

**DICKINSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**Monday, December 23, 2019 - 6:00 p.m.**  
**Courthouse - Circuit Courtroom**

Tape 419

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 Barb Kramer, John Degenauer and Kevin Pirlot. (5)  
Absent: None  
Also, Present: County Clerk Dolly Cook, Controller Brian Bousley, Asst Prosecutor Carl Downing, Sheriff Scott Rutter
4. Motion by Commissioner Kramer seconded by Commissioner Stevens to accept the agenda with the following additions:
  7. A. 3. To table the 2020 proposed Dickinson County Senior Millage Allocations, the allocations are subject to millage funds collected and may be amended.
  
  9. A. 3. Make the following appointment to the Planning Commission-Applicant: Alexander Carey-one partial term to expire 2/28/2022All Ayes, Motion Carried.
5. Motion by Commissioner Pirlot seconded by Commissioner Stevens to approve the following meeting minutes with the following changes:
  13. Commissioners Personal Privilege: 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph says" Commissioner Pirlot stated UP Energy meets in Marquette about the Enbridge line 5...**IT SHOULD HAVE READ "COMMISSIONER PIRLOT STATED UP ENERGY MEETS IN MARQUETTE ABOUT ALTERNATE SOLUTIONS FOR LINE 5'....**Regular – December 9<sup>th</sup> 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  
Kristin Sommerfeld, DICSA, addressed the Board. She stated DICSA employs 74 people, and has given 208,568 units of service. She stated 85% of the millage money paid to DICSA is for nutritional programs. She stated grants are stagnant and without the millage they would have to lay off people and decrease programs.  
Ed McBroom stated Lansing has adjourned for the year. He stated which funds they will receive and which funds will come after the New Year. He stated he didn't think he voted to pay for home delivered meals. He thanked the Board for their confidence in him on the U.P. Fair Board.  
  
Motion by Commissioner Kramer seconded by Commissioner Stevens to recess the Regular meeting and enter into a Public Hearing at 6:10 PM. All Ayes, Motion Carried  
1. Public Hearing on proposed 2020 Budget.  
There was no participation. Bousley explained the Budget.  
Commissioner Stevens stated this is due to the diligence of our controller, Department Heads and Employees. He stated we run a lean County.  
Commissioner Degenauer Jr., stated he is disappointed that we are not funding MSU and the 4-H. He stated 4-H is a character builder for our children and that is important to our community.  
Commissioner Pirlot stated he is disappointed that we did not fund MSU also.  
Motion by Commissioner Kramer seconded by Commissioner Pirlot to close the Public hearing and enter back into the Regular meeting at 6:18 PM. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
  - B. Resolutions and Legislation – Commissioner Stevens-None
7. **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**
  - A. **Finance Committee** – Finance Chairperson Kramer
    1. Motion by Commissioner Kramer seconded by Commissioner Stevens to approve the adoption of the 2020 General Appropriations Act for fiscal year January 1-December 31, 2020 by Resolution 2019-30. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners;

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

**RESOLUTION # 2019 - 30**  
**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE DICKINSON COUNTY BUDGET**  
**GENERAL APPROPRIATION ACT**  
**FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JANUARY 1, 2020 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2020**

WHEREAS, The Dickinson County Board of Commissioners ("Board") has examined the 2020 budget requests for the various departments, agencies, offices and activities, which by law or policy it must finance or assist in financing; and

WHEREAS, The Board has taken into consideration the fact that there are certain required functions of county government or operations which must be budgeted at serviceable levels in order to provide statutory and Constitutionally required services and programs; and

WHEREAS, The Uniform Budget and Accounting Act ("UBAA"), MCLA 141.421, et seq., requires that the Board enact a General Appropriation Act designed to appropriate funds for all County expenditures; and

WHEREAS, The Board has reviewed the 2020 Recommended Budget and believes the same to contain funds sufficient to finance all mandatory County funded services at serviceable levels;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED #1, That the 2020 Dickinson County Recommended General Fund Budget dated December 23, 2019, which is herein incorporated by reference, is hereby adopted on an activity level for the General Fund and a fund basis for all other Funds, subject to all County policies regarding expenditure of funds and the conditions set forth in this Resolution. The Treasurer and County Administrator shall monitor each fund and provide interim financial reports as needed; and

NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED #2, That the copy of said budget presented to each member of the Board be designated as an official copy; and

NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED #3, That the sum of \$9,746,346 for the General Fund as set forth in the Budget adopted by this Board, is hereby appropriated and available for expenditure in accordance with the law. The Board will levy a property tax millage rates of 6.1403 mills for County Operation, 1.000 mills for Bay West College, .4200 mills for Dickinson-Iron Health Department, .4000 mills for E911, .9000 mills for the County Library, .4000 mills for the Senior Citizens, .5000 mills for Road Commission and .1000 mills for Veterans. Further, all obligations or liabilities incurred and vouchers drawn by any County employee may not exceed the amount appropriated in said budget; and

NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED #4, That the various appropriations specified in the budget represent the maximum authorization to incur expenditures for the purposes specified and is not a mandate to spend. It is expected that all elected and appointed County officials shall exercise necessary judgment in the use of appropriated funds in order to achieve the objectives of their program with minimum expenditures; and

NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED #5, That the County Controller shall be and hereby is appointed "Budget Administrator," pursuant to the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act MCLA 141.421, et seq., with power and authority to administer such duties in connection with said budget, as from time to time, may be delegated to the Office of Controller by this Board; and

NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED #6, In keeping with the County's long-range budgeting concerns that actively balance the interests of taxpayers and County employees, Dickinson County employees have been paying premium contributions toward their health care coverage and will continue to do so in 2020 at a rate of 20% and, acting pursuant to the authority granted a county under Section 8 of Act 152, the Dickinson County Board of Commissioners hereby opts out from the requirements of P.A. 152 of 2011 for calendar year 2020; and

NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED #7, If there is a need to increase or decrease various positions within the Budget and/or impose a hiring freeze and/or impose lay-offs, other than those already specified in this Resolution, due to unforeseen financial changes, the County elected officials and department heads shall abide by whatever changes are made by the Board, if any, relative to the approved positions and the number of employees allowed; and

NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED #8, That if a county position is funded through a grant, and if that grant loses its funding for any reason, that position shall be eliminated. That the Budget Administrator is authorized to reduce any department each time a reduction is made in Federal, State and local funds. The affected department head shall promptly make the necessary lay-offs and advise those affected by the service that those services are being discontinued as a result of Federal and/or State cutbacks. Similar notice shall also be given to any labor union or association representing affected employees; and

NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED #9, The Board adopts the Salary Schedules set forth in the Board's 2020 Recommended Budget which is herein incorporated by reference and includes the Elected Officials' Compensation, with a 2% cost of living adjustment for Elected Officials, not including the Board of Commissioners; the Non-Union Employee's Compensation with a 2% cost of living adjustment; the GELC Union Employee's Compensation with a 2% negotiated wage increase; and the POLC Union Employee's Compensation with a 2% cost of living adjustment; and

NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED #10, That the revenues received by the County under Public Acts 106 and 107, 1985 (Convention Facility Tax revenue) shall not be used to reduce the County's 2020 operating millage as defined by P.A. 2 of 1986. That in accordance with Public Act 106 of 1985 and Public Act 2 of 1986, 50% of the actual Convention Facility tax revenue not used to reduce the County's operating tax rate shall be appropriated to the Substance Abuse Coordinating Agency, with the remaining revenues deposited into the County's General Fund; and

We hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution originally adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Dickinson, Michigan, held on December 23, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Henry Wender, Chairman  
Dickinson County Board of Commissioners

Dolly L. Cook  
County Clerk

2. Motion by Commissioner Kramer seconded by Commissioner Degenauer to approve Budget Amendment # 6 for the 2019 Fiscal Year. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
3. Motion by Commissioner Kramer seconded by Commissioner Degenauer to table the 2020 proposed Dickinson County Senior Millage Allocations, the allocations are subject to millage funds collected and may be amended. All Ayes, Motion Carried. Commissioner Kramer stated this delay is because we are getting a legal opinion.

