

DICKINSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Monday, February 24, 2020 - 6:00 p.m.
Courthouse - Circuit Courtroom
Tape 428

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, Sheriff Scott Rutter, Under-Sheriff Scott Metras and Controller Brian Bousley
4. Motion by Commissioner Stevens seconded by Commissioner Kramer to move up the Gold Star Family Memorial and add Resolution 2020-4 under 6-B-1.
All Ayes, Motion Carried.
5. Motion by Commissioner Kramer seconded by Commissioner Stevens to approve the following meeting minutes:
Airport Committee – February 5th
Regular – February 10th 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

Gold Star Family Memorial Monument, Ray Ham and Denise Formolo
Ray Hamm and Denise Formolo addressed the Board. Formolo showed the design for the Gold Star Family Memorial Monument. She stated the Stone will be donated by Denny Olson.
Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Pirlot to go forward honoring Gold Star Families of those who gave the ultimate sacrifice. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

CITIZENS' TIME

Mario Romitti, Kingsford, addressed the board. He stated he is concerned about gun legislation and would like this to be a Sanctuary County. He thanked Law Enforcement. He stated enough is enough! He read a prayer.

Robert Bagely, Breitung Township, addressed the Board. He stated everyone here feels the same and that the laws exist but were not enforced.

Richard Allen stated he grew up with guns. He stated guns don't kill, it is the person behind the gun.

Colt Glasheen, Waucedah, addressed the Board. He stated he has hundreds of hours of instruction and his guns should not be taken away.

Judy Stock, Kingsford, addressed the Board. She stated the Commissioners have zero authority on instructing the Sheriff or Prosecutor. She stated they must enforce the 2nd amendment and the Constitution.

Pam Maule, Iron Mountain, addressed the Board. She stated she agrees with Judy Stock and the legislators are not taking their guns away, just making things safer.

Tom Wesman, Quinnesec, addressed the Board. He urged the Board to adopt the resolution making this a Sanctuary County and explained why.

Donna Wery, Norway, addressed the Board. She stated she moved here from Chicago and they have the toughest gun laws and only the bad people have guns.

Erin Miller, Iron Mountain, addressed the Board. He thanked Law Enforcement. He stated many laws are putting law abiding citizens at odds with law enforcement.

Sarah Westman, Iron Mountain, addressed the Board. She stated the magazine size protects her. She stated many women have to get CPL's to protect themselves

Stephanie White, Kingsford, addressed the Board. She stated we should stand together.

Chuck Lantz, Iron Mountain, addressed the Board. He stated they are fighting against 3 red flag laws that infringe on our 2nd amendment rights.

Steve Smith, Kingsford, addressed the Board. He stated the sanctuary status is a strong sign that we are going to stand together.

Amy Glasheen, Waucedah, addressed the Board. She asked the Board to pass the resolution. She stated she is concerned about limiting magazine sizes and automatic rifles.

Craig VanPembrook, Breitung Township, addressed the Board. He stated he is a retired combat veteran and he is concerned with the red flag laws and how they progress.

- B. Resolutions and Legislation – Commissioner Stevens-None
Motion by Commissioner Stevens, seconded by Commissioner Pirlot to approve resolution 2020-4. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:
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| Degenauer Jr., | Aye | |
| Kramer | Aye | |
| Pirlot | Aye | |
| Stevens | Aye | |
| Wender | Aye | Motion Carried. |

DICKINSON COUNTY RESOLUTION 2020-4

WHEREAS, the Dickinson County Board of Commissioners, pursuant to Michigan stature, is vested with the authority of administering the affairs for the county government of Dickinson County, Michigan and is organized as a body corporate with powers and immunities provided by law, and to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Dickinson County government; and

WHEREAS, the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution, ratified in 1791 as part of the Bill of Rights, protects the right of people to keep and bear arms; and

WHEREAS, each Dickinson County Commissioner took a sworn oath of office to support the Constitution of the United States and the Michigan Constitution, and to faithfully discharge the duties of the office; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Board to declare its support of the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution and to the provisions of the Michigan Constitution which protect Dickinson County citizens' individual rights to keep and bear arms.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Dickinson County Board of Commissioners reaffirms their commitment and promise to support the Constitution of the United States, including the Second Amendment as well as the Constitution of the State of Michigan including Article I, Section 6, and all related laws, which protect Dickinson County citizens' individual rights.

