

**DICKINSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**Monday, March 28, 2016 - 6:00 p.m.**  
**Courthouse - Circuit Courtroom**

1. The meeting was called to Order by Chairman Wender at 6:00 P.M.
2. 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 and Kramer.  
(4)  
Absent: Commissioner Martin (1)  
Also Present: County Clerk Dolly Cook, Sheriff Scott Celeslo, Equalization Director Sid Bray and Controller Sonya Pugh.
4. Motion by Commissioner Kramer, supported by Commissioner Stevens to accept the agenda with the following additions/amendments:
  - A. Finance Committee
    1. Purchase of new VOIP phone system for the Courthouse.  
DS Tech quote- \$29,534  
Shortell quote \$35,630  
(Funds to come from Capital Outlay-Sundry, Contingency Fund and departmental telephone cost savings.)
    7. Request from the Conservation District for .1 mill for 5 years, to be placed on the August 2<sup>nd</sup> ballot. (This would generate approximately \$98,500 in the 1<sup>st</sup> year.)
  - E. Planning and Zoning Committee
    3. Recommendation of the Solid Waste Planning Committee to have CUPPAD update/amend the County Solid Waste Plan at a cost of \$3,260.  
(Funds to come from BOC professional services.)All Ayes, Motion Carried.
5. Motion by Commissioner Kramer supported by Commissioner Stevens to approve the following meeting minutes with the following correction to the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 14, 2016:  
7.C: remove the word "NONE"  
Regular Meeting – 03/14/2016  
Finance Meeting – 03/17/2016  
Degenauer Jr., Kramer, Wender Ayes, Stevens abstained. Motion Carried.
6. **COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATION:**
  - A. Citizens' Time: (Limited to five minutes per person)  
Chairman Wender opened the floor to Citizens' Time. Bill Rice, Kingsford addressed the Board. He stated a letter was sent about two weeks ago asking the County Board to possibly form a partnership for the Wild River invasive species coalition. He stated it cost nothing and it will help their efforts to apply for grants. He thanked the Board.
  - B. Resolutions and Legislation – Commissioner Martin
    1. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr, supported by Commissioner Kramer to approve Resolution 2016-4 honoring Mr. David J. Brule, Sr. All Ayes, Motion Carried.  
The resolution was read in its entirety by Commissioner Degenauer Jr.

DICKINSON COUNTY  
RESOLUTION 2016-4  
Honoring  
Mr. David J. Brule SR.  
March 28, 2016

WHEREAS, David Brule Sr. is the Chairman and CEO of Systems Control, President and CEO of Northern Star Industries, former President and CEO of M.J. Electric, and founder/former President and CEO of Boss Snowplow, all successful Iron Mountain businesses; and  
WHEREAS, Mr. Brule is a lifetime member of the Michigan Tech University Alumni Association, Governor's appointee to the MTU Board of Control in 2001, was elected to the University's

Electrical Engineering Academy in 1996, and was awarded an honorary PhD from the MTU School of Business; and

WHEREAS, he has served on the Interlochen Arts Academy Presidents Council, Dickinson Area Catholic School Board, Iron Mountain-Kingsford Rotary Club, and First National Bank Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, Business Today recognizes his contributions to the enhancement of our community and to the U.P. and has named Mr. Brule as its 2015 Upper Peninsula Business Person of the Year.

THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Dickinson County Board of Commissioners would like to extend its congratulations to Mr. David Brule Sr. on this prestigious honor.

Adopted this 28th day of March, 2016.

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Henry Wender

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Joe Stevens

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Ann Martin

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John Degenauer, Jr.

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Barbara Kramer

7. **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

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

1. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Kramer to approve the purchase of the new VOIP phone system for the Courthouse from DS Tech for \$29,534 with funds to come from Capital Outlay-Sundry, Contingency Fund, and departmental telephone cost savings. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

Degenauer Jr.,           Nay

Kramer           Aye

Stevens           Aye

Wender           Aye                   Motion Carried.

The bids were as follows:

DS Tech quote - \$29,534

Shoretell quote - \$35,630

Commissioner Wender stated we had good discussions with the Department Heads and the low bid is the best choice. Pete Schlitt stated we have spent many hours and much thought on the phone system and he thought this would work just fine.

Commissioner Degenauer Jr., stated he is struggling with this because we have people with hours cut to part time and all of a sudden we are finding money here and there. He stated why couldn't we find this money to save these jobs?

Commissioner Stevens stated this is a good way to save money.

2. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Stevens to approve the request from Judge Ninomiya to attend the MDOC Management Training on April 7<sup>th</sup> in Lansing, MI at an approximate cost of \$500 or less. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

Kramer           Aye

Stevens           Aye

Wender           Aye

Degenauer Jr., Aye                   Motion Carried.

3. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Kramer to approve the monthly bills for March in the amount of \$178,656.66. Roll Call Vote:

Commissioners:

Stevens           Aye

Wender           Aye

Degenauer Jr., Aye

Kramer           Aye                   Motion Carried.

4. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Stevens to approve the request from NorthCare Network for disbursement of their 2015 PA2 funds for quarters 2, 3 and 4 in the amount of \$24,557.50. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

Degenauer Jr.,           Nay

Kramer           Nay

Stevens           Aye

Wender Aye Motion Failed.  
Commissioner Degenauer Jr., stated there was never an intent not to pay. He stated they are waiting for a budget. He stated they will not approve any of our plans.  
Lisa recommended sending a letter of complaint to the Health and Human Services Board.

5. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Stevens to approve the request from the Prosecuting Attorney to send the Victims' Advocate to training on April 14<sup>th</sup> in Mt. Pleasant at an approximate cost of \$300. Roll Call vote: Commissioners:  
Degenauer Jr., Aye  
Kramer Aye  
Stevens Aye  
Wender Aye Motion Carried.

6. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Kramer to approve the request from Northpointe for the distribution of their 2016 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter appropriations in the combined amount of \$49,815. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:  
Kramer Aye  
Stevens Aye  
Wender Aye  
Degenauer Jr., Aye Motion Carried.

7. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Stevens to approve the request from the Conservation District for .1 mill for 5 years, to be placed on the August 2<sup>nd</sup> ballot. (This would generate approximately \$98,500 in the 1<sup>st</sup> year.)  
All Ayes, Motion Carried.  
Commissioner Degenauer Jr., stated they have done a great job for our Community and he hoped it passed.

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. Dickinson County Planning Commission meeting minutes of 01/28/2016.

2. Dickinson Conservation District meeting minutes of 02/16/2016

3. Motion by Commissioner Kramer supported by Commissioner Stevens to approve the recommendation of the Solid Waste Planning Committee to have CUPPAD update/amend the County Solid Waste Plan at a cost of \$3,260. (Funds to come from BOC professional services.) Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

F. **DHHS / Community Services Agencies** – Commissioner Kramer-None

G. **Dickinson-Iron Health Department** – Commissioner Stevens-None

H. **Northpointe** – Commissioner Martin

1. Northpointe Healthcare Systems meeting minutes of 02/25/2016.

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-None

M. **Parks Committee** – Commissioner Stevens

1. Motion by Commissioner Stevens supported by Commissioner Kramer to approve the quit claim deed for Norway Lake Park, transferring ownership to Felch Township and

authorizes the Chairman to execute the same. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

2. Motion by Commissioner Stevens supported by Commissioner Degenauer Jr. to approve the quit claim deed for Gust Newberg Park transferring ownership to Sagola Township and authorizes the Chairman to execute the same. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

3. Motion by Commissioner Stevens supported by Commissioner Kramer to approve the quit claim deed for Lake Mary Park, transferring ownership to Waucesha Township and authorizes the Chairman to execute the same. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

4. Motion by Commissioner Stevens supported by Commissioner Kramer to approve the request from the park manager to transfer \$3,000 from the park fund balance for the concession stand upgrades contingent upon the Board's acceptance of a proposal for operations of same. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

Commissioner Degenauer Jr., wants to know what they are doing for \$3,000? He asked shouldn't we have a list? He stated are we just giving him \$3,000? Commissioner Stevens stated there is a list. Commissioner Degenauer Jr., asked why all of the board didn't have the list?

5. Motion by Commissioner Stevens supported by Commissioner Kramer to approve the request from the park manager to coordinate a leaf pickup at Lake Antoine Park at a cost not to exceed \$3,500. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

N. **Airport Committee** – Commissioner Wender

1. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr. supported by Commissioner Stevens to approve the request from KAS Enterprises LLC relative to Landlord's Releases and authorizes the Chairman to sign the same. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

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

P. **Library Board** – Commissioner Martin

1. Dickinson County Library Board meeting minutes of 03/08/2016.

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

R. **Employee Relations Committee** - Commissioner Degenauer

1. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Kramer to approve the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the request of the County Clerk to raise the salary of the deputy assigned court clerk duties by one pay grade and that increase is retroactive to March 17, 2016. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

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

T. **Dickinson County Road Commission** – Commissioner Wender-None

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

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

10. **PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS:** - Commissioner Martin-None
11. Motion by Commissioner Kramer supported by Commissioner Stevens to accept the Committee Reports and Correspondence and place on file. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
12. Controller's Report.  
Controller Pugh stated that was an estimate for the work to be done at the park.  
She stated the payback for the phones is 18 months.  
She further stated that we are waiting for more paperwork about the Wild River Invasive species partnership.
13. Commissioners' Personal Privilege.  
Commissioner Degenauer Jr., stated he was reading the Planning Commission minutes and someone said that he can't be a chairman if he is a County Board member. He stated he is a voting member on the Board and he can be chairman.  
He stated we have to take a stand with North Care. He stated there are seven other counties doing the same thing. He stated that money is our money and we need the money to move ahead.  
Commissioner Kramer stated we must send them a letter and tell them that the motion failed and why. She stated we must take a stand.  
Commissioner Stevens agreed with sending a letter.  
Commissioner Kramer gave policy on giving late items or add ons at meetings. No decision was made.  
Commissioner Wender stated the Board should review this and bring it up at the next meeting.  
Commissioner Stevens discussed his trip to Washington DC with MAC.  
Commissioner Wender stated the townships are very enthusiastic about taking over the parks. He stated Eric has cut trees and blown leaves.  
Commissioner Wender stated those volunteering to remove stumps should sign an indemnification agreement that will be drawn up by Lisa.
14. Motion by Commissioner Kramer supported by Commissioner Stevens to adjourn, subject to the Call of the Chairman at 6:43 P.M. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

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Henry Wender, Chairman

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Dolly L Cook, County Clerk