DICSA.....	\$268,500 + \$30,000* = \$298,500
Breen Senior Center .....	\$24,500
Crystal Lake Senior Center .....	\$40,500
Felch Senior Center .....	\$6,000
Norway Senior Center .....	\$30,000*
Sagola Senior Center .....	\$25,000

\* earmarked and paid to DICSA exclusively for home delivered meals to seniors in the Norway area.

4. Motion by Commissioner Kramer seconded by Commissioner Degenauer to approve a supplemental allocation from the Senior Citizens' Tax Fund in the following amounts:

DICSA.....	\$10,000
Breen Senior Center .....	\$10,000
Crystal Lake Senior Center .....	\$10,000
Felch Senior Center .....	\$10,000
Norway Senior Center .....	\$10,000

Sagola Senior Center.....\$10,000

Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

Kramer Aye

Pirlot Nay

Stevens Aye

Wender Aye

Degenauer Aye Motion Passed

Commissioner Kramer stated this is excess millage money collected during the year.

Commissioner Pirlot stated he is against this.

5. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer seconded by Commissioner Stevens to approve the 2020 UPCAP dues in the amount of \$1,000.00 Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

Pirlot Aye

Stevens Aye

Wender Aye

Degenauer Aye

Kramer Aye Motion Carried.

6. Motion by Commissioner Kramer seconded by Commissioner Pirlot to approve the 2020 NACO membership dues for Commissioner Stevens in the amount of \$523.00.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

Stevens Aye

Wender Nay

Degenauer Aye

Kramer Aye

Pirlot Aye Motion Carried

Commissioner Wender stated he would like this money to stay in the County.

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 November 14<sup>th</sup>.

2. DICSA special meeting minutes of December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

F. **Dickinson-Iron Health Department** – Commissioner Stevens

1. Board of Health meeting minutes of October 30<sup>th</sup>.

G. **Northpointe** – Commissioner Pirlot

1. Northpointe meeting minutes of October 10<sup>th</sup>.

2. Northpointe meeting minutes of October 24<sup>th</sup>.

3. Northpointe meeting minutes of November 7<sup>th</sup>.

4. Northpointe special meeting minutes of November 11<sup>th</sup>.

5. Northpointe special meeting minutes of November 13<sup>th</sup>.

6. Northpointe special meeting minutes of November 25<sup>th</sup>.

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

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

J. **Building & Supply/Real Estate-Remodeling** – Commissioner Degenauer

1. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer seconded by Commissioner Kramer to approve the bid of Jacobson Logging for \$15,265 for the cutting of timber on

12.5 acres of County land located just west of Pine Mountain Resort, Pine Mountain Road, Iron Mountain. Section 26 part of the NENE T40N – R31W Dickinson County, Michigan.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

Degenauer Jr., Aye

Kramer Aye

Pirlot Aye

Stevens Aye

Wender Aye

Motion Carried.

			price per cord	total price	
Jacobson Logging	Mixed Hardwood	55	Cords	\$35.00	\$1,925.00
	Aspen	230	Cords	\$58.00	\$13,340.00
					\$15,265.00

			price per cord	total price	
Franks, Inc	Mixed Hardwood	55	Cords	\$36.00	\$1,980.00
	Aspen	230	Cords	\$43.44	\$9,991.20
					\$11,971.20

			price per cord	total price	
St John Forest Products	Mixed Hardwood	55	Cords	-	#VALUE!
	Aspen	230	Cords	-	#VALUE!
					\$11,500.00

			price per cord	total price	
Minerick Logging, Inc	Mixed Hardwood	55	Cords	\$15.00	\$825.00
	Aspen	230	Cords	\$18.00	\$4,140.00
					\$4,965.00

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

L. **Parks Committee** – Commissioner Stevens-None

M. **Airport Committee** – Commissioner Wender-None

N. **Fair Board** – Commissioner Degenauer-None

O. **Library Board** – Commissioner Pirlot-None

Motion by Commissioner Pirlot that the Library Board member vacancy should be put in the paper.

