

DICKINSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Monday - January 13, 2014 - 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 Degenauer and Commissioners Stevens, Martin and Kramer. (5)
Absent: None
Also Present: County Clerk Dolly Cook, Prosecutor Lisa Richards, Sheriff Scott Celeslo and Controller Nicole Frost.
4. Motion by Commissioner Martin supported by Commissioner Kramer to accept the agenda as written.
All Ayes, Motion Carried.
5. Motion by Commissioner Kramer supported by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., to approve the following meeting minutes:
Regular Meeting - 12/23/13
Organizational Meeting - 1/2/14
Wender, Stevens, Degenauer Jr. Kramer Ayes, Martin abstained from the Regular Meeting of 12/23/2013 because she was not present but voted Aye on the Organizational Meeting of 1/2/2014. Motion Carried.

6. **COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATION:**

- A. Citizens' Time: (Limited to five minutes per person)
Chairman Wender opened the floor to Citizens' Time. Chuck Lantz, Director of Veteran's Affairs, addressed the Board. He explained when the National Guard was sent to Afghanistan, he gave them two flags to be flown there on Veterans' Day of 2012 in honor of our Dickinson County Veterans. He presented the Board with a beautifully framed American Flag and certificate to be placed in the Courthouse. The Board thanked Chuck and the Veterans. There was no other participation.
- B. Resolutions and Legislation - Commissioner Stevens - None

7. **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

- A. **Finance Committee** - Finance Chairman Degenauer
Approve/Deny:

1. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Kramer to accept the Trial Balance & Budget status report for period ending 12/31/13 from the Treasurer. All ayes, Motion Carried.

2. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Martin to approve the request from the Menominee Range Museum for the release of their 2014 appropriation in the amount of \$2,000. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

Degenauer	Aye	
Kramer	Aye	
Martin	Aye	
Stevens	Aye	
Wender	Aye	Motion Carried.

3. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Kramer to approve the request from the Office of Veterans Affairs' for the release of the first of their \$89,000 2014 appropriation in quarterly installments of \$22,250. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

4. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Martin to approve the request from the Norway-Vulcan Senior Center for the release of their 2014 appropriation in the amount of \$30,000. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

5. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Kramer to approve the request from the Sagola Township Senior Center for the release of their 2014 appropriation in the amount of \$33,500. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

6. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Stevens to approve the request of the Prosecutor to attend the PAAM Winter Conference in Acme, Michigan on February 12-14 at an approximate cost of \$509 for mileage and tuition. Note: Michigan Justice Training Funds will cover all expenses of the Part 2 training. Roll Call Vote:

Commissioners:

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

Commissioner Martin stated some of the agenda items seemed questionable.
Prosecutor Richards stated she would explain some of the agenda items when she returns.

7. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Stevens to approve the request from UPCAP Services, Inc. for the release of their 2014 appropriation in the amount of \$1,000. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

Commissioner Stevens stated this has been the same amount for many years.

8. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Martin to set the 2014 mileage rate at \$ 0.39/mile. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

Commissioner Wender stated this has been the rate for many years. He stated Federal rate is \$0.55 a mile.

9. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Martin to authorize the possible purchase of goods and services from Stevens Decorating and acknowledge that Commissioner Stevens is the owner of Stevens Decorating. Wender, Martin, Kramer and Degenauer Jr., Ayes, Stevens abstained. Motion Carried.

10. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Kramer to authorize the Chairman to sign an agreement for 2014 MSU Extension Services, with the total County payment for 2014 to be \$38,850. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

Controller Frost explained our total cost is a little over \$71,000.00 with utilities and office rent and space and a part-time person.

Commissioner Stevens stated each county is doing something different and he hoped 2014 would have some solutions.

11. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Kramer to approve the 2014 per diem meal rates and travel reimbursement policy. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

Commissioner Kramer asked if you had to have a receipt for lunch purchased out of town? Controller Frost stated you must have a receipt for everything. Commissioner Wender stated these are the same rates we have had for years.

B. A-95 Review - Commissioner Kramer-No report

C. Crystal Lake Center/YMCA - Commissioner Kramer-No report

D. Six County Employment Alliance - Commissioner Stevens-No report

E. Planning and Zoning Committee - Commissioner Kramer-No report

F. DHS/Community Services Agencies - Commissioner Kramer

1. DHS Board meeting minutes of 11/25/13.

G. Dickinson-Iron Health Department - Commissioner Kramer-No report

H. Northpointe - Commissioner Martin

1. Northpointe Board meeting minutes of 12/19/13.

Commissioner Wender asked about the recommended increase for the salary of the person to be hired and how it would be a savings? Commissioner Martin stated it is a savings and the increase was for one person to replace two.

I. Pinecrest - Commissioner Degenae-No report

J. Equalization Committee - Commissioner Degenae-No report

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

L. Public Safety and Judiciary - Commissioner Wender

Approve/Deny:

1. Motion by Commissioner Kramer, supported by Commissioner Degenae Jr., to renew the contract for the provision of inmate medical services in 2014 with Correctional Healthcare Companies at a cost of \$9,086.82 Per Month or \$109,041.84 annually.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

Stevens Aye

Wender Aye

Degenae Jr., Aye

Kramer Aye

Martin Aye Motion Carried.

Sheriff Celello stated it is the best option compared to what we used to have. He stated they are checking with other counties to see what they are doing and he will continue to explore other options.

Commissioner Martin stated it cost \$109,000 for the healthcare for the people incarcerated in Dickinson County. She asked could it be more?

