

**DICKINSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**Monday, June 10, 2019 - 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 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, Controller Brian Bousley and Equalization Director Sid Bray.
4. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., seconded by Commissioner Kramer to accept the agenda with the following addition.  
7. K. 3. Approve the request by Sheriff Rutter to fill the upcoming full-time Corrections vacancy.  
All Ayes, Motion Carried.
5. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, seconded by Commissioner Pirlot to approve the following meeting minutes as written:  
All Ayes, Motion Carried. Regular – May 28<sup>th</sup>
6. **COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATION:**
  - A. Citizens' Time: (Limited to five minutes per person)  
Chairman Wender opened the floor to Citizens' Time and there was no participation.
  - B. Resolutions and Legislation – Commissioner Pirlot
    1. Motion by Commissioner Pirlot, seconded by Commissioner Stevens to approve Resolution 2019-11, Approval of the intergovernmental agreement establishing the Dickinson County Land Bank Authority. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

**DICKINSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RESOLUTION 2019-11 APPROVING THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING THE DICKINSON COUNTY LAND BANK AUTHORITY**

WHEREAS, the Michigan Land Bank Fast Track Authority ("Authority") was created as a public body corporate and politic within the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth, a principal department of the executive branch of the state government, under the Land Bank Fast Track Act, 2003 PA 258, MCL 124.751 to 124.774, and is authorized to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with a county foreclosing governmental unit providing for the creation of a county authority to exercise the powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities of an authority under that act; and,

WHEREAS, the Treasurer of the County of Dickinson, Michigan, is a foreclosing governmental unit under the Land Bank Fast Track Act, 2003 PA 258, MCL 124.751 to 124.774, and Section 78 of The General Property Tax Act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.78; and,

WHEREAS, the Authority and the Treasurer and the Board of Commissioners of the County of Dickinson, Michigan seek to establish a county authority for Dickinson County as a separate legal entity and as a public body to exercise within Dickinson County, Michigan the powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities of an authority under the Land Bank Fast Track Act, 2003 PA 258, MCL 124.774.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dickinson County Board of Commissioners approves the proposed Intergovernmental Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit 1 between the Michigan Land Bank Fast Track Authority and the Treasurer of the County of Dickinson, Michigan creating the Dickinson County Land Bank Authority, subject if necessary, to technical, typographical, or non-substantial modifications approved by the Executive Director of, or legal counsel, for, the Michigan Land Bank Fast Track Authority before the effective date of the Intergovernmental Agreement.

Yeas \_\_\_\_\_ 5  
Nays \_\_\_\_\_ 0

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Dolly L. Cook  
Dickinson County Clerk

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Henry Wender, Chairman  
Dickinson County Board of  
Commissioners

2. Motion by Commissioner Pirlot, seconded by Commissioner Kramer to approve Resolution 2019- 12, Designation Depository of County Moneys. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

**RESOLUTION 2019-12  
DESIGNATING DEPOSITORY OF COUNTY MONEYS – DICKINSON COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

WHEREAS, under the law of the State of Michigan, MCL § 129.12 the Dickinson County Board of Commissioners is required to provide by resolution for the deposit of all public moneys, including tax moneys, coming into the possession of the Treasurer or Tax Collector, in one or more financial institutions in the proportion and manner as may be provided in the resolution.

RESOLVED, that this County hereby authorizes the Treasurer or Tax collector to deposit all public moneys coming into his or her hands with the Michigan branch of River Valley State Bank, located at 101 West B Street, Iron Mountain, MI (“Bank”), a depository of public funds under Chapter 129, Michigan Compiled Laws, and the Bank is hereby designated as a depository in which the public moneys of this County may be deposited;

RESOLVED, that the Treasurer or Tax Collector may invest public money with the Bank as legally permitted by MCL § 129.101 or Federal law or regulation within the limits set therein;

RESLOVED, that, pursuant to MCL § 129.101 public moneys held in an account of the County and on deposit in the Bank may be drawn upon by checks, drafts or other orders for the payment of money bearing the facsimile signature or signatures of any one of the following persons:

Account Number: xxxxx7272

Jail Administrator: Jason Conery

Bookkeeper-Inquiry Only: Sue Ellis

and the Bank shall be entitled to honor and to charge the appropriate account for such checks, drafts and other orders regardless of by whom or by what means any such actual or purported facsimile signature may have been affixed thereto if, in the exercise of ordinary care, such signature would be honored by the Bank as being the facsimile signature duly certified to the Bank; and

RESOLVED, that Bank and the Treasurer or Tax Collector are authorized to rely on the continuing of this resolution until amended or replaced by a subsequent resolution of this County.

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Henry Wender – Dickinson County Chair

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Date

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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
    - 1. Planning Commission meeting minutes of March 28<sup>th</sup>.

2. Planning Commission meeting minutes of April 25<sup>th</sup>.

E. **DHHS / DICSA** – Commissioner Kramer-None

F. **Dickinson-Iron Health Department** – Commissioner Stevens  
1. Board of Health meeting minutes of April 24<sup>th</sup>.

