to purchase a bulldozer for use at the airport, purchase price not to exceed \$16,000.
 - P. Employee Relations
 2. Approve/Deny the posting and hiring for the vacant full-time Department Assistant position within the office of the Prosecuting Attorney.
 3. Approve/Deny the posting and hiring for the vacant General Clerical position at 19.5 hours per week within the office of the Friend of the Court.
 4. Approve/Deny the request of the Prosecuting Attorney to relinquish her duties as legal counsel do the Dickinson County Board of Commissioners.All Ayes, Motion Carried.
5. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr. supported by Commissioner Stevens to approve the following meeting minutes as written:

Regular meeting – August 14th
Finance meeting – August 17th

All Ayes, Motion Carried.
6. **COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATION:**
 - A. Citizens' Time: (Limited to five minutes per person)
Chairman Wender opened the floor to Citizens Time Julia Maloney, employee at the Prosecutor's Office, addressed the Board. She stated they have been swamped and stressed. She stated their case load was higher than normal in July. She stated they have been short staffed. She explained all that she does. She stated Monday's are extremely busy and they need their support staff. She stated if the Board is not going to allow Lisa to hire someone, she would not be able to take time off and would have to leave. She stated she loves her job and the people she works with. Frank Lombard, Iron Mountain, addressed the Board. He stated he is the regional coordinator for the Michigan Veteran's Affairs Agency and MAC and was replacing Mike Bachand. There was no other participation.
 - B. Resolutions and Legislation – Commissioner Kramer -None
7. **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**
 - A. **Finance Committee** – Finance Chairperson Martin
 1. Motion by Commissioner Martin Supported by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., to approve the monthly bills for July in the amount of \$249,107.81. Roll Call Vote; Commissioners:

Degenauer Jr.,	Aye
Kramer	Aye
Martin	Aye
Stevens	Aye
Wender	Aye

Motion Carried.

2. Moved from 10. Petitions and New Business – 1. Discussion regarding the re-structuring of the Friend of the Court.

Judge Barglind and Judge Celeslo from the 41st Circuit Court, addressed the Board. Judge Barglind stated it was not their intention to get the restructuring idea out to the Board that fast. (Finance Meeting) She stated they did not intend to go behind the Boards back. She stated the Friend of the Court in Iron County is retiring September 1st. She stated this would save Iron and Dickinson Counties money. She stated it would bring consistency and efficiency up in Iron County. She stated the budget was created by MGT, an independent agency. (This handout is on file in the County Clerk's Office.) She stated Dickinson would save \$10,000 and Iron would save \$7,000. She stated Heidi would be in Iron County two days and Dickinson three days. She stated Iron County would increase their staff. She stated this is very new and the Iron County Board agrees and this was a tentative plan. She stated Iron County would pay 40% of Heidi's salary and benefits. Chairman Wender stated Brian should have been involved and that Heidi has been working in Iron County for some time on our dollar. He stated the \$3.00 raise for the employees would open a real can of worms. He stated Heidi's salary of \$68,000 would be more than the Clerk and the Treasurer make and any salary from Iron County should be deleted from her Dickinson County salary. He stated no decision will be made tonight. Judge Barglind stated she spoke twice with Brian. Chairman Wender stated he did not know that and apologized. Judge Barglind stated they are in favor of the plan, not the increases for employees and that is negotiable.

Commissioner Degenauer Jr., stated the plan is workable but how do we justify the increases? He stated our budget is tight. He stated he is not for the increases.

Commissioner Stevens stated we need a meeting with the Iron County Board and the two administrators. He stated we must think about legacy costs.

Commissioner Martin stated she agrees with the others and her concerns are the increases in Heidi's and the staff's salaries'.

Commissioner Kramer stated she will look into the unintended consequences.

Judge Celeslo stated he is in favor of the plan. The Judges thanked the Board.

B. **A-95 Review** – Commissioner Kramer-None

C. **Six County Employment Alliance** – Commissioner Stevens-None

D. **Planning and Zoning Committee** – Commissioner Kramer-None

E. **DHHS / DICSA** – Commissioner Kramer

1. DICSA meeting minutes of July 20th.

Commissioner Martin asked Commissioner Kramer if the total dollar amount of Accounts Payable could be in the minutes.

F. **Dickinson-Iron Health Department** – Commissioner Stevens-None

G. **Northpointe** – Commissioner Martin

1. Northpointe meeting minutes of July 27th.

H. **Pinecrest** – Commissioner Degenauer-None

I. **Equalization Committee** – Commissioner Degenauer-None

J. **Building & Supply/Real Estate-Remodeling** – Commissioner Degenauer-None

K. **Public Safety and Judiciary** – Commissioner Wender-None

1. Motion by Commissioner Kramer supported by Commissioner Martin to approve the Secondary Road Patrol and Traffic Accident Prevention Program Application for fiscal Year 2018 (October 1, 2017 to September 30, 2018). All Ayes, Motion Carried.

L. **Parks Committee** – Commissioner Stevens

1. 2017 January - July Interim Mine Inspector Report.

Commissioner Martin stated the City of Norway has refused to do any more work on the mines. She asked if the Mine Inspector received the memo from the Prosecutor about Mine Safety enforcement? She stated we are liable. Controller Bousley stated he would send him the memo.

Commissioner Wender stated the locals should be responsible.

Commissioner Stevens did not agree and wanted to go ahead with some enforcement policies.

