

**DICKINSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
MONDAY, APRIL 23, 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, Prosecutor Stephanie Brule, Sheriff Scott Celello, 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 Stevens, supported by Commissioner Smith to approve the following meeting minutes as written:  
Regular Meetings – 4/9/12  
Committee of the Whole – 4/17/12

All Ayes, Motion Carried.

**6. COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATION:**

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

Commissioner Martin introduced the following students from Mr. Hogbergs' Iron Mountain Government Class:

Ronald Lou, Tanner Chouinard, Tony Ward, Matthew Willman, Ian Finch, Gianna Hill, Morgan Bujold and Tyler Martin.

Chairman Wender opened the floor to Citizens' Time. Bob Sarovy from Sawyer Lake addressed the Board. He asked why no money was given to Sawyer Lake for milfoil? The Board stated they will discuss this at Commissioners' Personal Privilege.

Jim Harris, Dickinson County Road Commission, addressed the Board. He stated he would like the Board's support for another term on the Road Commission. He stated he felt there was not a conflict of interest, he stated his son stands on his own two feet and does a good job. He stated the Director of CRAM stated there is no limitation to the law because he is on the Board and his son having the job he has. He stated there is now a five man Board. He stated there is no conflict of interest, there never has been and there never will be. He stated if he feels there is a conflict of interest he will abstain or leave. He stated he also has to do his job. He stated it is a fine line. He thanked the Board.

B. Resolutions and Legislation – Commissioner Degenauer Jr., - 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 release the 2012 appropriation to the Dickinson County Department of Human Services in the amount of \$500.

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 Smith to approve Amendment #1 to the 2012 General Appropriations Act dated 4/23/2012. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

Commissioner Martin stated she would like a breakdown of policies of the reallocating of funds. Pascoe explained what re-allocating meant to Commissioner Martin.

3. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Stevens to approve the 2012 borrowing resolution as requested by the County Treasurer in her memo dated 4/12/2012. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

Chairman Wender stated it will be about \$2,000,000.00. Commissioner Stevens stated it costs the County \$19,000 to do this. He stated we will get the money back. Chairman Wender explained the County buys the delinquent taxes from the Townships and they get their money right away. Commissioner Degenauer Jr., stated it is less this year.

**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 meeting minutes of 3/20/12

**F. DHS/Community Services Agency** – Commissioner Frank Smith –No Report

**G. Dickinson-Iron Health Department** – Commissioner Frank Smith

1. Health Board meeting minutes of 3/28/12.

Commissioner Smith stated the Health Department has a trained nurse and Social Worker and Nutrition Expert who can help mothers with small children and they have helped 2200 people.

**H. Northpointe** – Commissioner Ann Martin – No Report

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

**J. Equalization Committee** – Commissioner John Degenauer, Jr.

1. 2012 Equalization report from Equalization Director.

Equalization Director Larry Swartout stated the equalized value has increased by \$21,000,000.00; however \$26,000,000.00 was for the renaissance area around the mill and with that we would have dropped. He stated our taxable value has increased 1-11/2%. Commissioner Stevens stated there has been some significant building in the last year and he asked how it would drop? Swartout explained many residences have dropped in property value the last year. Commissioner Smith stated the commercial real property in Iron Mountain is \$86,000,000 and the City of Kingsford is \$26,000,000.00. He stated the Industrial real property in Iron Mountain is 10.5 million dollars and Kingsford has 11.2 million dollars. Commissioner Martin stated she has had a couple people in her district comment that the value of their home has gone down. Swartout stated it is based on sales in the last 18 months. He stated he hopes they will be back up next year. He stated Lower Michigan was hit real hard.

