

DICKINSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting – March 25, 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: None (0)

Also Present: County Clerk Dolly Cook, Sheriff Scott Celello, Prosecutor Lisa Richards, Equalization Director Larry Swartout, Asst. Equalization Director Sid Bray and Controllor Kay Pascoe.

4. Motion by Commissioner Kramer, supported by Commissioner Martin to accept the agenda with the following additions:

6. B. Resolution and Legislation

1. Complete Resolution in Support of DNR Grant Application with associated budget and preliminary floor plan.

2. Budget for DNR Recreational Passport Grant for Playground Equipment.

7. J Equalization Committee

1. Appoint Sid Bray to the position of Equalization Director at the Grade 10 starting rate on the Managerial/Professional Salary Schedule.

2. Authorize the Equalization Director to advertise for an Assistant Equalization Director.

(This is a union position and must be posted internally for 10 working days.)

All Ayes, Motion Carried.

5. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Stevens to approve the following meeting minutes as written:

Regular Meetings – 3/11/13

Committee of the Whole – 3/11/13

Finance Meeting – 3/20/13

All Ayes, Motion Carried.

6. **COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATION:**

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

Commissioner Martin introduced the following students from Mr. Hogberg's Iron Mountain Civics class: Lakota Cram, Elli McCole, Travis Schinderle and Jon Lauzon

Chairman Wender opened the floor to Citizens' Time and there was no participation.

1. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., to open and Conduct a Public Hearing on the application to the DNR Trust Fund for a grant for infrastructure improvements to Lake Antoine Park and an application to the DNR Recreation Passport Grant Program for playground equipment for Lake Antoine Park at 6:33 P.M. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

Bob Werner, Breitung Township, addressed the Board. He stated he is in support of the grant application. He stated all the organizations he represents and why they support the grant application.

Commissioner Kramer stated the responses to the surveys stated the showers were the major concern of the majority of the returned surveys.

Commissioner Stevens thanked everyone for their work on this grant. He stated the surveys let the Board know what the needs are at the park.

Commissioner Wender thanked all those involved.

Controllor Pascoe stated there are two grants and explained what each one was.

Commissioner Kramer thanked all those that participated in the survey.

Chairman Wender closed the public hearing at 6:38 P.M.

Chairman Wender opened the floor to Citizens' Time. Jean O'Dette, Carney Lake Association, addressed the Board. She stated the Carney Lake Association has spent \$33,000 on battling milfoil. She stated the County did not give them the \$1,000 requested in the budget. She stated Carney Lake is a vital part of Dickinson County. She asked the County to re-consider their request.

There was no other participation.

B. Resolutions and Legislation – Commissioner Martin

1. Motion by Commissioner Martin, supported by Commissioner Kramer to table the approval of Dickinson County Resolution No. 2013-3 in support of a DNR Trust Fund Grant Application for improvements and upgrades to Lake Antoine Park in the amount of _____ of which \$_____ would be provided by the Trust Fund and \$_____ would be provided in a local cash match and \$_____ would be provided in the form of in-kind labor and services. All Ayes, Motion Carried

2. Motion by Commissioner Martin supported by Commissioner Kramer to approve Dickinson County Resolution No. 2013-4 in support of a DNR Recreation Passport Grant Application in the amount of \$36,597 of which \$26,022 would be provided by the Recreation Passport Grant and \$7,500 would be provided in a local cash match and \$3,075 would be provided in the form of in-kind labor and services. Roll Call Vote:

Commissioners:

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

Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-4 March 25, 2013

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF DNR GRANT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, The Dickinson County Recreation Plan approved by the Dickinson County Board of Commissioners on 6/08/2009 addresses the need to replace the playground equipment at Lake Antoine County Park, and

WHEREAS, The need for new playground equipment is a top priority item in seeking grant assistance through the DNR Recreation Passport Grant Program, and

WHEREAS, The total estimated cost to undertake the project is \$36,597 of which \$26,022 would be provided by the Recreation Passport Grant Program and \$7,500 would be provided in a local cash match and \$3,075 would be provided in the form of in-kind labor and services,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dickinson County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the submission of a grant application to the Michigan DNR Recreation Passport Grant Program seeking funds and assures that matching funds in the form of cash and in-kind services, totaling \$10,575 or 29% of the total cost of this project will be available and the project will be undertaken if a grant is awarded.

Moved by:
Supported by:
Roll Call Vote:

CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners of Dickinson County, Michigan at a regular meeting held on March 25, 2013 and that public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to Act 267 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1976, as amended.

Dolly L. Cook, Clerk

7. **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

A. Finance Committee - Finance Chairman Degenauer

1. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Stevens to approve a resolution to borrow for purchasing 911 equipment & retaining bond counsel.
All Ayes, Motion Carried.

