

DICKINSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, May 28, 2019 - 6:00 p.m.
Courthouse - Circuit Courtroom

Tape 390

1. The meeting was called to Order by Commissioner 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, Prosecutor Lisa Richards, Sheriff Scott Rutter and Controller Brian Bousley
4. Motion by Commissioner Pirlot seconded by Commissioner Stevens to accept the agenda with the following addition:
6. B. Dickinson County Resolution 2019-19 supporting the Michigan Launch Initiative at Sawyer International Airport.
All Ayes, Motion Carried.
5. Motion by Commissioner Kramer seconded by Commissioner Degenauer Jr. to approve the following meeting minutes as written:
Special – May 6th
Regular – May 13th
Finance – May 16th 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. (He read a letter that is on file in the County Clerk's Office.) He stated Pinecrest Medical Care Facilities State Laws, prior to 2014 and 2014 to present. He stated there are some violations and some pressing problems with the Trust Fund established for Pinecrest.
 - B. Resolutions and Legislation – Commissioner Degenauer –
Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., seconded by Commissioner Stevens to approve resolution 2019-19, supporting the Michigan Launch Initiative at Sawyer International Airport. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

DICKINSON COUNTY RESOLUTION 2019-10
RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE MICHIGAN LAUNCH INITIATIVE AT SAWYER
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

WHEREAS, Michigan Aerospace Manufacturers Association has organized the Michigan Launch Initiative (MLI) for establishing spaceport operations and command center facilities within the State of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, multiple aerospace companies have plans to launch thousands of satellites into low Earth orbit (LEO); and

WHEREAS, the MLI will provide a collaborative platform for academia, industry, and governmental agencies to provide LEO and hypersonic launch technology for commercial and defense applications, with a priority to establish and launch a satellite launch facility and command center in Northern Michigan; and

WHEREAS, the economic impact on the area is estimated to be \$8 million annually with an estimated job creation between 500-1000; and

WHEREAS, Sawyer and the surrounding County forest land is uniquely positioned for the site requirements to allow for a polar orbit satellite launch facility, low-density population, extensive restricted airspace, Interstate highway system accessible, engineering and manufacturing capacity, and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Launch Initiative requires \$750,000 for performing an initial (Phase I) evaluation of the site and developing support objectives, which include Technical Case Development, Site Location Review and Development Planning, Business Case Development, and Legal Services

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Dickinson County Board of Commissioners does hereby appeal to the State of Michigan to support the establishment of spaceport operations at Sawyer International Airport by investing \$750,000 in Michigan Launch Initiative's efforts to perform Phase I site Investigations and developing start-up objectives. Motion to approve made by _____, supported by _____. Roll call vote:

Yes:

Nays:

Henry Wender-Dickinson County Board Chair

Date

Dolly Cook – Dickinson County Clerk

Date

Commissioner Stevens stated this would be a fabulous program for the U.P.

7. **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

A. **Finance Committee** – Finance Chairperson Kramer

1. Motion by Commissioner Kramer seconded by Commissioner Pirlot to approve the monthly bills for April in the amount of \$1,223,241.57. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

2. Motion by Commissioner Kramer, seconded by Commissioner Stevens to approve the County Treasurer's request to form a County Land Bank Authority for the purpose of assembling or disposing of public property, including tax reverted property in a coordinated manner to foster development and promote economic growth for the County. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

Treasurer Carey explained the land bank. She stated the ultimate goal is to do the best for the County. She stated she can apply for grants if we have a land bank. She stated the authority can be sued and sue but Dickinson County cannot. She stated we have a foreclosure fund that we can use and there would be no cost to the County General Fund. She stated we need to go forward with this.

Commissioner Kramer asked if we can be selective with the properties we collect?

Carey stated the authority can pick and choose.

Commissioner Wender asked who is the elective County Executive. She (Treasurer) stated we have none. He asked if we have any liability? She (Treasurer) stated we have none.

Commissioner Pirlot applauded the Treasurer for taking this on.

3. The Treasurer's annual report of balance in foreclosure fund accounts.

4. Motion by Commissioner Kramer seconded by Commissioner Pirlot to approve the Loyal to Local membership in the amount of \$250.00. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

