

**DICKINSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**Monday, November 25, 2019 - 6:00 p.m.**  
**Courthouse - Circuit Courtroom**

Tape 414

1. The meeting was called to Order by Chairman Wender at 6:00 PM.
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was said by all.
3. Roll Call was taken by County Clerk Dolly Cook and a quorum was present.  
Present: Chairman Henry Wender, Vice Chairman Joe Stevens and Commissioners John Degenauer, Barb Kramer and Kevin Pirlot (5)  
Absent: None  
Also, Present: County Clerk Dolly Cook, Assistant Prosecutor Carl Downing, Sheriff Scott Rutter and Controller Brian Bousley
4. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., seconded by Commissioner Kramer to accept the agenda as written:  
All Ayes, Motion Carried.
5. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, seconded by Commissioner Pirlot to approve the following meeting minutes as written:  
Regular – November 11<sup>th</sup>  
Special – November 14<sup>th</sup>                      All Ayes, Motion Carried.
6. **COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATION:**  
Commissioner Kramer introduced the following students from Ms. Amy Pietrantonio's Iron Mountain Government Class: Katherine Kay, Emily Yolp, McKenzie Bray, Devon Ray, Meredith Treiber, Zac Erickson, Arianna Morel and Logan Bush.
  - A. Citizens' Time: (Limited to five minutes per person)  
Chairman Wender opened the floor to Citizens' Time, Becky Robere, volunteer at the Hospital, addressed the Board. She stated everybody is very worried. She hears things that scare her. She has written letters to Margaret Minerick. She stated Jeanne was very upset when she was let go. She stated some key people are being left out. She stated if our surgeons leave, we are in trouble. She stated the loss of where to do autopsies and pathology is very troubling to the community.
  - B. Resolutions and Legislation – Commissioner Degenauer
    1. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., seconded by Commissioner Kramer to approve Dickinson County Resolution 2019-24, Dickinson-Iron District Health Department millage renewal ballot language. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

**RESOLUTION 2019-24**  
**DICKINSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**DICKINSON COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

WHEREAS, in the opinion of the Dickinson-Iron District Board of Health it is necessary to ask voters whether to approve a renewal of the existing Health Department operational millage for four additional years. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following question shall be submitted to a vote of the electorate  
of Dickinson County, Michigan on March 10, 2020:

Shall the previously voted increase in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution in the County of Dickinson, State of Michigan, be increased by .42 of one mill per thousand dollars of taxable value (\$.42 per \$1,000) for a period of four years, being 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024, inclusive, for operations of the Dickinson-Iron District Health Department, which levy would raise an estimated \$377,000.00 in the first

2020 year? (THIS BEING A RENEWAL OF THE .42 MILLS WHICH WILL EXPIRE WITH THE TAX LEVY)

Yes \_\_\_\_\_  
No \_\_\_\_\_

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Henry Wender – Dickinson Co. Board Chair

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Dolly L. Cook- County Clerk

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2. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., seconded by Commissioner Stevens to approve Dickinson County Resolution 2019-25, Dickinson-Iron District Health Department additional operating millage ballot language. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

**RESOLUTION 2019-25  
DICKINSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
DICKINSON COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

WHEREAS, in the opinion of the Dickinson-Iron District Board of Health it is necessary to ask voters whether to approve an increase millage of .05 mill of the existing Health Department operational millage which would be a tax of .05 cents on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation of property for a five-year period 2020-2025

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following question shall be submitted to a vote of the electorate of Dickinson County, Michigan on March 10, 2020:

Shall the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution in the County of Dickinson, State of Michigan be increased by .05 of one mill per thousand dollars Of taxable value (\$.05 per \$1,000) for a period of five years, being 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024, inclusive, for the operations of the Dickinson-Iron District Health Department, which levy Would raise an estimated \$44,500.00 in the first year?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_  
No \_\_\_\_\_

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Henry Wender – Dickinson Co. Board Chair

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Date

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Dolly Cook – Dickinson County Clerk

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3. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., seconded by Commissioner Kramer to approve Dickinson County Resolution 2019-26, Dickinson County Road Commission millage renewal ballot language. All Ayes, Motion Carried

**RESOLUTION 2019-26  
DICKINSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
DICKINSON COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