Sheriff Celello stated it could be higher.

Commissioner Degenae Jr., asked if there is a way we do not have to pay their medical when they are in jail?

Sheriff Celello stated it is coming from above. He stated Kent County pays twice Dickinson Counties' entire budget or \$5,000,000 dollars per year.

M. Parks Committee - Commissioner Stevens

Approve/Deny:

1. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Martin to approve the request from Northern Lights YMCA to use Lake Antoine Park on June 29, 2014 for their annual Triathlon, subject to the execution of an indemnification agreement and the provision of proof of insurance. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

2. Fumee Lake Commission meeting minutes of 11/14/13.

Commissioner Wender stated that one member of the Fumee Lake Committee wants trail cameras because of the four wheelers and other violations occurring at Fumee Lake. He stated he hopes it never comes to that. Commissioner Stevens stated there are a lot of violations that occur and that would help.

Commissioner Wender asked for a copy of the Fumee Lake Budget.

Controller Frost stated the Fumee Lake Committee did contact her about these problems and she asked the insurance Company if this would be legal and they said yes as long as there were signs warning people of the cameras.

N. Airport Committee - Commissioner Wender

Approve/Deny:

1. Motion by Commissioner Martin, supported by Commissioner Degenae Jr., to approve the invoice from WLUC-TV in the amount of \$5,000 for commercial production.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

Wender Aye

Stevens Aye

Martin Aye
Kramer Aye
Degenaer Jr., Aye Motion Carried.
Note: Reimbursed by the Airport Marketing Grant.

- O. Fair Board** - Commissioner Degenaer-No report
Commissioner Degenaer Jr., gave a short report on the conference.
- P. Library Board** - Commissioner Martin-No report
It was noted that Beth will have a long recovery. Commissioner Martin stated she is a kind, capable director. She stated her spirit is good. She stated the Interim Director is Renee Augustine.
- Q. Dickinson Partnership/Economic Dev.** - Commissioner Stevens-No report
- R. Employee Relations Committee** - Commissioner Degenaer-No report
- S. Dickinson County Hospital Committee** - Commissioner Stevens-No report
- T. Dickinson County Road Commission** - Commissioner Wender-No report
- U. Construction Code Commission** - Commissioner Degenaer-No report
- V. Bay West Advisory Committee** - Commissioner Martin-No report
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 Stevens - None
10. **PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS:** - Commissioner Stevens
Approve/Deny:
- Chairman Wender appointed Joe Stevens as the Finance Chairman for 2014.
 - Chairman Wender left the 2014 Committee Assignments the same as 2013.
 - Motion by Commissioner Martin, supported by Commissioner Kramer to go into a closed session to discuss negotiations in connection with the collective bargaining agreements between the County and the Unions at 6:56 P.M. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:
Degenaer Jr. Aye
Kramer Aye
Martin Aye
Stevens Aye
Wender Aye Motion Carried.
 - Motion by Commissioner Degenaer Jr., supported by Commissioner Kramer to go back into regular session at 7:06 P.M. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:
Kramer Aye
Martin Aye
Stevens Aye
Wender Aye
Degenaer Jr., Aye Motion Carried.
 - Motion by Commissioner Degenaer Jr., supported by Commissioner Kramer to accept the letter of understanding with one change: paragraph 6, line 5 which currently reads as "through contribution to a deferred compensation plan, on the \$31,000..... **It will be changed to read "through contributions to a deferred compensation plan, based on the approximate** \$31,000..... Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:
Martin Aye
Stevens Aye
Wender Aye
Degenaer Jr., Aye
Kramer Aye Motion Carried.
11. Motion by Commissioner Martin, supported by Commissioner Degenaer Jr., to accept the Committee Reports and Correspondence and place on file. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
12. Controller's Report.
Controller Frost stated she would be going to Baraga with Commissioner Kramer to learn what is important to help get DNR Grants. She further stated she is waiting for an update from Gary Nash and Johnathon Ringel on the YMCA's future plans.

13. Commissioners' Personal Privilege.
Chairman Wender explained that Jeff Heino left DICSA and Sandy Essendrup is the Interim Director. He stated Iron County wants to split with DICSA. He stated they weren't happy with some aspects of the Agency. They wanted their Commissioners to appoint the elected to the Agency. He also stated they felt they were not getting their fair share in many aspects. He stated the UPCAP money is distributed by UPCAP.
He stated they do not like the fact that the offices are in Iron Mountain and the money is deposited in Dickinson County Banks and not Iron County banks. He stated they feel the agency is top heavy. Chairman Wender told Iron County at a meeting they have to make a decision to stay or go because we have to advertise for a Director. He stated he suggested a meeting with both Boards of Commissioners from Iron and Dickinson and gave them a deadline of the end of February. He stated after both Boards meet then a special meeting at DICSA will be held.
Commissioner Stevens stated UPCAP has an annual meeting that tells them what every County will get and Iron County has never voted no.
Commissioner Wender stated this has gone on long enough.
Controller Frost stated she thought it would be solved soon. She stated some things can be addressed through the Interlocal Agreement or bylaws.
Commissioner Degenauer Jr., stated the Federal Government mandated how the appointments would be made, not the Counties.
Commissioner Stevens hoped that they would stay. He stated the main concern is our Senior Citizens.
14. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Kramer to adjourn, subject to call of Chairman at 7:17 P.M.

Henry Wender, Chairman

Dolly L Cook, County Clerk