BE IT Further RESOLVED that the Board directs the Dickinson County Controller to forward a copy of this resolution to fellow County's elected officials, the Michigan State Legislature (House of Representatives and State Senators), the Governor of Michigan and all of the Michigan U.S. Congress Members.

DICKINSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Henry Wender – Chair

Barbara Kramer – Vice Chair

John Degenauer - Commissioner

Joe Stevens – Commissioner

Kevin Pirlot - Commissioner

I, Dolly Cook, the duly appointed, qualified and acting Clerk of the County of Dickinson, Michigan, do hereby certify that the above extract from the minutes of a Regular meeting of the County Board of Commissioners of Dickinson County, Michigan held on February 24, 2020 is a true and correct excerpt of original minutes related to the matters set forth.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the County of Dickinson, Michigan, this 24th day of February 2020.

Dolly L. Cook, Clerk

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-None
 - F. **Dickinson-Iron Health Department** – Commissioner Stevens-None
 - G. **Northpointe** – Commissioner Pirlot-None
 - H. **Pinecrest** – Commissioner Degenauer
 1. Pinecrest meeting minutes of November 21, 2019.
 2. Pinecrest meeting minutes of December 19, 2019.
 3. Pinecrest meeting dates of 2020.
 - I. **Equalization Committee** – Commissioner Degenauer-None
 - J. **Building & Supply/Real Estate-Remodeling** – Commissioner Degenauer-None
 - K. **Public Safety and Judiciary** – Commissioner Wender
 1. Sheriff's office monthly report for January.
Sheriff Rutter stated the security measures are moving forward.
 - L. **Parks Committee** – Commissioner Stevens-None
Commissioner Stevens stated they have voted to move forward with the electrical at Lake Antoine. He thanked Degenauer Jr., for all of his help and this will be done in three phases.
 - M. **Airport Committee** – Commissioner Wender
 1. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., seconded by Commissioner Kramer to approve Prein & Newhof as the consultant at Ford Airport for upcoming projects. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
 - N. **Fair Board** – Commissioner Degenauer-None
 - O. **Library Board** – Commissioner Pirlot
 1. Library Board organizational meeting minutes of January 2nd.
 2. Library Board meeting minutes of January 2nd.
 - P. **Employee Relations** - Commissioner Degenauer-None
 - Q. **Dickinson County Hospital Committee** – Commissioner Stevens-None
 - 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
Commissioner Stevens stated he met a Veteran who thanked him because the Veteran's Office helped him when no one else could.
8. Citizens' Time: (Limited to five minutes per person)
Chairman Wender opened the floor to Citizens' Time and there was no participation.
9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS & OLD BUSINESS:** Commissioner Stevens-None
10. **PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS:** - Commissioner Stevens
- A. Motion by Commissioner Stevens seconded by Commissioner Pirlot, to approve the 1st quarter payment to the Crystal Lake Senior Center in the amount of \$10,125.00. Roll Call Vote:
Commissioners:

Kramer	Aye
Pirlot	Aye
Stevens	Aye
Wender	Aye

Degenauer Jr., Aye Motion Carried.

- B. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, seconded by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., to approve the 2020 Northwoods Rail Transit Commission annual dues in the amount of \$200.00. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

- C. Motion by Commissioner Stevens seconded by Commissioner Pirlot to approve the appropriation request made by Almost Home Animal Shelter in the amount of \$5,000.00. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

11. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., seconded by Commissioner Pirlot to accept the Committee Reports and Correspondence and place on file. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
12. Controller's Report.
Bousley stated we agree with the contract for the kayaks. He stated the DNR grant is out for bids for playground equipment. He stated the Boat Launch will start up when the ice clears. He stated the rec plan is on the web site for a 30-day review. He stated the park ordinance is also on the website. He stated any one coming through the courthouse will have to go through security. The Veteran's Grant will help support our VSO's. He stated Matt will be taking his final tests this week-end.
13. Commissioners' Personal Privilege.
Commissioner Degenauer Jr., stated he is a gun holder and he supports' the constitution and will fight for his guns.
Commissioner Kramer stated be vigilant and be willing to fight for your gun rights.
Commissioner Stevens thanked all for coming and thanked all those who volunteered and worked at the Pine Mountain Ski Jumps.
Commissioner Pirlot stated he supports the second amendment.
14. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr. seconded by Commissioner Kramer to adjourn, Subject to the Call of the Chairman at 6:54 PM.

Henry Wender, Chairman

Dolly L. Cook, County Clerk