

**DICKINSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**Monday, January 25, 2016 - 6:00 p.m.**  
**Courthouse - Circuit Courtroom**

1. The meeting was called to Order by Chairman Wender at 6:00 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 and Vice Chairman Stevens and Commissioners Degenauer, Kramer and Martin. (5)  
Absent: None  
Also Present: County Clerk Dolly Cook, Controller Sonya Pugh, Equalization Director Sid Bray and Treasurer Lorna Carey.
4. Motion by Commissioner Kramer supported by Commissioner Stevens to accept the agenda with the following addition:
  7. Reports of Standing Committees
    - A. Finance Committee
      3. Approve or deny a request from FA Industrial for partial payment of \$112,000 (90%) for the clock tower repair. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
5. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Stevens to approve the following meeting minutes as written:

Regular Meeting – 01/11/2016 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 and there was no participation.
  - B. Resolutions and Legislation –Commissioner Martin
    1. Motion by Commissioner Martin, supported by Commissioner Kramer to approve Resolution 2016-2 requesting a repeal of the Communication Restriction in Public Act 269 of 2015. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

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**RESOLUTION 2016 - 2**

WHEREAS, on January 6, 2016, Governor Snyder signed Public Act 269 of 2015 ("Act 269"), which amends the Michigan Campaign Finance Act, Act 388, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended; and

WHEREAS, Act 269, among other things, makes it a misdemeanor for a local government or any person acting on behalf of a local government to use public funds or resources to disseminate information referencing a ballot question by means of radio, television, mass mailing or prerecorded telephone message during the 60 days before the election on any local ballot question (the "Communication Restriction"); and

WHEREAS, local governments and their public officials represent the public and have a duty to provide their constituents with factual information about issues relevant to the local government; and

WHEREAS, the Communication Restriction stifles the communication from government to the public; and

WHEREAS, the Communication Restriction ensures that the public will receive less factual information concerning its local government, increasing dependence on potentially unreliable sources; and

WHEREAS, the Communication Restriction would apply to a wide range of local ballot questions, including but not limited to annexation and consolidation, charter amendments, bond proposals, millage proposals, land sales and citizen initiatives; and

WHEREAS, prior to the enactment of the Communication Restriction, public bodies were already prohibited from using public resources to advocate for or against a ballot proposal, which

prohibition is consistently enforced; and

WHEREAS, the very foundation of our democracy requires an informed electorate to properly function; and

WHEREAS, many members of the public lack easy access to information from non-restricted sources, including the internet.

THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing, the Dickinson County Board of Commissioners requests that the State Legislature repeal the Communication Restriction.

DICKINSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Henry Wender, Chairman

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Joe Stevens, Commissioner

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John Degenauer, Jr. Commissioner

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Ann Martin, Commissioner

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Barbara Kramer, Commissioner

I, Dolly Cook, the duly appointed, qualified and Acting Clerk of the County of Dickinson, Michigan, do hereby certify that the above extract from the minutes of a Regular meeting of the County Board of Commissioners of Dickinson County, Michigan held on January 25, 2016 is a true and correct excerpt of original minutes related to the matters set forth.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the County of Dickinson, Michigan, January 25, 2016.

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Dolly Cook, Clerk

7. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

A. **Finance Committee** – Finance Chairperson Martin

1. Motion by Commissioner Martin, supported by Commissioner Stevens to approve the monthly bills for January in the amount of \$596,291.61.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

Degenauer Jr., Aye

Kramer Aye

Martin Aye

Stevens Aye

Wender Aye Motion Carried

Commissioner Martin explained why the bills were so high in January.

2. Motion by Commissioner Martin supported by Commissioner Kramer to approve the Treasurer's 2015 Interest on Investments and Taxes Report. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

Treasurer Carey explained the interest earned for 2015 and why it was lower than 2014.

She stated until the markets recover they will continue to be lower.

3. Motion by Commissioner Martin, supported by Commissioner Stevens to approve the request of FA Industrial for a partial payment of \$112,000 (90%) for the clock tower repair. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

Kramer Aye

Martin Aye

Stevens Aye

Wender Aye

Degenauer Jr., Aye Motion Carried.

B. **A-95 Review** – Commissioner Kramer-None

- C. **Crystal Lake Center/YMCA** – Commissioner Kramer-None
- D. **Six County Employment Alliance** – Commissioner Stevens-None
- E. **Planning and Zoning Committee** – Commissioner Kramer
  - 1. Motion by Commissioner Kramer supported by Commissioner Martin to approve the request to act as a co- host community for “Training Wheels” On-Road Bicycle Facilities Course at no cost to the County. Roll Call Vote:  
Commissioners:  

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

Kramer explained the co-host responsibilities. She explained the City of Norway will be the host.

Commissioner Wender stated we should not contribute anything.

Commissioner Stevens also agreed at no cost to the County.

- F. **DHS / Community Services Agencies** – Commissioner Kramer-None  
Commissioner Kramer stated promptness was 96%, paid out \$336,373, their budget was slashed 50% and 6000 are receiving some sort of Medicaid.
- G. **Dickinson-Iron Health Department** – Commissioner Stevens-None
- H. **Northpointe** – Commissioner Martin
  - 1. Northpointe Healthcare Systems meeting minutes of 12/17/2015.
- 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 Chairman to sign the USDA Rural Development Grant application and related paperwork for the patrol cars grant funding. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
- M. **Parks Committee** – Commissioner Stevens-None
- N. **Airport Committee** – Commissioner Wender
  - 1. 2015 airline enplanements at Ford Airport were 10,704.  
Chairman Wender stated we will receive the million dollars from the FAA in 2016 for having over 10,000 enplanements in 2015.
- O. **Fair Board** – Commissioner Degenauer-None  
Commissioner Degenauer Jr., stated he will be working on the fair book and it will be done differently. He stated it will be on the website in March and printed in hard copy in June.
- P. **Library Board** – Commissioner Martin
  - 1. Library Board organizational and regular meeting minutes of 01/04/2016.
- 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. Dickinson County Road Commission meeting minutes of 01/12/2016.
- U. **Construction Code Commission** – Commissioner Degenauer  
1. Construction Code Commission meeting minutes of 10/13/2015.
- V. **Bay West Advisory Committee** - Commissioner Degenauer  
1. Bay West Advisory Committee meeting minutes of 09/24/2015.
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 Martin -None
10. PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS: - Commissioner Martin  
A. Motion by Commissioner Martin, supported by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., to approve the request from the County Treasurer to hold a Passport Fair on Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup>.  
All Ayes, Motion Carried.  
Treasurer Carey stated they will be here from 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. She stated this is a service to the Community. Chairman Wender stated the County Clerk's Office will also be open for passport pictures.
11. Motion by Commissioner Kramer, supported by Commissioner Martin to accept the Committee reports and correspondence and place on file. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
12. Controller's Report.  
Controller Pugh gave a report on how many calls were received at 911. She stated 911 calls 6,574, non-911 – 54,921, Law Enforcement Incident calls – 11,808, EMS Calls – 2,909 and Fire Calls – 689
13. Commissioners' Personal Privilege.  
Commissioner Stevens stated Kingsford Broach and Tool is being given an award from Operation Action and he would like to congratulate them. He stated he would like to commend Heidi at the Friend of the Court for their 97.69 reimbursement rates. He stated he found a newspaper from 1976 and the paper talked about the paper industry. He stated we should let Verso and New Page know how important they are to our community.
14. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Kramer to adjourn, subject to the Call of the Chairman at 6:29 P.M.

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Henry Wender, Chairman

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Dolly L Cook, County Clerk