

DICKINSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Monday, April 11th, 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 Kramer, Martin and Degenauer Jr. (5)
Absent: None
Also Present: County Clerk Dolly Cook, Sheriff Scott Cejello, Equalization Director Sid Bray and Administrative Assistant Dianah Fayas.
4. Motion by Commissioner Martin supported by Commissioner Kramer to accept the agenda with the following additions/amendments:
 7. A **Finance Committee- #6** - Placement of Dickinson County Operating Millage of .75 mills for 4 years on the Aug. 2nd 2016 ballot. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
5. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Stevens to approve the following meeting minutes:
Regular Meeting – 03/28/2016 Degenauer Jr., Kramer, Stevens, Wender Ayes, and Martin Abstained, Motion Carried.
6. **COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATION:**
 - A. Citizens' Time: (Limited to five minutes per person)
Chairman Wender opened the floor to Citizens' Time.
Mike Bronzyk, Quinnesec, addressed the Board. He stated taxpayers are concerned by the way the Board is interacting. He stated when a Commissioner wants to discuss something, it is not right that the Chairman says the discussion is over. He stated each Commissioner should be able to discuss their thoughts. He stated you need to work for us (Taxpayer) harder than that. There was no other participation.
 1. Public Hearing on an application to the USDA Rural Development Agency to purchase two police vehicles and associated equipment.

Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Kramer to recess the regular meeting at 6:05 P.M. and enter into a public hearing. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:
Degenauer Jr., Aye
Kramer Aye
Martin Aye
Stevens Aye
Wender Aye Motion Carried.
There was no public comment.
Motion by Commissioner Martin supported by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., to close the public hearing and enter back into the regular meeting at 6:08 P.M. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:
Kramer Aye
Martin Aye
Stevens Aye
Wender Aye
Degenauer Jr., Aye Motion Carried
 - B. Resolutions and Legislation – Commissioner Stevens-None
7. **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**
 - A. **Finance Committee** – Finance Chairperson Martin
 1. Motion by Commissioner Martin supported by Commissioner Kramer to accept the Trial Balance & Budget Status Report from the Treasurer for the period ending Mar. 30, 2016. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
 2. Motion by Commissioner Martin supported by Commissioner Kramer to approve the request from the Breen Senior Center for disbursement of their 2016 millage allocation in

the amount of \$22,500. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

Motion Carried.

3. Motion by Commissioner Martin supported by Commissioner Degenaer Jr., to approve the request from MSUE for .07 mill for 5 years, to be placed on the August 2nd ballot. (*This would generate approximately \$68,900 in the first year.*) All Ayes, Motion Carried. Paul Putnam, MSU Extension, addressed the Board. He introduced Jessica Coron, a new employee who is ½ 4-H and ½ Snap Ed. He stated the budget he submitted for the millage is a tight one. He stated they will be very fiscally transparent. He thanked the Board.

4. Motion by Commissioner Martin supported by Commissioner Kramer to approve the request from Almost Home Animal Shelter for disbursement of their 2016 appropriation in the amount of \$5,000. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

Motion Carried.

5. Motion by Commissioner Martin supported by Commissioner Kramer to approve the proposal from Anderson, Tackman & Company to perform Dickinson County's annual audit for fiscal years ending Dec. 31, 2015, 2016 and 2017 at a cost of \$26,000 per year and authorizes the Chairman to sign documentation relative to the same. Roll Call Vote:

Commissioners:
Wender Aye
Stevens Aye
Martin Aye
Kramer Aye
Degenaer Jr., Aye

Motion Carried.

Commissioner Degenaer Jr., asked if this was bid out? Chairman Wender stated Controller Pugh stated they work well with everyone and it was not bid out.

Commissioner Stevens stated the State came in one year and it was considerably more.

Commissioner Kramer stated she thought this is the same price as last year.

6. Motion by Commissioner Martin supported by Commissioner Kramer to approve placing the Dickinson County Operating Millage of .75 for 4 years on the Aug. 2, 2016 ballot.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

Degenaer Jr, Aye
Kramer Aye
Martin Aye
Stevens Nay
Wender Aye

Motion Carried.

Commissioner Stevens stated he would like to see it on the ballot in November because more people vote. He stated the voters have said no two times and there are two new millages on in August. He stated we do need the millage but he does not feel August is the right time.

Commissioner Kramer stated there are many proposals for the State on in November.

Commissioner Stevens stated we have more time to campaign.

Commissioner Martin stated we should delay acting on this for two weeks or wait until November.

Commissioner Wender stated because of the cuts we've made, I'd like to see it on August. He stated we have cut everything to the bare bones.

Commissioner Degenaer Jr., stated we had a meeting prior to this meeting and made a motion to put .75 mills on the August 2, 2016 ballot and everyone voted yes.

