

# DICKINSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting - January 14, 2013  
Courthouse, Circuit Courtroom - 6:30 p.m.

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 Stevens and Commissioners Degenauer Jr., Kramer and Martin. (5)

Absent: (0)

Also Present: County Clerk Dolly Cook, Prosecutor Lisa Richards, Sheriff Scott Celello, Equalization Director Larry Swartout and Administrative Assistant Sonya Pugh.

4. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Stevens to accept the agenda as written. All ayes, motion carried.
5. Motion by Commissioner Martin supported by Commissioner Kramer to approve the following meeting minutes with one correction to the Organizational Meeting minutes: 7. Beginning of the paragraph read as follows: Motion by Commissioner Kramer, supported by Commissioner Martin to nominate Commissioner Joe Stevens as Vice Chairman of the Dickinson County Board of Commissioners for the ensuing year. **It should have read: Motion by Commissioner Martin, supported by Commissioner Kramer to nominate Commissioner Joe Stevens as Vice Chairman of the Dickinson County Board of Commissioners for the ensuing year.**

Regular Meetings – 12/27/12

Organizational Meeting – 1/2/13

All Ayes, Motion Carried.

## 6. **COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATION:**

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

Chairman Wender opened the floor to Citizen's Time. Steve Smith the new Mine Inspector addressed the Board. He stated he has 30 years of experience. He stated this has been a lifelong ambition. He stated he is ready to do the job. Commissioner Wender stated he would like to see quarterly reports. Smith stated due to the cut in hours, he hoped he could do quarterly reports. He stated the job is pretty complicated. He (Wender) stated the important thing is that the Board knows what he is doing. The consensus of the Board was to have a report every 6 months. He (Smith) wanted this in writing. Commissioner Stevens stated if he does find anything drastic, he should come to the Board right away. Commissioner Degenauer Jr., stated if he runs out of hours, he should come to the Board. He (Smith) thanked the Board. There was no other participation.

### B. Resolutions and Legislation – Commissioner Degenauer

1. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Kramer to approve Dickinson County Resolution No. 2013-1 in support of the 9-1-1 millage. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

2. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Stevens to approve Resolution No. 2013-2 waiving the right to review Township Ordinances and Amendments. This motion and support was withdrawn.

Motion by Commissioner Kramer, supported by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., to table the resolution All Ayes, Motion Carried.

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

### A. Finance Committee - Finance Chairman Degenauer

1. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Kramer to accept the Treasurer's Trial Balance and Budget Status Report for month ending 12/31/12. All ayes, motion carried.

2. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Stevens to release the 2013 appropriations for the following:

Sagola Senior Center	\$30,595
Norway-Vulcan Senior Center	25,000

TRICO	4,500
Menominee Range Museum	1,500

Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

3. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Stevens to release the 2013 appropriation to DICSA in quarterly installments of \$62,891 as per their requested schedule.

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 Stevens to release the 2013 appropriation to the Office of Veterans' Affairs in quarterly installments of \$21,250.

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 Martin to authorize the possible purchase of goods and services from Stevens Decorating and acknowledge that Commissioner Stevens is the owner of Stevens Decorating. Degenauer Jr., Kramer, Martin, Wender Ayes, Stevens Abstained.

6. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Kramer to authorize the possible purchase of goods and services from Edelweiss Farm and acknowledge that Commissioner Wender is the owner of Edelweiss Farm. Degenauer Jr., Kramer, Martin, Stevens Ayes, Wender Abstained.

Chairman Wender explained the only time he sold anything was last year when they needed hay for the starving animals and he did not intend to sell anything else.