WHEREAS, in the opinion of Dickinson County Road Commission it is necessary to ask voters whether to approve a renewal of the existing millage for a period of five years.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following question shall be submitted to a vote of the electorate of Dickinson County, Michigan on March 10, 2020:

Shall the voters of Dickinson County be assessed .5 mill (\$.50 per \$1,000 of Taxable Value) over and above the rate of taxation now in effect, to be levied for a period of (5) years from 2022 to 2026 inclusive, for the purpose of operations, maintenance, and improvements to the public roads of Dickinson County and the city streets in cities of Iron Mountain, Kingsford, and Norway within Dickinson County, and for no other purpose? The estimated amount of revenue that will be collected if approved and levied in the first calendar year is approximately \$451,000.00. These funds will be distributed among the Road Commission and Cities. This is a renewal.

Yes \_\_\_\_\_  
No \_\_\_\_\_

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Henry Wender – Dickinson County Board Chair

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Date

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Dolly Cook – Dickinson County Clerk

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Date

4. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., seconded by Commissioner Stevens to approve Dickinson County Resolution 2019-27, Dickinson County Enhanced 911 millage renewal ballot language. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

**RESOLUTION 2019-27**  
**DICKINSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**DICKINSON COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

WHEREAS, in the opinion of Dickinson County it is necessary to ask voters whether to approve a renewal of the existing Enhanced 911 millage for three additional years.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following question shall be submitted to a vote of the electorate

of Dickinson County, Michigan on March 10, 2020:

Shall the voters of Dickinson County be assessed 0.40 mill (\$.40 per \$1,000.00 of Taxable Value) over and above the rate of taxation now in effect, to be levied for a period of three years, 2022-2024 inclusive,

for the purpose of operating and equipping an Enhanced 911 system in Dickinson County and for no

other purpose? The estimated amount of revenue that will be collected if approved and levied in the first calendar year is approximately \$359,000. This is a renewal.

Yes \_\_\_\_\_  
No \_\_\_\_\_

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Henry Wender – Dickinson County Board Chair

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Date

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Dolly Cook – Dickinson County Clerk

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County Clerk Dolly Cook explained for those millages coming due in 2021, we must put them on in 2020 because there are no elections in odd years and it would cost the County approximately \$35,000 to hold a county election.

5. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr. seconded by Commissioner Pirlot to approve Dickinson County Resolution 2019-28, Dickinson Conservation District millage ballot language. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

**RESOLUTION 2019-28**

**DICKINSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
DICKINSON COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

WHEREAS, in the opinion of Dickinson Conservation District it is necessary to ask voters whether to approve a Dickinson County millage of 0.1 of one mill, which would be a tax of ten cents on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation of property for a period of five years.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following question shall be submitted to a vote of the electorate

of Dickinson County, Michigan on March 10, 2020:

Shall the limitation of the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the County of

Dickinson, State of Michigan, be increased by 0.1 of one mill per thousand dollars of taxable value

(10 cents per \$1000) for a period of 5 years, 2021-2025 inclusive, to provide for the operation of the

Dickinson Conservation District and its programs? If approved and levied in full, this millage will raise

an estimated \$89,000 for Conservation District programs in the first calendar year of the levy.

Yes \_\_\_\_\_

No \_\_\_\_\_

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Henry Wender – Dickinson County Board Chair

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Dolly Cook – Dickinson County Clerk

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Date

7. **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

- A. **Finance Committee** – Finance Chairperson Kramer-None
- 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 October 10<sup>th</sup>.
- F. **Dickinson-Iron Health Department** – Commissioner Stevens-None
- G. **Northpointe** – Commissioner Pirlot
  - 1. Motion by Commissioner Pirlot seconded by Commissioner Kramer to approve the fourth quarter payment request from Northpointe in the amount of \$24,907.50. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:
    - Degenauer Jr. Aye
    - Kramer Aye
    - Pirlot Aye
    - Stevens Aye
    - Wender AyeMotion Carried.
- 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
  - 1. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., seconded by Commissioner Pirlot to approve the contract for police services between the Charter Township of Breitung and Dickinson County for the purpose of providing supplemental law enforcement patrol services. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:
    - Kramer Aye
    - Pirlot Aye

Stevens Aye

Wender Aye

Degenauer Jr., Aye Motion Carried.