G. **Northpointe** – Commissioner Pirlot-None

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

I. **Equalization Committee** – Commissioner Degenauer-None  
EQ Director explained a recent Michigan Tax Tribunal filing by Wal-Mart for two parcels in the City of Iron Mountain. The total taxable value in dispute is roughly \$1.1 million dollars. Many of these cases are settled or stipulated before they ever reach a full MTT hearing which involves attorneys, appraisers and other representatives from both sides. The \$1.1 million value difference would be a worst-case scenario which in this situation would represent a potential loss in revenue to county operations of approximately \$6,900 or about \$11,100 for all county levies combined (County Oper, Library, Health Dept, Seniors, etc.). The EQ Dept. will keep the Controller and Board posted as the situation evolves.  
Oral arguments are said to have concluded in late May for the Menard's vs City of Escanaba MTT case. This is an important statewide case which if settled in the City's favor would help stem the tide of Dark Store cases throughout the state and will do many of the things the proposed legislation on Dark Stores would provide should it ever get out of the State House & Senate. Case would hopefully wrap up in the fall.

J. **Building & Supply/Real Estate-Remodeling** – Commissioner Degenauer-None

K. **Public Safety and Judiciary** – Commissioner Wender  
1. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., second by Commissioner Kramer to approve the Sheriff to hire a full-time dispatcher to fill the vacancy in the E911 Dispatch Center. All Ayes, Motion Carried.  
2. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., seconded by Commissioner Kramer to approve the purchase and install of a new server for the County Jail at a cost not to exceed \$18,550.00 with funds to be dispersed from capital outlay. Roll Call Vote;  
Commissioners:  
Degenauer Jr.,Aye  
Kramer Aye  
Pirlot Aye  
Stevens Aye  
Wender Aye Motion Carried.  
Sheriff stated the back-up server is at the end of life. He stated we would lose a lot if this would go down. He stated this is badly needed and has been for a long time.  
3. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., seconded by Commissioner Pirlot to approve the request by Sheriff Rutter to fill the upcoming full-time Corrections vacancy. All Ayes, Motion Carried.  
Jason Conery will be the next jail lieutenant. The Sheriff stated his position will now be open.

L. **Parks Committee** – Commissioner Stevens-None  
Commissioner Stevens stated things are going great at the park.

M. **Airport Committee** – Commissioner Wender  
1. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., seconded by Commissioner Pirlot to approve the invoice from Superior Steel Systems Inc. in the amount of \$24,636.00 for the down payment of the hangar door and payment for electrical supplies for hangar building. Funds to be dispersed from Hangar Construction Fund. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:  
Kramer Aye  
Pirlot Aye  
Stevens Aye  
Wender Aye  
Degenauer Jr.,Aye Motion Carried.

- N. **Fair Board** – Commissioner Degenauer-None  
Commissioner Degenauer Jr., stated the bathrooms are coming along and explained what is done and what needs to be done. He stated it looks very nice. Commissioner Wender stated the Fair Board does so much and saves the Fair thousands of dollars.
  - O. **Library Board** – Commissioner Pirlot-None
  - 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
8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS & OLD BUSINESS:** Commissioner Pirlot-None
9. **PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS:** - Commissioner Pirlot
- A. Motion by Commissioner Pirlot seconded by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., to approve to designate the County Controller to be the 2020 Census New Construction Program Liaison for Dickinson County. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
  - B. Motion by Commissioner Pirlot seconded by Commissioner Stevens to approve the request from the Sons of the American Legion for a financial contribution to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks fund in the amount of \$200.00. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:
 

Pirlot	Aye	
Stevens	Aye	
Wender	Aye	
Degenauer Jr.,	Aye	
Kramer	Aye	Motion Carried.
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.**  
Controller Bousley stated there will be an inspection this week at the airport. He stated nothing has been done with the hangar. He stated there is no word on the steel yet and it could be an issue. He stated they will be laying block for the wall at Lake Antoine. He stated the lift station should be complete in a few weeks. He stated the Audit should be done in July. He stated we received the waterways grant and we have to match 50% and it is \$70,000 or \$80,000. Commissioner Wender asked if we have a contract with penalties for non-completion on time for the hangar at the airport. Bousley stated they are working on it.
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 thanked everyone who is responsible for all the work at Lake Antoine. Commissioner Stevens wanted a letter written for Bacco and all their in-kind work. He also wanted a mental health resolution. He also talked about elder abuse and neglect. He stated UPCAP will come in and talk to seniors about scams and how to avoid them. He stated you can dial 211 and get information. He stated Enbridge pipeline was at a meeting and they stated how the pipeline will be built. He stated the propane cost would soar and people would not be able to afford it if they shut it down.  
Commissioner Kramer stated Bacco has been working so hard to get things done. She stated they should have a place on our art wall. She stated they learned a lot about land banks at their training today and how brownfield comes in the picture. Enbridge offers public safety grants.  
Commissioner Degenauer Jr., asked if they would dress up for the finance meeting because they want pictures for the fair book.  
Commissioner Wender would like to support the Enbridge resolution and put it on the next meeting.  
Motion by Commissioner Kramer, seconded by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., to advertise for the

Land Bank Board Positions. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

14. Motion by Commissioner Pirlot seconded by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., to adjourn, Subject to Call of the Chairman at 6:35 PM. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

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Henry Wender, Chairman

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Dolly L. Cook, County Clerk