County Clerk Dolly Cook stated it was in the paper on Saturday and we have applicants for the Library and you are going to vote today.

Commissioner Pirlot withdrew his motion.

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 November 12<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 Stevens-None

9. **PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS:** - Commissioner Stevens

A. Motion by Commissioner Stevens seconded by Commissioner Kramer to appoint Ann Martin to

the Library Board for a one-year term to expire 12/31/2024. Kramer, Pirlot, Stevens, Wender Ayes Degenauer Jr., Nay. Motion Carried.

1. LIBRARY BOARD - Applicants: Ann Martin  
One – five-year term to expire 12/31/2024
  
2. VETERAN AFFAIRS BOARD - Applicants: Mary Stolze  
Dennis Lynch  
Chuck Lantz  
Two – four-year terms to expire 12/31/2023  
Motion by Commissioner Stevens to nominate Mary Stolze, Dennis Lynch and Chuck Lantz to the Veterans affair Board. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners;  
Degenauer Stolze Lynch  
Kramer Stolze Lantz  
Pirlot Lynch Lantz  
Stevens Stolze Lynch  
Wender Stolze Lynch  
Mary Stolze and Dennis Lynch were appointed to the Veteran’s Affairs Board for two-year terms to expire 12/31/2023.
  
- 3-PLANNING COMMISSION- Applicant: Alexander Carey  
One partial term to expire 02/28/2022  
Motion by Commissioner Stevens to appoint Alexander Carey to the Planning Commission for a partial term to expire 2/28/2022.  
All Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. Motion by Commissioner Stevens seconded by Commissioner Kramer to approve the Dickinson County Board Reorganizational meeting to be held on Thursday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in the Dickinson County Correctional Center. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

C. Motion by Commissioner Stevens seconded by Commissioner Kramer to deny CUPPAD membership for 2020 in the amount of \$9,000.00. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:  
Degenauer Nay  
Kramer Aye  
Pirlot Aye  
Stevens Aye  
Wender Nay  
Motion Carried.

D. Dickinson County Clerk Dolly Cook swears in Dickinson County Commissioners for the year 2020.

10. Motion by Commissioner Pirlot seconded by Commissioner Kramer to accept the Committee Reports and Correspondence and place on file. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

11. Controller’s Report.  
Bousley stated January 13<sup>th</sup> will be the Public Hearing for the Brownfield approval of the old Lake Shore property in Kingsford. He stated enplanements are ahead of last year. He stated two consultants need to be interviewed in January. He stated plans are coming together for Courthouse security. He explained the security measures. He stated they will be advertising for a Courthouse, Parks and Airport employee and Matt’s Position in equalization. He stated the DNR Grant for playground equipment is complete. He stated he has talked to Lorna about capping a 30% balance on the General Fund and placing the rest in MERS, Public Improvement and the Contingency Fund. He stated this will be after the audit. He stated the resolution for the Michigan owned Lands will be complete in a few weeks.

12. Citizens’ Time: (Limited to five minutes per person)  
Chairman Wender the floor to Citizens Time. Ed McBroom addressed the Board. Chairman Wender thanked McBroom for his help getting the funds restored. Commissioner Stevens asked about the land resolution. McBroom stated he has been cognitive of this problem. Commissioner Stevens stated the Dark Store issue is disgusting. McBroom stated we need the help of bigger guns. Commissioner Wender asked about the Disabled Veteran’s Tax Break and if the State is going to make the Counties whole? Commissioner Kramer asked about County Road 595. McBroom stated the state approved the road but the Feds did not. Commissioner Pirlot talked to the Governor about the Dark Store. McBroom stated this is not dead yet. There was no other participation.

13. Commissioners’ Personal Privilege.

Commissioner Kramer stated January is Radon Awareness month. She stated please check your homes and the kit cost \$5.00.

Commissioner Degenær Jr., asked when the meeting with DCSA will be held?

The Board wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

14. Motion by Commissioner Pirlot seconded by Commissioner Kramer to adjourn, Subject to the call of the Chairman at 6:58 PM.

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Chairman Henry Wender

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County Clerk Dolly L. Cook