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. Northpointe meeting minutes of April 5th.
 - 2. Northpointe meeting minutes of April 18th.
- H. **Pinecrest** – Commissioner Degenaer-None
- I. **Equalization Committee** – Commissioner Degenaer-None
- J. **Building & Supply/Real Estate-Remodeling** – Commissioner Degenaer -None
- K. **Public Safety and Judiciary** – Commissioner Wender -None
- L. **Parks Committee** – Commissioner Stevens
 - 1. Motion by Commissioner Stevens seconded by Commissioner Pirlot to approve the contribution request from the Lake Antoine Association toward the efforts to combat the spread of Eurasian Water Milfoil in Lake Antoine for \$1500.00. Roll Call Vote:
Commissioners:
Stevens Aye
Wender Nay
Degenaer Jr., Nay
Kramer Aye
Pirlot Aye Motion Carried.
Commissioner Degenaer Jr., asked where the money is coming from?
Commissioner Stevens stated we need to do this for the community. He stated they are down to 1.8 acres of milfoil.
Commissioner Wender stated we keep passing payments for things not budgeted and he cannot do this.
- M. **Airport Committee** – Commissioner Wender -None
- N. **Fair Board** – Commissioner Degenaer-None
- O. **Library Board** – Commissioner Pirlot
 - 1. Library organization meeting minutes of January 2nd.
 - 2. Library regular meeting minutes of January 2nd.
 - 3. Library special meeting minutes of February 14th.
 - 4. Library regular meeting of March 12th.
 - 5. Library meeting minutes of April 9th.
- P. **Employee Relations** - Commissioner Degenaer
 - 1. Motion by Commissioner Degenaer Jr. seconded by Commissioner Kramer to approve the Sheriff to fill the Jail Administrator position, due to the upcoming retirement of the current Jail Administrator. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:
Wender Aye
Stevens Aye
Pirlot Aye
Kramer Aye
Degenaer Jr.,Aye Motion Carried.
 - 2. Motion by Commissioner Degenaer Jr., seconded by Commissioner Stevens to approve the tuition- employment agreement between Matt Baumgartner, Assistant Equalization Director and the Dickinson County Board of Commissioners and was amended to include lunch at \$7. 25. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:
Degenaer Jr.,Aye
Kramer Aye
Pirlot Aye
Stevens Aye
Wender Aye Motion Carried,
Bousley stated this includes a 5-year contract. He stated the cost to the County is \$1800.00 plus millage.

- Q. **Dickinson County Hospital Committee** – Commissioner Stevens-None
- R. **Dickinson County Road Commission** – Commissioner Wender -None
- S. **Construction Code Commission** – Commissioner Degenauer
 - 1. Construction Code Commission meeting minutes of March 19th.
- T. **Bay West Advisory Committee** - Commissioner Degenauer-None
- U. **Veterans' Affairs Committee** – Commissioner Stevens-None
Commissioner Stevens stated the Memorial Day service was wonderful.

8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS & OLD BUSINESS:** Commissioner Degenauer -None

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

A. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr , seconded by Commissioner Kramer to approve the Michigan Township Association dues of \$385.00. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

Motion Carried.

B. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., seconded by Commissioner Stevens to make the following appointment:

1. FUMEE LAKE COMMISSION - Applicants: Sandra R. Adams
One-partial term to expire 7/14/2020

All Ayes, Motion Carried.

Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Stevens to appoint all the applicants to the positions below:

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEES

2. SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT INDUSTRY - Applicants: Ray D. Anderson
Four-three year terms to expire 6/1/2022 Anthony Edlebeck

3. SOLID WASTE INDUSTRIAL WASTE GENERATOR - Applicants: Mark Gregory
One-three year term to expire 6/1/2022

4. SOLID WASTE ENVIRONMENTAL INTEREST GROUP - Applicants: Andrew Wiltzius
Two-three year term to expire 6/1/2022

5. SOLID WASTE COUNTY GOVERNMENT - Applicants: Barbara Kramer
One-three year term to expire 6/1/2022

6. SOLID WASTE CITY GOVERNMENT: Applicants: Jordan Stanchina
One-three year term to expire 6/1/2022

7. SOLID WASTE TOWNSHIP GOVERNMENT: Applicants: John Gaudette
One-three year term to expire 6/1/2022

8. SOLID WASTE GENERAL PUBLIC - Applicants: Ann Hruska
Three-three-year terms to expire 6/1/2022 William Rice

All Ayes, Motion Carried.

County Clerk Dolly Cook explained the advertising process for these committees and explained the expense. She asked if they could be put on the web site with applications and then put on the agenda as we receive them. She asked that everyone help to get people on these committees.

Motion by Commissioner Kramer, supported by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., to authorize the County Clerk to place all committee openings on the Dickinson County Web Site and the paper, if needed.

All Ayes, Motion Carried.

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

A. Conservation District meeting minutes of March 21st.

B. Conservation District meeting minutes of April 18th.

11. **Controller's Report.**
Controller Bousley stated we received the rap grant for \$34,107.34 which we used for security doors, keyless entries and cameras. He stated the Pine Mountain cutting is complete. He stated we are still waiting for the State about the funding. He stated the contractor at the Iron Mountain Senior Center is doing the roadway and the lift station is about two weeks away. He stated MERS is making some changes. He stated their investment return is going from 7.5 to 7.35 and the wage assumption is going to 3%. He stated next month the construction will begin in the jail entry way and they have 3 bids. He stated the construction in the hallway in front of the Circuit Court room will be an attorney client room. He stated he has received the OPED actuary report and will explain at the next meeting.
12. **Citizens' Time: (Limited to five minutes per person)**
Chairman Wender opened the floor to Citizens' Time and there was no participation.
13. **Commissioners' Personal Privilege.**
Commissioner Pirlot stated he attended the Memorial Day Service and it went well and was fantastic.
Commissioner Stevens stated the Mine Inspectors report was well done again! He stated he is doing a great job.
Commissioner Kramer stated 100 people attended the movie on Sunday night and 75 attended the concert on Saturday. She stated the wall will begin construction on June 14th and 10 trees were planted Thursday at Lake Antoine..
Commissioner Degenauer Jr., thanked Lisa for speaking at the Norway Memorial Day Service and said she did a wonderful job and it was very informative.
14. **Motion by Commissioner Kramer seconded by Commissioner Degenauer Jr. to adjourn, Subject to Call of Chairman at 6:49 PM.**

Henry Wender, Chairman

Dolly L. Cook, County Clerk