Sheriff Rutter explained this is a benefit to the Township and the County and is a good thing. Commissioner Stevens thanked the Sheriff.

- L. **Parks Committee** – Commissioner Stevens
1. Motion by Commissioner Stevens seconded by Commissioner Kramer to approve the 2020 proposed long term camping lease agreement for Lake Antoine Park fees. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
  2. Motion by Commissioner Stevens seconded by Commissioner Kramer to approve the 2020 Lake Antoine Park fees. All Ayes, Motion Carried.  
Commissioner Stevens stated this came from our parks meeting.
- M. **Airport Committee** – Commissioner Wender-None
- N. **Fair Board** – Commissioner Degenauer-None
- O. **Library Board** – Commissioner Pirlot-None  
Commissioner Pirlot stated the Library downloaded a ransom wear spyware. He stated it worked out in the their (Library) favor.
- P. **Employee Relations** - Commissioner Degenauer-None
- Q. **Dickinson County Hospital Committee** – Commissioner Stevens-None
- R. **Dickinson County Road Commission** – Commissioner Wender
1. DCRC meeting minutes of October 8<sup>th</sup>.
- S. **Construction Code Commission** – Commissioner Degenauer-None
- T. **Bay West Advisory Committee** - Commissioner Degenauer-None
- U. **Veterans' Affairs Committee** – Commissioner Stevens-None
8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS & OLD BUSINESS:** Commissioner Degenauer-None
9. **PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS:** - Commissioner Degenauer-None
10. Motion by Commissioner Kramer seconded by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., to accept the Committee Reports and Correspondence and place on file. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
11. Controller's Report.  
Bousley stated they went to a meeting at Northern Michigan University about a regional ME. He stated it will take time. He stated he is working on a County Incentive Program. He stated he met with a census group. He stated they are working on the inside of the hangar at the airport.  
Commissioner Stevens stated the stone wall is gorgeous.
12. Citizens' Time: (Limited to five minutes per person)  
Chairman Wender opened the floor to Citizens' Time.  
Commissioner Stevens stated if you are coming to speak at Citizens' Time you should stay until you get a response at Commissioners Personal Privilege.  
Laura Roberts, Kingsford addressed the Board. She stated we are losing a lot and she is concerned about the hospital. She stated there is too much controversy. She stated the Board has been a target as to not holding up their end with regards to the hospital.  
Heidi Harwell, Channing, addressed the Board. She stated Jeanes leaving should have been handled better. She asked what are they going to do with the loan when they get it or if they get it? She stated 20.7% of our population is 65 and older and the state average is 15%. She stated she is concerned on where we are going.
13. Commissioners' Personal Privilege.  
Commissioner Kramer asked why Northpointe's minutes were late?  
Commissioner Stevens stated he talked to Jeanne and she understood why she was leaving. He stated go to the meetings if you have questions and ask the Hospital. He stated the hospital is a

work in progress and we have to be patient.

He congratulated Iron Mountain s Football Team for a job well done.

Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., seconded by Commissioner Pirlot to move the budget meeting from December 2, at 2:00 P.M. to December 4, at 2:00 P.M. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

Commissioner Pirlot stated he was not satisfied after the November 14<sup>th</sup> meeting with the hospital. He stated he brought up issues at a committee meeting with the hospital. He stated we can work together. He stated we need to create an authority with adjoining counties and municipalities to share costs.

Motion by Commissioner Pirlot, seconded by Commissioner Stevens to begin the investigation of creating a joint authority with the neighboring municipalities and Counties for the purpose of a Medical Examiner and a morgue. Kramer, Degenauer Jr., Pirlot, Stevens Ayes. Wender Nay. Motion Carried.

Commissioner Wender stated he voted no because he wants to see what Brian and Ceello will come up with.

Commissioner Stevens stated this could be a good thing.

Commissioner Degenauer Jr., stated we are moving in the right direction.

Commissioner Kramer stated it is good to explore all options.

Commissioner Wender stated the Controller should be in the lead.

14. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., seconded by Commissioner Pirlot to adjourn, Subject to the Call of the Chairman at 6:40 PM.

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Henry Wender, Chairman

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Dolly L. Cook, County Clerk