

# **DICKINSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

## **REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**Monday –January 27, 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 Jr., and Commissioners Stevens, Kramer and Martin.  
(5)  
Absent: None (0)  
Also present: County Clerk Dolly Cook, Equalization Director Sid Bray, Sheriff Scott Celello, Prosecutor Lisa Richards and Controller Nicole Frost.
4. Motion by Commissioner Kramer, supported by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., to accept the agenda as written.  
All Ayes, Motion carried.
5. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Kramer to approve the following meeting minutes as written:  

Regular Meeting – 1/13/14  
Finance Committee – 1/16/14

All Ayes, Motion Carried.

6. **COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATION:**

- A. Citizens' Time: (Limited to five minutes per person)  
Commissioner Wender opened the floor to Citizen's Time and there was no participation.  
Commissioner Martin introduced the following students from Mr. Hogberg's Iron Mountain Government Class: Maddie Shorkey, Daniel Willman and Jake Thomann.
- B. Resolutions and Legislation – Commissioner Kramer - None

7. **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

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

1. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., to accept the monthly bills for January in the amount of \$151,570.26. Roll Call Vote:  
Commissioners:  
Degenauer Jr., Aye  
Kramer Aye  
Martin Aye  
Stevens Aye  
Wender Aye Motion Carried.
2. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Kramer to accept the Treasurer's 2013 Interest on Investments and Taxes Report. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
3. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Kramer to accept the request from the Friend of the Court to purchase a new copier for their office at a cost of \$4,000.00. (To be paid from the Friend of the Court Discretionary Fund) Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:  
Kramer Aye  
Martin Aye  
Stevens Aye  
Wender Aye  
Degenauer Jr., Aye Motion Carried.  
Commissioner Stevens stated the price between a new and used machine was nominal and she went back to Orbit and got a new price of \$4,000. (A Letter is on file in the County Clerk's Office explaining the difference and how it occurred.) He stated this will have a warranty and maintenance contract. Heidi, Friend of the Court, explained this was a better deal. She stated they do genetic sampling in the office and they charge \$40.00. She stated the State has now decided they can no longer charge for this testing for the State of Michigan, but can for other states which is few and far between. She stated this will wipe out this fund.

**B. A-95 Review - Commissioner Kramer**

1. A-95 Review for CUPPAD's Economic Development Planning Project.  
Commissioner Kramer recommended no action be taken so this can move forward.

- 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

- 1. Conservation District meeting minutes of 12/17/13.
- 2. Planning Commission meeting minutes of 12/12/13.

Commissioner Wender stated Senate bill 444 will allow an 8 million dollar grant for invasive species and it will also allow lakes to charge a user fee. He asked the Controller to let the Lakes people know about this grant.

Commissioner Wender asked Commissioner Kramer what she meant when she was noted in the Planning Commissioner Minutes as saying: "Mrs. Kramer added that there were many other major errors in last year's budget." Commissioner Kramer stated she did not say that and that would have to be corrected. She stated she said "there were a few small accounting errors and nothing major."

- F. **DHS/Community Services Agencies** - Commissioner Kramer-No report
- G. **Dickinson-Iron Health Department** - Commissioner Kramer-No report
- H. **Northpointe** - Commissioner Martin-No report
- I. **Pinecrest** - Commissioner Degenauer-No report
- J. **Equalization Committee** - Commissioner Degenauer-No report  
Equalization Director Sid Bray stated Sam is starting his level 2 assessor's certification.
- K. **Building & Supply/Real Estate-Remodeling** - Commissioner Degenauer-No report
- L. **Public Safety and Judiciary** - Commissioner Wender

1. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Stevens to accept the request from the Sheriff to repair showers in the Jail at a cost of \$8,200. Roll Call Vote:

Commissioners:

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

Sheriff Celello stated there was damage to the blocks in the shower and they have to be fixed. Controller Frost stated the money will come from Contingency.

