

DICKINSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 13, 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 Celeslo, Equalization Director Larry Swartout and Controller Kay Pascoe.

4. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Martin., to accept the agenda with the following addition:
 7. N.3 Airport Committee:
 3. Authorize the Dickinson County Road Commission to remove sand from an open pit on airport property in return for in-kind services to be provided to the airport. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
5. Motion by Commissioner Martin, supported by Commissioner Smith to approve the following meeting minutes as written

Regular Meetings – 7/23/12
Committee of the Whole – 8/6/12

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. Paul Rauston, Negaunee, addressed the Board. He stated he would like to talk about the American Transmission Line Project. He stated a packet was given to Kay for the Commissioners to read. He stated he has contacted Casperson, Stabenow and Snyder about his concerns. He stated the lines would run through his property. He stated millions of acres will be lost because of steel towers and wires. He stated he prefers land preservation instead of land devastation. He stated this is paid by taxpayers. He further stated there are many other ways to construct these lines. He stated they are not concerned with private landowners and the decrease of property values. He stated this will affect 21 property owners in his area and 85% signed a petition opposing this project and construction. He stated they will start in 2015 and be completed by 2016. He stated he hoped eminent domain was not a closed and shut case. He thanked the Board. (The packet is on file in the County Clerk's Office.)

B. Resolutions and Legislation – None

7. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

A. Finance Committee – Finance Chairman John Degenauer, Jr

1. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Martin to approve the Treasurer's Trial Balance and Budget Status Reports for the period ending 7/31/12. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

2. Set the rates for birth and death certificates at \$15/first copy and \$7/second, per the recommendation of the County Clerk.

A discussion was held and the decision was made to raise the rates to \$15.00 for the first copy and \$10.00 for each additional copy but it will not be voted on until the August 27, 2012 Board meeting to give residents time to comment on the increase.

3. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Smith to release the 50% share of the Convention and Tourism Tax to the Western UP Substance Abuse Agency in the amount of \$13,453. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

Degenauer Jr. Aye
Martin Aye

Smith Aye
Stevens Aye
Wender Aye Motion Carried.

4. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Martin to release the 2012 appropriation to the Sawyer Lake Association in the amount of \$2,500. Roll Call Vote:
Commissioners:

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

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. Planning Commission meeting minutes of 6/28/12.

Commissioner Smith stated the old Zephyr Gas station was up for sale by the City of Iron Mountain due to the land bank program. He stated the County did not want to be involved with this program because of the old gas stations in town and the removal of gas tanks that are so expensive.

F. DHS/Community Services Agency – Commissioner Frank Smith –

1. DHS Board meeting minutes of 6/25/12.

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

1. Board of Health meeting minutes of 6/27/12

H. Northpointe – Commissioner Ann Martin –

1. Northpointe Board meeting minutes of 6/21 and 7/19/12

Commissioner Martin stated there were bonuses given to those at the top of the scale. She stated they had not received increases for years. She stated they received the bonus if their review was at least 80%. The bonus was \$1,000.00. She stated this did not increase the base. Commissioner Smith asked if this bonus was in line with the percentage given to hourly employees?

I. Pinecrest – Commissioner John Degenauer, Jr. –

1. Pinecrest Board meeting minutes of 6/28/12.

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 6/21/12.

N. Airport Committee – Commissioner Henry Wender-

1. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Stevens to authorize sending a letter of support for EAS Service for Sky West Airlines to the DOT. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

2. Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Martin to approve a hangar lease agreement with Integrated First Response as recommended by the Committee of the Whole, subject to the approval of the Prosecutor. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

Commissioner Wender stated the lease is \$1500.00 a month and they will pay utilities and 5% of the lighting of the airport. He stated they can also sub-lease if they prefer.

3. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Degenauer Jr. to authorize the Dickinson County Road Commission to remove sand from an open pit on airport property in return for in-kind services to be provided to the airport. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

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

Commissioner Degenauer Jr., stated they wanted to establish a memorial at the Fair Ground. No final plans at this time but he did give some ideas. He will report back to the Board.

P. Library Board – Commissioner Ann Martin – No Report

Q. Dickinson Partnership/Economic Dev. – Commissioner Joe Stevens – No Report

R. Employee Relations Committee – Commissioner Frank Smith –

1. Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Martin to authorize the Treasurer to advertise to fill a part-time position due to a retirement. All Ayes, Motion Carried. No discussion was held.

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 – No Report

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

Chairman Wender opened the floor to Citizens' Time. Dale Alessandrini addressed the Board. He stated The City of Iron Mountain was not involved with the land bank and the reason they acquired the Zephyr Gas Station was because they have infrastructure in the back wall and they wanted control of that infrastructure.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS & OLD BUSINESS: Commissioner John Degenauer, Jr. - None

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

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

12. Controller's Report – None

13. Commissioners' Personal Privilege.

Commissioner Wender thanked Kay and her staff for getting all of the financials together. Commissioner Stevens stated the parks will be open for three more weeks after Labor Day at Lake Antoine and Sawyer Lake. He also stated when we lost passports we lost \$40,000. County Clerk Dolly Cook stated we lost \$18,000, not \$40,000. He stated we should reconsider passports. He asked Kay to look into it. County Clerk stated we still do passport photos. She stated she asked the Treasurer to do them and nobody wanted it.

Commissioner Smith questioned whether Michigan can take property or eminent domain procedures. Commissioner Degenauer Jr. stated the U.P. Fair Board thanked the County Commissioners for their continued support.

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

Henry Wender, Chairman

Dolly L. Cook, County Clerk