**B. A-95 Review - Commissioner Stevens-None**

**C. Crystal Lake Center/YMCA - Commissioner Kramer**

1. Motion by Commissioner Kramer, supported by Commissioner Stevens to approve the request of the YMCA to hold a fund dinner at the airport in the Superior Aviation Hangar on 6/21/13, subject to the proof of insurance, and the execution of an indemnification agreement. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

2. Motion by Commissioner Kramer, supported by Commissioner Martin to approve the request of the YMCA to hold a "Mountain Mudder" Event at Pine Mountain on 8/10/13, subject to the proof of insurance, and the execution of an indemnification agreement. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

**D. Six County Employment Alliance - Commissioner Wender-None**

**E. Planning and Zoning Committee - Commissioner Kramer-None**

**F. DHS/Community Services Agencies - Commissioner Kramer-None**

**G. Dickinson-Iron Health Department - Commissioner Kramer**

1. Health Department Board meeting minutes of 12/19/12. Commissioner Martin stated the director gets 2.5% increase and he receives \$5,000 towards his masters. Chairman Wender stated they are saving a tremendous amount of money and that is why they did the educational money.

**H. Northpointe - Commissioner Martin-None**

**I. Pinecrest - Commissioner Degenauer-None**

**J. Equalization Committee - Commissioner Degenauer-None**

**K. Building & Supply/Real Estate-Remodeling - Commissioner Degenauer-None**

**L. Public Safety and Judiciary - Commissioner Wender**

1. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Stevens to authorize the Sheriff to hire a part-time Animal Control Officer. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:  
Wender Aye  
Stevens Aye  
Martin Aye  
Kramer Aye  
Degenauer Jr., Aye Motion Carried.  
Commissioner Martin stated this will save the County \$25,000 and the Sheriff agreed.

**M. Parks Committee - Commissioner Stevens**

1. Fumee Lake Commission meeting minutes of 11/8/12.

**N. Airport Committee - Commissioner Wender**

1. Motion by Commissioner Martin, supported by Commissioner Kramer to authorize the Airport Manager to attend the Michigan Airport Conference in Traverse City on February 20-21<sup>st</sup> at an approximate cost of \$600. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:  
Degenauer Jr., Aye  
Kramer Aye  
Martin Aye  
Stevens Aye  
Wender Aye Motion Carried.

**O. Fair Board - Commissioner Degenauer-None**

**P. Library Board - Commissioner Ann Martin-None**

**Q. Dickinson Partnership/Economic Dev. - Commissioner Stevens-None**

**R. Employee Relations Committee - Commissioner Degenauer-None**

**S. Dickinson County Hospital Committee - Commissioner Stevens-None**

**T. Dickinson County Road Commission - Commissioner Wender**

1. Road Commission meeting minutes of 12/11/12.

**U. Construction Code Commission - Commissioner Degenauer-None**

**V. Bay West Advisory Committee - Commissioner Martin**

Commissioner Kramer stated enrollment is down 19% and they had to adjust the staff. She stated they gave a very interesting presentation on technical education.

1. Advisory Committee meeting minutes of 9/27/12

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 Degenauer - None

10. **PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS:** Commissioner Degenauer

1. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Kramer to appoint the following as the Dickinson County representatives to the CUPPAD Commission as per letter from CUPPAD dated 12/14/12. (Current representatives: County Board – Joe Stevens 1; County Planning – Bob Werner ,Members at Large – Barb Bedard and Chuck Adams) All Ayes, Motion Carried.

2. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Martin to make Joe Stevens the 2013 Nomination to UPCAP Board of Directors. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

11. Motion by Commissioner Martin, supported by Commissioner Kramer to accept Committee Reports and Correspondence and place on file. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

12. Controller's Report. Kay Pascoe was excused from the meeting.

13. Commissioners' Personal Privilege.

Commissioner Kramer stated the Walk for Warmth will be February 10<sup>th</sup>. She stated the deadline for the DNR grant is April 1<sup>st</sup> for Lake Antoine. She stated there is money available for dams this year.

Commissioner Martin welcomed the Mine Inspector. She explained the opening of the Alpha-Omega House. Sheriff Ceello explained the house gives inmates leaving the jail a fresh start with therapy programs and a place to go. He stated they have very strict rules and only Dickinson County people can be included in the program. He stated they can stay for 90 days.

Commissioner Wender stated the committee appointments were in the packets.

14. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Stevens to adjourn, subject to the call of Chairman at 7:08 P.M.

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Henry Wender, Chairman

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Dolly Cook, County Clerk

