

DICKINSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Monday, February 10, 2020 - 6:00 p.m.
Courthouse - Circuit Courtroom

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 Barb Kramer and Commissioners John Degenauer, Joe Stevens and Kevin Pirlot (5)
Absent: None
Also, Present: County Clerk Dolly Cook, Assistant Prosecutor Carl Downing, Sheriff Scott Rutter, Treasurer Lorna Carey and Controller Brian Bousley
4. Motion by Commissioner Kramer, seconded by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., to accept the agenda as written.
All Ayes, Motion Carried.
5. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr. seconded by Commissioner Stevens to approve the following meeting minutes:

Regular – January 27 th	
Special – January 29 th	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. Gerald McCole, Channing, addressed the Board. (All papers he handed out are on file in the County Clerk's Office.) He stated he did not want health decisions for himself or loved ones to come under the control of the six Commissioners mentioned in his article. He stated for his health and many others, he will ask the Federal and State to investigate under Act 368 of Public Acts of 1978, the Michigan Public Health Code. He urged everyone to vote no on the two millages for the Health Department. He thanked the Board.
Lynn Deloria addressed the Board. She stated her son, Trevor Wehner, took his life on October 7, 2019. She stated he was taken to DCH and was alive when he left the house but died at the hospital. She stated Dr. Toff stated he did not make it. She stated she knew that he would not make it but wanted to see him, hold him and tell him she loved him. She stated the Doctor would not let her see him and stated it was a legal issue. She stated he (Dr. Toff) stole her closure. She stated he was put in a store room for days. She stated there was no morgue or medical examiner. She stated her daughter wants to sue everybody involved. She stated please do something!
Bill Rice, Kingsford, addressed the Board. He stated their survey for the Dickinson Conservation District is on their web site and would appreciate anyone's input.
 - B. Resolutions and Legislation – Commissioner Pirlot-None
7. **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**
 - A. **Finance Committee** – Finance Chairperson Kramer
 1. Lorna Carey, Dickinson County Treasurer, 2019 Interest on Investments and Taxes.
Lorna Carey, Dickinson County Treasurer addressed the Board. She stated the daily average interest rate was 3% and that the interest increased by \$53,000 from last year. She stated they will not have to borrow for the delinquent taxes this year. She stated the retiree's health insurance increased by \$490,000 and we are ½ way there for it to be paid in full. She stated the Landbank is in full swing and there will be a meeting on March 10, 2020 at Bay West from 10-3 P.M.
Commissioner Wender thanked Lorna and said she did a wonderful job. She introduced her husband Pat and Grand Daughter Elliot.
 - 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-None
- F. **Dickinson-Iron Health Department** – Commissioner Stevens-None
- G. **Northpointe** – Commissioner Pirlot
 - 1. Motion by Commissioner Pirlot, seconded by Commissioner Stevens to approve the first quarter payment to Northpointe in the amount of \$24,907.50. Roll Call Vote:
Commissioners:
 Degenauer Jr.,Aye
 Kramer Aye
 Pirlot Aye
 Stevens Aye
 Wender Aye Motion Carried.
- H. **Pincrest** – 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
- L. **Parks Committee** – Commissioner Stevens
 - 1. First Reading of the amended Dickinson County Michigan Park Ordinance.
 The Commissioners were given the ordinance for the first reading, it was placed on the web site and it must be there for 50 days so the public can comment.
 Commissioner Degenauer Jr., asked about the sub-leasing. He stated you cannot charge any more then the County does because no profit can be made over and above our price.
 Commissioner Pirlot asked if all citations were now civil infractions. Sheriff Rutter stated yes but if someone was disturbing the piece or violent, then it would be under state law.
- M. **Airport Committee** – Commissioner Wender-None
- N. **Fair Board** – Commissioner Degenauer-None
- O. **Library Board** – Commissioner Pirlot-None
- P. **Employee Relations** - Commissioner Degenauer-None
- Q. **Dickinson County Hospital Committee** – Commissioner Stevens
 - 1. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, seconded by Commissioner Kramer to approve the Morgue Autopsy Room and Diagnostic Testing Agreement between DCHS and Dickinson County. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:
 Degenauer Jr.,Aye
 Kramer Aye
 Pirlot Nay
 Stevens Aye
 Wender Aye Motion Carried.
 Controller Bousley stated we are exploring an authority and there is a 60 day out.
 Commissioner Pirlot stated this does not provide for an authority. He stated it comes up short and needs to be fine-tuned.
 Commissioner Stevens stated this needs to be done now.
 Commissioner Kramer stated she never wants to hear again what happed to Mrs. Deloria.
- R. **Dickinson County Road Commission** – Commissioner Wender-None
- S. **Construction Code Commission** – Commissioner Degenauer-None
- T. **Bay West Advisory Committee** - Commissioner Degenauer-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. Gerald McCole addressed the Board. He stated the Board should delay the quarterly payment to Sagola because they have not served meals for the

full month of February.

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

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

A. Motion by Commissioner Pirlot, seconded by Commissioner Kramer to approve the contract with Trico Opportunities, Inc. for 2020 janitorial services within the Dickinson County Courthouse and the Dickinson County Correctional Center. Cost will be fifty-six dollars per day.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioners

Pirlot Aye

Stevens Aye

Wender Aye

Degenauer Jr., Aye

Kramer Aye

Motion Carried.

B. Motion by Commissioner Pirlot seconded by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., to approve the first quarter payment request from Norway Senior Center in the amount of \$8,982.25.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioners

Stevens Aye

Wender Aye

Degenauer Jr., Aye

Kramer Aye

Pirlot Aye

Motion Carried

C. Motion by Commissioner Pirlot, seconded by Commissioner Stevens to approve the first quarter payment request from Sagola Senior Center in the amount of \$6,250.00. Roll Call Vote:

Commissioners

Wender Aye

Stevens Aye

Pirlot Aye

Kramer Aye

Degenauer Jr., Aye

Motion Carried.

Commissioner Stevens asked what is going on? No one knew.

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

12. Controller's Report.

Controller Bousley stated we had 22,898 passengers last year which was 2200 more than the year before. He stated Delta had 17,443 and Houghton had 25,451. He stated law enforcement has been at the airport during flights. Sheriff Rutter stated it has been very positive. He stated the DNR grant for playground equipment is done and approved. He stated the boat launch permits are in and the 5-year County rec plan is complete and on the web site for a 30-day review. He stated Brownfield and the Landbank will have a meeting at Bay West on March 20th from 10-3. He stated the grant request went out for the lobby cameras and the Veteran's Grant has been approved. He stated there will be a recognition for County Clerk Dolly Cook for her 30 years on Friday February 21 from 2-4.

13. Commissioners' Personal Privilege.

Commissioner Pirlot stated he was very sorry for Mrs. Deloria and how she was treated.

Commissioner Kramer stated the Health Department is very well run. She thanked Joe for all he has done at Lark Antoine.

Commissioner Degenauer Jr. stated we have to move on the wall at the Sheriff's Department. He stated the hospital said they would be pro-active in the future.

Commissioner Wender stated we are doing very well as a County and we are the envy of other Counties.

14. Motion by Commissioner Kramer seconded by Commissioner Pirlot to adjourn, Subject to Call of the Chairman at 6:44 PM.

Henry Wender, Chairman

Dolly L. Cook, County Clerk