

**DICKINSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**Monday – March 24, 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, 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 Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Kramer 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 – 3/10/2014  
Special Meeting – 3/14/2014

All Ayes, Motion Carried for the Regular Meeting. Stevens, Kramer, Degenauer Jr., Wender Ayes, Martin abstained because she was not present at the special meeting of 3/14. Motion carried.

6. **COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATION:**

Commissioner Martin introduced the following students from Mr. Hogberg's Iron Mountain Government Class: Bailey Lundholm, Jacob Cousineau, Conor Larson, Travis Wright, Randi Krasowski, Carlye Hicks, Carrie Oslund, Nate Carey, Brandon Nichols, Hanah Braden, Alyssa Khor, Cole Rossato, Cassie Feira, David Plumley, Bailey Seaberg, Lindsey Tousignant, Adriann Laurila, Brianna Geysler, Anastasia Vershinina, Olivia Truscott, Lexi Erickson, Jane Weslin, Nick Jacob, Austin Mitchell, Marti Pirkola, David Mielcarek, Stevens Kochler, Susie Hagan, Jake Lefebvre, Alena Herman, Desi Bottesi, Brandon Nichols, Chen and Joanne Ray.

A. Citizens' Time: (Limited to five minutes per person)  
Commissioner Wender opened the floor to Citizens' time and there was no participation.

B. Resolutions and Legislation – Commissioner Kramer  
*Approve/Deny:*

1. Motion by Commissioner Kramer, supported by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., to approve Dickinson County Resolution #2014-2 approving amendments to the Dickinson County Solid Waste Plan. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

Motion Carried.

**Resolution # 2014-2**  
**Dickinson County Board of Commissioners**

WHEREAS, the Dickinson County Solid Waste Management Planning Committee (SWMPC) received a request for modifications to the Dickinson County Solid Waste Management Plan for the operation of the Niagara Development Type III Landfill; and  
WHEREAS, the SWMPC has held public meetings to research and deliberate the requested modifications; and  
WHEREAS, the SWMPC has drafted language which amends the Dickinson County Solid Waste Plan; and  
WHEREAS, the SWMPC made available the draft amendments for a 90 day public comment review period; and  
WHEREAS, the SWMPC held a public hearing on February 17, 2014 to receive comments on the draft amendments; and  
WHEREAS, the SWMPC has deliberated the comments received and revised the draft amendments accordingly; and  
WHEREAS, the SWMPC has resolved to recommend the attached Solid Waste Plan amendments to the Dickinson County Board of Commissioners.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Dickinson County Board of Commissioners approves the attached Solid Waste Plan amendments .

DICKINSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Henry Wender, Chairman

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 March 24, 2014 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, March 24, 2014.

Controller Frost stated there was a request from the Niagara Development Landfill who is licensed to receive low hazard industrial waste and they now want to receive construction and demolition waste. She stated because of this change, an amendment has to be made. She stated this is done by the Solid Waste Committee. She stated they only can accept Dickinson County waste. She stated 67% of the municipalities must approve this. Commissioner Stevens asked how they control and know that the waste is coming from Dickinson County? Frost explained they are controlled by load tickets and a visual check that they are coming from Dickinson County.

Commissioner Martin asked if this was a Wisconsin Company and where is the Landfill? Frost explained it is a Wisconsin Company, but no waste will be from Wisconsin and it is located between Verso and the river.

7. **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

- A. **Finance Committee** - Finance Chairman Stevens-None
- 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-None
- F. **DHS/Community Services Agencies** - Commissioner Kramer-None  
Commissioner Kramer stated the minutes will be more detailed.
- G. **Dickinson-Iron Health Department** - Commissioner Kramer-None
- H. **Northpointe** - Commissioner Martin

1. There was a discussion of PA 500, NorthCare Network Contract, and new Substance Abuse Advisory Council, by William Slavin, NorthCare Executive Director, Judi Brugman, NorthCare Substance Abuse Supervisor, and Karen Thekan, CEO, Northpointe. (There was a handout and it is on file in the County Clerk's Office.) William Slavin, Director of NorthCare Network explained the process; He stated the purpose was to consolidate costs and functions. Judi Brugman, supervisor, addressed the Board. She explained her function with the organization. She asked the Board to think about choosing someone to sit on the Board. She stated Northpointe will be involved in the Substance Abuse Services. She stated the contract enclosed is only a rough draft. She stated she thought they would meet three or four times a year. The Board thanked them for coming.