Motion was made by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., and supported by Commissioner Stevens to accept the equalization report as written. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

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

**L. Public Safety and Judiciary** – Commissioner Henry Wender

1. Motion by Commissioner Martin, , supported by Commissioner Stevens to approve the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole to authorize the Sheriff to proceed with a grant to provide 75% of funds for the replacement of 911 equipment at a total cost of \$140,186.00 and our match would be \$35,046.00. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

Motion Carried

**M. Parks Committee – Commissioner Joe Stevens**

1. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Smith to approve a request from the YMCA to use Lake Antoine Park on July 1, 2012 for a Triathlon, subject to the execution of an indemnification agreement and provision of proof of insurance. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

2. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., to approve the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole to allocate \$1,000 to the Carney Lake Association for aquatic nuisance control. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

3. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Martin to approve the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole to allocate an additional \$1,000 to the Lake Antoine Association for aquatic nuisance control. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

4. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Smith to approve the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole to develop a formula for the allocation of funds for aquatic nuisance control taking into consideration, special assessments, donations from other sources, and the forming of a Lake Authority. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

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

1. Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., to authorize the Chairman to sign a letter of acknowledgment from Delta Airlines concerning Landing Fee obligations of Delta affiliate Pinnacle Airlines. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

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

1. Fair Board meeting minutes of 3/6/12.

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

1. Library Board meeting minutes of 4/10/12.

**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 – Commissioner Ann Martin**

1. Bay College Advisory Committee meeting minutes of 1/5/12.  
Commissioner Martin will ask that the minutes come in a more timely manner.

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

Chairman Wender opened the floor to Citizens' Time. Mike Erdman, MSU Extension addressed the Board. He stated Friday they hired their 4-H Director and they will start on May 1<sup>st</sup>. He stated the amounts will be the same next year. He stated they will hire an economic Director next week.

**9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS & OLD BUSINESS:** Commissioner John Degenauer, Jr.

Make appointments to the following:

1. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., to nominate the following applicants for one three-year term to expire 4/30/15 on the Road Commission:

Applicants:

James Harris  
Bonnie Kirkland

Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

Degenauer Jr. Harris  
Martin Kirkland  
Smith Harris  
Stevens Harris  
Wender Harris

Jim Harris was appointed to the Road Commission for a three year term to expire 4/30/2015.

2. Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., to appoint Dennis Baldinelli and Sheila Wender to the Jury Board for three-year terms to expire 4/30/15. Degenauer Jr., Martin, Smith, Stevens Ayes, Wender Abstained. Motion Carried.

3. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Smith to appoint David W. Schmutzler and Ray Anderson to the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority for a three-year term to expire 5/1/15. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

**10. PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS:** Commissioner John Degenauer, Jr. - None

11. Motion by Commissioner Martin, 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 Degenauer Jr. stated his reason for not voting for the extra money for Lake Antoine milfoil is because they are already receiving more money and the County already gives a fair share and he felt we should not give them any more.

Commissioner Smith stated many things should be taken into consideration about how the money will be split in the future for the different Lakes concerning milfoil. He stated it should be a simple formula.

Commissioner Stevens stated he did not receive McColes statements that should have been in the last packet. He stated Mrs. Kirkland had a very good letter about the Road Commission and because she was not there, he was going to call her. He asked Mike Erdman why we have to have an Economic Development position? Erdman stated for those starting a business and new product developments. He stated Sawyer Lake has been allocated money for milfoil and Lake Antoine is a large body of water. He asked is it fair? He stated probably not, but they need it. He stated they do need a policy. He stated our County has gone far beyond most counties in helping lakes with milfoil.

He stated Michigan's report card was bad and he went over the information Kay had given him.

Commissioner Wender stated he voted for Carney Lake and they do have a special assessment District. He voted no on Lake Antoine for extra because we should give more to the rest if they get more. He congratulated Jim Harris and said he was glad to hear a positive remark from Jim about a five member board.

The Clerk asked about Northpointe and should she advertise again. There was no decision made to advertise. Commissioner Martin asked if anyone was interested and explained the meetings and stated they do get paid.

Commissioner Wender introduced Lenny Reed who is representing Dan Benishek and his campaign.

14. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Stevens to adjourn, subject to the call of the Chairman at 7:20 P.M.