Pascoe stated this will take 3 to 4 months and the equipment should be in this fall. Pascoe stated they will hire the same firm that the Treasurer is using.

2. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Kramer to approve the monthly bills for March in the amount of \$233,097.55. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

B. A-95 Review - Commissioner Stevens-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

1. Conservation District meeting minutes of 2/19/13.
Chairman Wender stated in the Planning Commission minutes, one member stated the County Board should take a 10% cut in pay. He stated he was insulted and they have not had a pay increase in over twenty years, and we are one of the lowest paid in the U.P. He stated one county receives over \$30,000 a year for its County Commissioners. He asked Bob Werner to take the message back.

F. DHS/Community Services Agencies - Commissioner Kramer-No Report
Commissioner Kramer stated they are still looking for Foster Parents.

G. Dickinson-Iron Health Department – Commissioner Kramer-No Report

H. Northpointe - Commissioner Martin

1. Northpointe Board meeting minutes of 3/8/13.

I. Pinecrest - Commissioner Degenauer-No Report

J. Equalization Committee - Commissioner Degenauer

1. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Stevens to appoint Sid Bray to the position of Equalization Director at the Grade 10 start rate on the Managerial/Professional Salary Schedule with the start date of April 29, 2013. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

Sid Bray thanked the Board. He stated Larry Swartout has done a commendable job and has been an asset to the County. He stated he appreciated the support of the Board. Chairman Wender stated they had four applications and two applicants were not qualified.

2. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Kramer to authorize the Equalization Director to advertise for an Assistant Equalization Director. (This is a union position and must be posted internally for 10 working days.) Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

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 authorize the Controller to submit an application for Federal Assistance from the USDA Rural Development for the purchase of two police vehicles and accessories. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

2. Motion by Commissioner Stevens supported by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., to authorize holding a Public Hearing at the April 8th Regular Board meeting concerning the application to the USDA for Federal assistance for the purchase of two police vehicles. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

M. Parks Committee - Commissioner Stevens

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

2. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., to consider a request from the Carney Lake Association for milfoil assistance. Discussion was held and no vote was taken.

Chairman Wender stated he will not vote for anything not budgeted.

Commissioner Stevens stated Carney Lake is a valuable asset to the County. He stated he would like to see the money collected for parking to go to milfoil.

Commissioner Martin stated we have to strive to stay within the budget.

Commissioner Kramer stated she thought any request should have been in writing at budget time.

Commissioner Stevens stated it was and they refused the request due to budget restraints.

Commissioner Kramer stated she was not part of the budget process but would like to stay within the budget.

Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Stevens to give Carney Lake \$1,000 for milfoil. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

3. Commissioner Stevens asked Pascoe to schedule a Parks Committee Meeting after Easter.

4. 2 names were drawn from the respondent's to the park survey. First Prize – 1 free night at Lake Antoine Campground, winner was Jon Goodman, Mayville, Wisconsin and the Second Prize winner of 2 free park passes was Pat Arrogood of Iron Mountain. Congratulations!

N. Airport Committee - Commissioner Wender-No Report

O. Fair Board - Commissioner Degenauer

1. Fair Board meeting minutes of 2/5 & 3/5/13.

P. Library Board - Commissioner Ann Martin

1. Library Board meeting minutes of 3/12/13.

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-No Report

U. Construction Code Commission - Commissioner Degenauer-No report

V. Bay West Advisory Committee - Commissioner Martin-No Report

Commissioner Martin stated enrollment was up 13% and there will be a summer term instead of a spring-summer term.

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

1. Motion by Commissioner Martin supported by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., to authorize advertising for applicants for the following openings:

Road Commission: two positions to expire 4/30/16

Western UP Substance Abuse: one position to expire 3/1/15

Brownfield Redevelopment: two positions to expire 5/13/14, and four to expire 5/13/16

Planning Commission: one position to expire 2/28/14, and one position to expire 2/28/15

All Ayes, Motion Carried.

10. **PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS:** Commissioner Martin - None

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

12. Controller's Report. - None

13. Commissioners' Personal Privilege.

Commissioner Kramer stated DHS is still in need of foster parents and to contact Kristy.

Commissioner Stevens asked about voter fraud. County Clerk Dolly Cook stated Michigan Laws are very good Michigan did very well in the survey after the election and they are doing more for veterans in the future.

Commissioner Martin brought up a letter from Gary Nash and YMCA. She asked that we get back to him with a meeting date. She stated it is very challenging to stick with the budget.

Chairman Wender stated we should have a joint meeting with the YMCA, Seniors and Jeff Heino.

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

Henry Wender, Chairman

Dolly Cook, County Clerk

