

**DICKINSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**Monday, September 9, 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, and John Degenauer Jr. (4)  
Absent: Kevin Pirlot (1)  
Also, Present: County Clerk Dolly Cook, Prosecutor Lisa Richards, Assistant Prosecutor Carl Downing, Sheriff Scott Rutter 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 Stevens, seconded by Commissioner Degenauer Jr. to approve the following meeting minutes as written  
Finance – August 11<sup>th</sup>  
Regular – August 26<sup>th</sup>  
All Ayes, Motion Carried.
6. **COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATION:**
  - A. Citizens' Time: (Limited to five minutes per person)  
Commissioner Kramer introduced the following student from Ms. Amy Pietrantonio's Iron Mountain Government Class: Kyle Peterson.  
Chairman Wender opened the floor to Citizens Time. Dave McCash, Iron Mountain, addressed the Board. He stated he was representing the Rotary Club and the Pine Mountain 500 and stated there were over 200 runners for the first time. He hopes there would be 500-600 next year. He stated the Rotary Club raises money and spends all their money locally. He asked the County Board for exclusive rights for the stair run. He stated they do not want a for profit to come in and take over their idea.  
Commissioner Stevens asked for a legal opinion if that could be done.  
McCash stated there are stair running clubs all over the United States.  
Commissioner Wender stated Controller Bousley will get with the Prosecutor and get something back to the Board.  
Ben Peterson, President of UPROAR addressed the Board. He asked what roads will be closed to ATV's and UTV's? He stated they would oppose closing the Breitung cut-off road because they couldn't get to Kingsford from Quinnesec. He stated they would also like the speed limit raised to 45 miles per hour. He stated they are also required to have one wheel on the shoulder in the gravel which causes much dust. He stated that could be a safety hazard. He asked about a snowmobile trail at Fumee Lake that they close in the winter. He stated it should be left open and ATV's and UTV's should be able to use it. No one was sure who closed the trail. Commissioner Stevens asked him to come to the Fumee Lake Commission meeting to talk about this. There was no other participation.
  - B. Resolutions and Legislation – Commissioner Kramer -None
7. **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**
  - A. **Finance Committee** – Finance Chairperson Kramer
    1. Motion by Commissioner Kramer seconded by Commissioner Stevens to approve the monthly bills for July in the amount of \$3,472,536.71. Roll Call Vote; Commissioners:  
Degenauer Jr., Aye  
Kramer Aye  
Stevens Aye  
Wender 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
  1. DHHS meeting minutes of May 23<sup>rd</sup>.
  2. DHHS meeting minutes of June 27<sup>th</sup>.
  3. DHHS meeting minutes of July 25<sup>th</sup>.
  4. DHHS meeting agenda of September 26<sup>th</sup>.
- F. **Dickinson-Iron Health Department** – Commissioner Stevens
  1. Board of Health meeting minutes of July 31<sup>st</sup>.
- G. **Northpointe** – Commissioner Pirlot
  1. Northpointe meeting minutes of July 11<sup>th</sup>.
  2. Northpointe meeting minutes of July 25<sup>th</sup>.
  3. Northpointe meeting minutes of August 8<sup>th</sup>.
- H. **Pinecrest** – Commissioner Degenauer-None  
Commissioner Degenauer Jr., stated they are interviewing two people for the Director's job and will re-advertise if they do not work out.
- I. **Equalization Committee** – Commissioner Degenauer-None
- J. **Building & Supply/Real Estate-Remodeling** – Commissioner Degenauer-None
- K. **Public Safety and Judiciary** – Commissioner Wender-None  
Sheriff Rutter stated they will be re-establishing the Victims Advocate and they have 7 volunteers to train and will be training more in the future.  
He stated the speed limit for ATV's and UTV's is set by the State and cannot be changed by the County. He stated the Dive team is being discussed with Delta and he has 6 apps for Dickinson.
- L. **Parks Committee** – Commissioner Stevens-None  
Commissioner Stevens stated we will have a park meeting by the end of the month.
- M. **Airport Committee** – Commissioner Wender-None
- N. **Fair Board** – Commissioner Degenauer-None  
Commissioner Degenauer Jr., stated we had a record Fair. He stated the carnival hit the biggest day in 78 years on Saturday. He stated the Demo Derby, Grands Stand shows and the Truck Pull were great. He thanked Ryan Wender for his help. He stated the weather was perfect again and there were no electrical calls and he thanked the City of Norway for the electrical upgrade.  
Commissioner Wender stated he has been going to the fair for 80 plus years and has never seen such big crowds.  
Commissioner Degenauer Jr., stated the attendance was 50-60 thousand
- O. **Library Board** – Commissioner Pirlot-None
- P. **Employee Relations** - Commissioner Degenauer-None
- Q. **Dickinson County Hospital Committee** – Commissioner Stevens-None  
Commissioner Stevens stated the Hospital is doing better, going forward and the USDA Loan is going forward.
- 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 James Brown is gone and they are looking for a new VSO.
- 8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS & OLD BUSINESS:** Commissioner Kramer-None
- 9. **PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS:** - Commissioner Kramer

- A. Motion by Commissioner Kramer, seconded by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., to approve the request from the Upper Peninsula Travel and Recreation Association (UPTRA) for an investment allocation of \$550.00.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

10. Motion by Commissioner Kramer seconded by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., 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 airport meeting at the end of the month. He stated they are waiting for paving quotes and working on selecting new consultants, if possible. He stated the hangar is moving forward. He stated the applications for the new VSO are due on September 23, 2019. He stated the Economic Development wants to tour another business which will be Dickinson Homes on October 7, 2019. The UPCAP conference is soon. He stated budgets are due and Health Insurance has increased by 2%, which is good. He stated Sid will be back next week and Matt passed his first test.
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 Kramer thanked the vendors and community members for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Crafty Flea Market. She stated there were 1500 people and 71 vendors and it was a great week-end. Commissioner Wender thanked the Parks Committee for a job well done. Commissioner Stevens thanked John Degenauer Jr., for a great Fair. He stated he went to a conference and they talked about all the challenges ahead. He stated they talked about the opioid lawsuits. He stated they talked about economics and the gentleman speaking did not think a recession is coming. He stated it was a very good conference.  
Commissioner Wender stated Jim Harris should be working with Brian to settle the problem of closing roads to ATV's and UTV' S. Sheriff Rutter stated the County has the final say on what roads will be closed to ATV's and UTV' s.  
Commissioner Kramer asked if there is an age limit for kids driving ATV' S?  
Sheriff Rutter stated they must have a Driver's License.
14. Motion by Commissioner Kramer seconded by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., to adjourn, Subject to the Call of the Chairman at 6:40 PM

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Henry Wender, Chairman

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Dolly L. Cook, County Clerk