

# **DICKINSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

## **REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**Monday - August 27, 2012 - 6:30 p.m.**

**Courthouse - Circuit Courtroom**

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Wender at 6:30 P.M.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said by all.
3. Roll Call was taken by County Clerk Dolly Cook and a quorum was present.

Present: Chairman Wender, Vice Chairman Smith and Commissioners Degenauer Jr., Martin and Stevens (5)  
Absent: (0)  
Also present: County Clerk Dolly Cook, Prosecutor Stephanie Brule, Sheriff Scott Ceello and Controller Kay Pascoe.

4. Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., to accept the agenda as written with no additions. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
5. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Stevens to approve the following meeting minutes as written:

Regular Meetings – 8/13/12  
Committee of the Whole – 8/9/12  
Finance Committee – 8/16/12

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. Bret French from American Transmission Company addressed the Board. (He handed out maps and informational sheets which are on file in the County Clerk's Office.) He explained the maps and some changes that are going to happen. He gave an extensive project overview. He also handed out some times and dates and locations where informational meetings will take place in the future. He thanked the Board.

#### **B. Resolutions and Legislation – Commissioner Smith**

1. Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Martin to approve a resolution honoring Aaron Harper. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

Chairman Wender read the resolution to Aaron Harper. A standing ovation was given. Aaron thanked the Board.

2. Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Stevens to approve sending a letter to Senator Casperson and Representative McBroom opposing HB504 which would establish a permanent indigent defense committee. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

### **7. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

#### **A. Finance Committee - Finance Chairman John Degenauer, Jr.**

1. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Stevens to approve increasing the birth and death certificate fees to \$15 for the first copy and \$10 for each additional copy, effective immediately. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

Degenauer Jr.	Aye	
Martin	Aye	
Smith	Aye	
Stevens	Aye	
Wender	Aye	Motion Carried.

2. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Stevens to approve Dickinson County E-9-1-1 millage proposal Option 1. (.4 mills/5 years) Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

Martin	Nay
Smith	Nay
Stevens	Nay
Wender	Aye

3. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Stevens to approve Dickinson County E-9-1-1 millage proposal Option 2. (.4 mills/3 years) Roll Call Vote:

Commissioners:

Smith Aye

Stevens Aye

Wender Nay

Degenauer Jr. Nay

Martin Aye Motion Carried.

Commissioner Smith stated this would raise \$1,875,000.00 in five years. He did not want to burden taxpayers until 2017. Commissioner Stevens stated we do need to update our equipment and that is State mandated. He stated if we put it on for 5 years it would always remain on the tax roll.

Commissioner Martin stated she would like the wording to say up to .4 and up to five years. Controller Pascoe stated that would not be allowed in the ballot wording, it must be a definite amount and time. Commissioner Wender stated at the Committee of the Whole Meeting everyone agreed to the .4 and five years and now they only want 3 years. He stated where are we going to get the money for new equipment and our budget is going to be extremely tight. Commissioner Degenauer Jr., stated he was not at the meeting because no one told him about it. He stated the consoles have to be replaced and all at the same time. He stated the Sheriff and Pete Schlitt put the numbers together and everyone was comfortable. Commissioner Stevens stated he is not comfortable with five years. He stated three years will give us time to see how we are doing. Commissioner Wender stated we are the lowest of all other Counties. Commissioner Stevens stated we all agree we need 911. Commissioner Smith suggested increasing the millage instead of hiding it in 911. Commissioner Smith asked why we haven't done anything sooner and he wants to furlough workers. Commissioner Degenauer Jr. stated that we are a County that services the public and we are not like industry and he couldn't see doing that. Sheriff Celello stated we are unique. He stated we do many things that other 911 centers don't do. He stated this is a County Service. He stated we can go to an authority but the cost would be ¾ million dollars. He stated this equipment could go at any time and the cost will be \$300,000.00 to replace the equipment. Controller Pascoe stated the three years will not give us enough time to deal with the operations and equipment needed.