M. **Parks Committee** - Commissioner Stevens

*Approve/Deny:*

1. Motion by Commissioner Stevens supported by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., to accept the request from the Park Manager to purchase a 2003 Ford F-150 Truck from Town & Country Sales at a price of \$10,900. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

The bids were as follows:

Town & Country Sales	2003	Ford	F-150	72,000	10,900
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Riverside Iron Mtn	2008	Chevrolet	Silverado 1500	115,402	12,710
Riverside Iron Mtn	2003	Chevrolet	Silverado 1500	116,000	10,210
ERA Chevrolet	2004	GMC	Sierra 2500 4WD	219,285	9,995

Commissioner Stevens stated this was the best price for the miles driven.

N. **Airport Committee** - Commissioner Wender

*Approve/Deny:*

1. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., to accept the request from the Airport Manager to attend the 2014 Michigan Airport Conference in East Lansing on February 19-20 at an approximate cost of \$644. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners,

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

- 2. Airport Committee meeting minutes of 1/7/14.

**O. Fair Board - Commissioner Degenauer**

1. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., to appoint Henry Wender to the UP Fair Board. All Ayes, Motion Carried.  
Chairman Wender thanked Commissioner Degenauer Jr., for a job well done.

Motion by Commissioner Kramer, supported by Commissioner Martin to accept Commissioner John Degenauer Jr's resignation from the U.P. Fair Board. Kramer, Martin, Stevens, Wender Ayes, Degenauer Jr., Abstained. Motion Carried.

**P. Library Board - Commissioner Martin**

1. Library Board Organizational Meeting minutes of 1/2/14.
2. Library Board Regular Meeting minutes of 1/2/14.

**Q. Dickinson Partnership/Economic Dev. - Commissioner Stevens-No report**

**R. Employee Relations Committee - Commissioner Degenauer-No report**

**S. Dickinson County Hospital Committee - Commissioner Stevens-No report**

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

1. Road Commission meeting minutes of 1/14/14.

**U. Construction Code Commission - Commissioner Degenauer-No report**

Commissioner Degenauer Jr., stated they offered two new contracts to the inspectors and one accepted and one did not.

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

1. Bay West Advisory Committee meeting minutes of 9/25/13.

Laura Coleman, Bay West College, reported that Bay West is ranked number 30 in the country and is in the top 5% of Community Colleges in the United States. She stated Bay West will be scheduling a Paramedic-EMT program at the Escanaba Campus. She stated there are only two in the state. She stated there will be 24 seats.

Commissioner Stevens asked if Dickinson County would ever get a seat on their main Board?

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 Kramer - None

10. **PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS:** - Commissioner Kramer  
*Approve/Deny:*

1. Motion by Commissioner Kramer, supported by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., to accept the request from the County Clerk to advertise for openings on various Boards and Commissions. All Ayes, Motion Carried.  
County Clerk Dolly Cook stated there was a correction with the Planning Commission vacancies. The corrections were as follows: 3-terms to expire 2/28/2017 and one partial to expire 2/28/15.

2. Motion by Commissioner Kramer, supported by Commissioner Stevens to accept the Annual Report from the Mine Inspector. All Ayes, Motion Carried.  
Commissioner Martin thanked Steve Smith for his reports and stated he does a very good job.

Motion by Commissioner Martin, supported by Commissioner Stevens to send a letter to the Mine Inspector and thank him for the work he has done. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

3. ANSWERS meeting minutes of 10/23/13.

4. Township Association meeting minutes of 11/18/13.

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

12. Controller's Report. - None

13. Commissioners' Personal Privilege.  
Commissioner Stevens stated bill 636 takes away authority from the Public Service Commission and giving it to the FCC.  
Motion by Commission Stevens, supported by Commissioner Kramer to send a letter in opposition of

bill 626. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

Commissioner Kramer stated because of the Affordable Care Act there will be 1000 more people in Dickinson County eligible for Medicaid.

Commissioner Degenauer Jr., stated he received the Friend of 4-H Award. He stated 4-H is starting to turn around again. He asked all the Board to go to the next banquet.

Commissioner Wender stated Bob and Judy Gunville won the World Championship for the second time with his horse team.

Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Kramer to pass a resolution honoring Bob and Judy Gunville and their beautiful horse team. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

14. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Martin to adjourn, subject to Call of Chairman at 7:00 P.M.

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Henry Wender, Chairman

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Dolly L. Cook, County Clerk