- M. **Airport Committee** – Commissioner Wender-None
1. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Stevens to approve the Airport Manager to purchase a bulldozer for use at the airport, purchase price not to exceed \$16,000 and after approval of Committee. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:
 Kramer Aye
 Martin Aye
 Stevens Aye
 Wender Aye
 Degenauer Jr.,Aye Motion Carried.
 Chairman Wender wanted a Committee to look at these bulldozers and have them checked out by a mechanic.
 Commissioner Degenauer Jr., stated this would be an asset to the Airport.
- N. **Fair Board** – Commissioner Degenauer-None
- Commissioner Degenauer Jr., explained how the building at the Fair Grounds has progressed and that they are ready for the fair.
- O. **Library Board** – Commissioner Martin
1. Motion by Commissioner Martin supported by Commissioner Kramer to approve the request from the Library Board to levy the full .900 mills for the winter December 2017 tax levy.
 Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:
 Martin Aye
 Stevens Aye
 Wender Nay
 Degenauer Jr.,Aye
 Kramer Aye Motion Carried.
 Commissioner Degenauer Jr., asked why this keeps coming to the Board? He stated the voters voted on .90 mills.
 County Clerk Dolly Cook explained the Board can levy less and has in the past.
- P. **Employee Relations** - Commissioner Degenauer
1. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Stevens to approve the request from the Prosecuting Attorney to fill the full time Assistant Prosecuting Attorney vacancy. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:
 Stevens Aye
 Wender Aye
 Degenauer Jr.,Aye
 Kramer Aye
 Martin Aye Motion Carried.
 2. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Kramer to approve the posting and hiring for the vacant full-time Department Assistant position within the Office of Prosecuting Attorney. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:
 Wender Aye
 Stevens Aye
 Martin Aye
 Kramer Aye
 Degenauer Jr.,Aye Motion Carried.
 3. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr. supported by Commissioner Stevens to approve the posting and hiring for the vacant General Clerical position at 19.5 hours per week within the office of the Friend of the Court. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:
 Degenauer Jr.,Aye
 Kramer Aye
 Martin Aye
 Stevens Aye
 Wender Aye Motion Carried.
 Commissioner Martin stated we should take this up in October. She stated our budget is very tight.
 4. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Kramer to approve the request of the Prosecuting Attorney to relinquish her duties as legal counsel for the Dickinson County Board of Commissioners. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:
 Kramer Nay

Martin Nay
Stevens Nay
Wender Nay
Degenaer Jr., Nay Motion Failed

Chairman Wender stated he is not for this. He stated if we need a special attorney we can get one at that time. He stated maybe Carl could help if we needed it in the future.

Commissioner Martin stated it is in her job description and she should continue as our legal counsel.

Commissioner Stevens agreed.

Commissioner Degenaer Jr., was not in favor of this.

Prosecutor Richards stated she made a proposal which would eliminate her part-time attorney. She stated she and the other two attorneys would have to pick up her 22 hours a week. She stated there are times the civil takes a lot of time including her having to be at these Board meetings.

Commissioner Degenaer Jr., stated people should know what the job is before they run for it. He stated the part-time position that was eliminated was funded by a grant and when the grant ran out the Board continued it. He stated he voted against continuing the position.

Q. **Dickinson County Hospital Committee** – Commissioner Stevens-None

R. **Dickinson County Road Commission** – Commissioner Wender-None

S. **Construction Code Commission** – Commissioner Degenaer-None

T. **Bay West Advisory Committee** - Commissioner Degenaer-None

U. **Veterans' Affairs Committee** – Commissioner Stevens-None

8. Citizens' Time: (Limited to five minutes per person)

Chairman Wender opened the floor to Citizens Time. Kristin Kass, attorney at the Prosecutors Office, addressed the Board. She stated there should be more discussion for the Prosecutors' proposal. She stated it is a very hard job.

9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS & OLD BUSINESS:** Commissioner Kramer -None

10. **PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS:** - Commissioner Kramer

1. Discussion regarding the re-structuring of the Friend of the Courts office. (This was moved to 7.A.2)

11. Motion by Commissioner Degenaer Jr., supported by Commissioner Stevens to accept the Committee Reports and Correspondence and place on file. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

1. Dickinson Conservation District meeting minutes of July 18th.

12. Controller's Report.

Controller Bousley stated there are still Trane problems, particularly at the Jail. He stated work needs to be done at the Airport and we need a bulldozer. He stated they also need more parking. He stated BS&A is still in house and we are having some issues, but we will get through them. He stated he is working on the budget. He stated he is meeting with the unions on September 6, 2017. He stated the USDA grant for the sheriff's cars will be done soon and the CSBG money will be done in a few weeks, so we can use the \$32,000.

13. Commissioners' Personal Privilege.

Commissioner Martin stated the parking at the airport could be more efficient and there is a need for sure.

She further stated the money is not there and the workload is larger in these offices.

Commissioner Stevens stated he is going to Marquette for a meeting about Veteran's and their mental health. He further stated everybody works hard and are efficient here at the County and we are proud of all of them.

Chairman Wender asked that a letter be drafted for the Northwoods Garden Club thanking them for the beautiful flowers in front of the Courthouse. He stated we need something positive from Trane.

A. Motion by Commissioner Kramer, supported by Commissioner Degenaer Jr. to enter into a closed session at 6:53 PM to discuss negotiations with the collective bargaining units, pursuant to the Open Meetings Act 15.268, Sec. 8(c). *(Closed Session requires 2/3 vote)*

Roll Call Vote: Commissioners;

Degenauer Jr., Aye
Kramer Aye
Martin Aye
Stevens Aye
Wender Aye Motion Carried.

Motion by Commissioner Kramer supported by Commissioner Martin to enter back into the regular meeting at 7:16 PM.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

Kramer Aye
Martin Aye
Stevens Aye
Wender Aye
Degenauer Jr., Aye Motion Carried.

14. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Martin to adjourn, Subject to Call of Chairman at 7:17 P.M.

Henry Wender, Chairman

Dolly L. Cook, County Clerk