Chairman Wender stated his reason for voting no was that he thinks this is a band aide and we need more than a band aide.

**B. A-95 Review** - Commissioner Joe Stevens-No report

**C. Crystal Lake Center/YMCA** - Commissioner Frank Smith-No report

**D. Six County Employment Alliance** - Commissioner Frank Smith-No report

**E. Planning and Zoning Committee** - Commissioner Joe Stevens

1. Conservation District Board meeting minutes – 7/17/12

2. Planning Commission meeting – 7/26/12

**F. DHS/Community Services Agencies** - Commissioner Smith-No report  
Commissioner Smith stated there is a need for Foster Care Parents.

**G. Dickinson-Iron Health Department** – Commissioner Smith.-No report

**H. Northpointe** - Commissioner Ann Martin-No report

**I. Pinecrest** - Commissioner John Degenauer, Jr.-No report

**J. Equalization Committee** - Commissioner John Degenauer, Jr.-No report

**K. Building & Supply/Real Estate-Remodeling** - Commissioner Smith-No report

**L. Public Safety and Judiciary** - Commissioner Henry Wender-No report

**M. Parks Committee** - Commissioner Joe Stevens-No report

**N. Airport Committee** - Commissioner Henry Wender

1. Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Stevens to approve the request of EAA Chapter 439 to hold Ford Airport Day on September 15, 2012 subject to the execution of an indemnification agreement and proof of insurance. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

2. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Smith to approve the request of the YMCA and Superior Aviation to hold a fundraiser in the Superior Aviation hanger on October 27, 2012 subject to the execution of an indemnification agreement, proof of insurance, and proof of liquor license. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

**O. Fair Board - Commissioner John Degenauer, Jr.**

1. Fair Board meeting minutes of 7/3/12.

**P. Library Board - Commissioner Ann Martin**

1. Motion by Commissioner Martin, supported by Commissioner Stevens to approve the request of the Library Board to levy .9 mills for 2013. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

Stevens Nay

Wender Aye

Degenauer Jr. Aye

Martin Aye

Smith Nay Motion Carried.

Commissioner Martin stated this is what the voters voted on and she thinks that is what it should be. Commissioner Smith stated their fund balance is way too high.

**Q. Dickinson Partnership/Economic Dev. - Commissioner Joe Stevens-No report**

**R. Employee Relations Committee - Commissioner Frank Smith-No report**

**S. Dickinson County Hospital Committee - Commissioner Joe Stevens-No report**

**T. Dickinson County Road Commission - Commissioner Henry Wender-No report**

**U. Construction Code Commission - Commissioner John Degenauer, Jr.-No report**

**V. Bay West Advisory Committee - Ann Martin-No report**

8. Citizens' Time: (Limited to five minutes per person):

Chairman Wender opened the floor to Citizens' Time. Dale Alessandrini, Iron Mountain addressed the Board. He stated maybe consolidation should be considered. He stated people are tired of paying taxes.

9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS & OLD BUSINESS:** Commissioner Smith – None

10. **PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS:** - Commissioner Smith - None

11. Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., to accept the Committee Reports and Correspondence and place on file. All ayes, motion carried.

12. Controller's Report. - None

13. Commissioners' Personal Privilege.

Commissioner Martin stated the people voted for .9 mills for the Library and she supports that. She stated it amazes her with all the tax millages that pass. She stated they have missed opportunities to control costs in the past, such as when people retire and not filling their positions. She stated she would rather have the 911 millage for three years. She congratulated Aaron for his 40 years in radio. She stated she was impressed with System Control.

Commissioner Stevens congratulated Aaron on his 40 years.

Commissioner Degenauer Jr., also congratulated Aaron.

Commissioner Smith congratulated Aaron on his 40 years.

Commissioner Wender stated the Board spent \$20,000 that was not budgeted and we have to be careful in the future.

14. Motion by Commissioner Martin, supported by Commissioner Stevens to adjourn, subject to the call of the Chairman at 7:40 P.M.

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Henry Wender, Chairman

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Dolly L. Cook, County Clerk