2. Northpointe Board meeting minutes of 2/27/14.

- I. **Pinecrest** - Commissioner Degenauer-None  
Commissioner Degenauer Jr. stated they are moving forward with hiring a new director.
- J. **Equalization Committee** - Commissioner Degenauer-None  
Sid Bray, Equalization Director stated the big box tribunal appeal case will be heard on April 8th and may have huge effects on the County if upheld and may entice others to go to the tribunal for a reduction.  
Commissioner Stevens stated Bray should attend the hearing in Lansing. It was the consensus of the Board for Bray to attend the hearing. Bray stated he felt it would be beneficial for him to go.
- K. **Building & Supply/Real Estate-Remodeling** - Commissioner Degenauer-None

**L. Public Safety and Judiciary** - Commissioner Wender-None  
Sheriff Ceello stated at this time he will not be going forward with the consolidation of the Iron Mountain Police and the Sheriff's Department. He stated it has to do with the current retirement funding and the affordable Care Act with part-timers. It was the consensus of the Board for the Sheriff not to proceed with consideration of consolidation of the Iron Mountain Police and the Sheriff's Department.

**M. Parks Committee** - Commissioner Stevens  
*Approve/Deny:*

1. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Kramer to advertise for a full-time Parks Manager. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
2. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Kramer for provision of free Wi-Fi services for users of Lake Antoine Park. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners: Kramer, Martin, Stevens, Wender Aye, Degenauer Jr., Nay Motion Carried
3. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Martin to accept the request from Wild Rivers Invasive Species Coalition (WRISC) to execute a letter of understanding regarding a formal partnership, at no cost to the County. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
4. Parks Committee meeting minutes of 3/10/14 and 3/17/14  
Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Kramer to approve the Meeting Minutes of 3/10 and 3/17 with the following additions to the meeting of 3/10: Commissioner Wender stated he would like to add that he requested, from the Controller, the difference between a full-time Parks Manager and a part-time Manager. Commissioner Kramer stated she would donate the flowers at the entrance of Lake Antoine but Northwoods Garden Club would have to vote on placing and taking care of flowers there. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
5. Fumee Lake Commission meeting minutes of 2/13/14

**N. Airport Committee** - Commissioner Wender  
*Approve/Deny:*

1. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., to accept the loan renewal agreement with the Dept. of the Air Force for the historical aircraft displayed at Ford Airport. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

**O. Fair Board** - Commissioner Degenauer

1. Fair Board meeting minutes of 2/18/14.

**P. Library Board** - Commissioner Martin-None  
Commissioner Martin stated the Library had reduced hours because of frozen pipes. She stated Beth is doing much better.

**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-None

**U. Construction Code Commission** - Commissioner Degenauer

1. Construction Code Commission meeting minutes of 1/21/14.

**V. Bay West Advisory Committee** - Commissioner Martin-None

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
1. Motion Commissioner Kramer, supported by Commissioner Stevens to authorize the Equalization Director Sid Bray to attend the tax appeal hearing on April 8<sup>th</sup> in Lansing. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:
 

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

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

1. Motion by Commissioner Kramer supported by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., to accept the request of the Clerk to advertise for the following:

Seven 3-year (and balance of 3-year) terms on the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority: two terms to expire 5/13/15; two to expire 5/13/16; and three to expire 5/13/17.

Two 3-year terms on the Road Commission to expire 4/10/17.  
 All Ayes, Motion Carried.

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 Frost stated the water is still frozen at the airport. She thanked Kleiman for their quick response.

13. Commissioners' Personal Privilege.  
 Commissioner Martin asked if any of these costs could be recovered from Insurance? Frost stated no, but the complete replacement of these lines could be covered by the grant at the Airport. Commissioner Stevens congratulated the Crystal Falls girls' basketball team and all sports teams. He stated the Kingsford High School marching band is playing at Disney World. He also stated the Road Commission will receive \$180,000 for roads.  
 Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Kramer, to do a resolution for Terry Johnson, Parks Manager, who is retiring in June. All Ayes, Motion Carried.  
 Sheriff Celello stated many counties are applying for State of Emergency Funds for infrastructure. He stated we have not hit the threshold yet. He further stated we will not be left out if there are funds distributed.  
 Commissioner Degenauer Jr. stated he voted no for a free Wi-Fi at Lake Antoine because he believes in user fees and the taxpayer should not be paying these fees.  
 Commissioner Kramer stated the goals for the rec plan are completed and are in the Commissioners slots. She stated the Board should read them and she hopes, approve. She further stated Alan Peal has asked the Board for a letter of support for the Wilderness Lakes Trail for their request from the Natural Resource Commission for funding.  
 Motion by Commissioner Kramer, supported by Commissioner Degenauer Jr, to send a letter of support for the Wilderness Lakes Trail. All Ayes, Motion Carried.  
 Commissioner Wender reported Frank Smith is doing better after his surgery.

14. Motion by Commissioner Stevens supported by Commissioner Kramer to adjourn, subject to Call of Chairman at 7:20 P.M.

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Henry Wender, Chairman

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Dolly L Cook, County Clerk