- 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. **DHHS / Community Services Agencies** – Commissioner Kramer
 - 1. Department of Health and Human Services meeting minutes of 01/25 and 03/28/2016.
 - G. **Dickinson-Iron Health Department** – Commissioner Stevens-None
 - H. **Northpointe** – Commissioner Martin
 - 1. Northpointe Healthcare Systems meeting minutes of 03/10/2016.
 - I. **Pinecrest** – Commissioner Degenaer-None
 - J. **Equalization Committee** – Commissioner Degenaer-None
 - K. **Building & Supply/Real Estate-Remodeling** – Commissioner Degenaer-None
 - L. **Public Safety and Judiciary** – Commissioner Wender
 - 1. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Kramer to do a resolution recognizing Dickinson County’s Friend of the Court’s cost effectiveness rating; they were ranked #1 in the U.P., #11 in the State and all of the staff received individual recognition for outstanding performance in specialty areas. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
Heidi VanSlooten addressed the Board. She read a letter which is on file in the County Clerk’s Office. She stated she has collected 3.88 million dollars in support and of that \$287,559 was revenues for Dickinson County. She stated the County received 80.72 % of her budget back in fees. She stated collections are up 16% in the first quarter. She thanked the Board.
Commissioner Stevens stated the Board appreciates what she does.
 - M. **Parks Committee** – Commissioner Stevens-None
 - N. **Airport Committee** – Commissioner Wender-None
 - O. **Fair Board** – Commissioner Degenaer-None
 - P. **Library Board** – Commissioner Martin-None
 - Q. **Employee Relations Committee** - Commissioner Degenaer-None
 - R. **Dickinson County Hospital Committee** – Commissioner Stevens-None
 - S. **Dickinson County Road Commission** – Commissioner Wender-None
 - T. **Construction Code Commission** – Commissioner Degenaer-None
 - U. **Bay West Advisory Committee** - Commissioner Degenaer
 - 1. Bay West Advisory Committee meeting minutes of 01/14/2016.
8. Citizens’ Time: (Limited to five minutes per person)
Chairman Wender opened the floor to Citizens’ Time. Aaron Rochon, Breitung Township, addressed the Board. He asked if the Board got their letter from the Union Presidents regarding employee relations? He asked what is going to happen? Commissioner Degenaer Jr., stated they are waiting for information and will get back with him.
Dale Alessandrini, Iron Mountain, addressed the Board. He congratulated Heidi. He stated we should bid out for our audits. He stated he is surprised we are going for the millage again. He stated with better management we wouldn’t need it. He stated we could consolidate some jobs. He stated they will say no for the third time.
Mike Miller, Iron Mountain, addressed the Board. He stated he turned in his quarterly report. He stated there will be no memorial service for Memorial Day. He stated he does not have the time. He stated he has been approached by Veteran’s Organizations to do the service. He again asked for a millage for the veterans. He stated the veterans did not support the millage because of the deep cuts they received.
He thanked the Board.
9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS & OLD BUSINESS:** Commissioner Stevens
- A. The proposed agenda items and additions policy.
Commissioner Degenaer Jr., felt that there was a policy in place about this and suggested that this be tabled until the next meeting.

Commissioner Wender stated he will come in and go over the agenda with Controller Pugh on the Friday before the meeting to help eliminate all the add ons.

- B. Motion by Commissioner Stevens supported by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., to authorize the Controller to send a letter to NorthCare Network detailing expectations with regard to substance abuse programming in Dickinson County. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

Degenauer Jr., Aye

Kramer Aye

Martin Nay

Stevens Aye

Wender Nay Motion Carried.

Commissioner Stevens stated we should wait until we receive a response to the letter.

Commissioner Degenauer Jr., stated the money is supposed to go there but they need to respond to our needs and approve our plans and give us a budget. He stated no services have been paid for in one year.

10. **PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS:** - Commissioner Stevens

A. Motion by Commissioner Stevens supported by Commissioner Martin to approve the request from the County Clerk to advertise for upcoming Committee appointments to Northpointe Behavioral Health Systems Board, Fumee Lake Commission and any other committee vacancies. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. MOTION by Commissioner Stevens supported by Commissioner Kramer to approve the request from WRISC to join them as a partner and authorizes the Chairman to execute a Memorandum of Understanding relative to the same (at no cost to the County). 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. - None

13. Commissioners' Personal Privilege.

Commissioner Degenauer Jr., stated he has the utmost respect for Veterans. He stated we tried our best to help them out.

Commissioner Stevens stated he is listening to the Veterans. He stated communication is always good. He stated Memorial Day will happen. He stated to not have a Memorial Day service is a dishonor for those who died and we will have it.

Commissioner Martin stated the report was detailed and right to the point. She stated it was very impressive.

She stated there are many reasons to support the millage and help us help others.

Commissioner Wender stated he was upset about the article Mike Miller put in the paper. He stated how much he values the veterans.

14. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Kramer to adjourn, subject to Call of the Chairman at 6:50 P.M.

Henry Wender, Chairman

Dolly L Cook, County Clerk