

**DICKINSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, April 9, 2012
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, Assistant Prosecutor Lisa Richards, Sgt. Ken Sexton, Equalization Director Larry Swartout and Controller Kay Pascoe.

4. Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Martin, to accept the agenda as written with no additions. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
5. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Smith to approve the following meeting minutes as written: Regular Meetings – 3/26/12 All Ayes, Motion Carried.

6. COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATION:

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

Daniel Kulas from Mr. Hogbergs' Iron Mountain Government Class introduced himself and was welcomed by the Board.

Chairman Wender opened the floor to Citizens' Time. Butch Hiatt, Breitung Township, addressed the Board. He stated he would like a donation of \$1,500 to purchase 2000 weevils to fight the milfoil in Carney Lake. He stated this is the second year of using weevils. He thanked the Board. There was no other participation.

B. Resolutions and Legislation – Commissioner Smith - None

7. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

A. Finance Committee – Finance Chairman John Degenauer, Jr

1. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Smith to accept Treasurer's Reports for the period ending 3/31/12. All Ayes, Motion Carried. Commissioner Martin stated this is the first report for the end of the quarter and she would like to have the Finance Committee look at the report and review insurance cost and comp time. She asked that it be looked at during the Finance Committee Meeting before accepting it. Chairman Wender stated it can be looked at during the Finance Committee Meeting, but it should be accepted tonight. Commissioner Smith agreed with Commissioner Martin that the Board should be looking at these things with more detail. He stated he asked Kay to do a graph with expenses versus revenues compared to the past two years. Commissioner Martin asked about overtime. Kay stated the Sheriff's Department and Couthouse and Grounds are the only departments that have overtime listed in the budget.

2. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Smith to release the 2012 appropriation for UP RC&D in the amount of \$300. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

Commissioner Smith stated they are very good at getting grants. He stated they received \$150,000 for invasive species and \$150,000 to control garlic mustard. Commissioner Wender asked if any of our lakes get any of this money? Commissioner Smith stated the conservation group gets some of this. Commissioner Wender stated he would pass this on.

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 – No Report

F. DHS/Community Services Agency – Commissioner Frank Smith

1. DHS Board meeting minutes of 2/27/12.

Commissioner Stevens asked Kay if she would get the attachment from Mr. McCole that was not in the packet and should have been.

G. Dickinson-Iron Health Department – Commissioner Frank Smith –No Report

H. Northpointe – Commissioner Ann Martin

1. Northpointe Board meeting minutes of 3/22/12.

Commissioner Martin stated they have not made a decision on the per diem yet.

I. Pinecrest – Commissioner John Degenauer, Jr. – No Report

J. Equalization Committee – Commissioner John Degenauer, Jr. – No Report

K. Building & Supply/Real Estate-Remodeling – Commissioner Frank Smith –No Report

L. Public Safety and Judiciary – Commissioner Henry Wender- No Report

M. Parks Committee – Commissioner Joe Stevens

1. Fumee Lake Commission meeting minutes of 3/8/12.

2. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Smith to set up a Committee of the Whole Meeting to discuss a request from the Carney Lake Association for financial assistance in controlling aquatic nuisance and the request of Lake Antoine and any other business. He asked Kay to look up past contributions. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

Pascoe stated \$3500 was allocated for all lakes in this years budget of which \$2,500 is for Lake Antoine.

N. Airport Committee – Commissioner Henry Wender- No Report

Pascoe stated it would be mid May before the new carrier takes over. Commissioner Wender stated the Minneapolis flight has been cancelled.

O. Fair Board – Commissioner John Degenauer, Jr. – No Report

P. Library Board – Commissioner Ann Martin

1. Library Board meeting minutes of 3/13/12.

Commissioner Martin stated the Library is getting bids to replace the front doors, which are the original doors. She also stated they are using an architect, at no charge, to look at the flow of the Library.

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

Commissioner Wender stated the Board received an E-Mail from Jim Harris, Dickinson County Road Commission, that stated the road restrictions in Dickinson County will be lifted South of M-69 tomorrow morning @ 6:30 A.M. CST. The road restrictions will be lifted North of M-69 on Friday 4-13-2012 at 6:00 A.M. CST.

U. Construction Code Commission – Commissioner John Degenauer, Jr. – No Report

V. Bay West Advisory Committee – Commissioner Ann Martin – No Report

Commissioner Martin stated there has been a decrease of 4-5% in their Spring-Summer Enrollment. She stated the Bay College Enrollment mimics the unemployment rate. She stated when unemployment goes down, enrollment goes down. Commissioner Smith stated the enrollment drops naturally from the influx when the college opened.

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 John Degenauer, Jr. – None

10. PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS: Commissioner John Degenauer, Jr.

1. Appoint a representative and an alternate to the UP RC&D Council.

Chairman Wender appointed Frank and he (Commissioner Wender) would be the alternate

2. Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Stevens to Set the Committee of the Whole Meeting for Tuesday, April 17, 2012 at 6:30 P.M. at the correctional Center. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

11. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Smith., to accept Committee Reports and Correspondence and Place on File. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

12. Controller's Report – None

13. Commissioners' Personal Privilege.

Commissioner Martin asked why the cars were backed up on highway 8 on Saturday. Commissioner Degenauer Jr., stated it was at the end of the Easter Egg hunt and normally it is not bad.

Commissioner Stevens stated he was going to go into more detail on the States report card. He did not have time and hoped he would have more information at the next meeting. He also stated the State is still trying to eliminate the personal property tax which would affect the County to the tune of 1 million dollars. He stated we have to let our legislators and Governor know we cannot afford to lose this revenue. He stated milfoil is a battle that will never stop, but we are farther ahead than most counties. He stated the way the State is handling milfoil is very disappointing to him.

Commissioner Smith stated that all additions are available prior to the meeting. He further stated he saw a survey on savings for many counties and we were not included. He mentioned many of the savings. Commissioner Wender made notes of the Commissioners pay compared to other counties. He stated this Board was the lowest of all the counties.

Commissioner Degenauer Jr. stated the State of Michigan got an "F" rating on the report card and our roads and bridges are second from the bottom.

14. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Smith to adjourn, subject to the call of the Chairman at 6:59 P.M.

Henry Wender, Chairman

Dolly L. Cook, County Clerk