

DICKINSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Monday, April 13, 2015 - 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 and Commissioners Kramer, Martin and Stevens. (4)
Absent: Commissioner Degenauer Jr., (1) Excused – out of town
Also Present: County Clerk Dolly Cook, Prosecutor Lisa Richards, Sheriff Scott Celello, Controller Sonya Pugh, Equalization Director Sid Bray and Administrative Asst. Dianah Fayas
4. Motion by Commissioner Kramer, supported by Commissioner Martin to accept the agenda with the following additions:
 7. Reports of Standing Committees:
 7. A. Finance Committee
 8. Release the convention facility funds for Oct. Nov., and Dec 2014 to Northcare Network in the amount of \$23,926.
 7. O. Fair Board
 1. Authorize the County Controller and Treasurer to work with the Dickinson County Fair Board and bond counsel to research funding options for Fair Board projects.All Ayes, Motion Carried.
5. Motion by Commissioner Martin, supported by Commissioner Kramer to approve the following meeting minutes as written:
 - Finance Committee – 03/19/15
 - Regular Meeting – 03/23/15All Ayes, Motion Carried.
6. **COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATION:**
 - A. Citizens' Time: (Limited to five minutes per person)
Commissioner Wender opened the floor to Citizens' Time. Jonathon Ringle, Iron Mountain addressed the Board. He thanked the Board for allowing the citizens to vote on the MSU millage. He realizes how difficult it is to ask. He stated people are willing to pay for this. He stated in his last home town they paid \$500,000,000 in millages. He stated there are many difficult choices to be made. He stated we need this quality of life.
 - 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 period ending 03/31/15. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
Commissioner Martin stated she has looked over the budget and overall it looks good. She stated she is meeting with Sonya to go over some Departments.
 2. Motion by Commissioner Martin supported by Commissioner Stevens to approve the request from Probate Court Judge Thomas Slagle to send the Court Clerk to the Michigan Judicial Institute training seminar in Higgins Lake, MI Apr. 29-May 1, 2015 at an approximate cost of \$250. Roll Call Vote:
Commissioners:
Kramer Aye
Martin Aye

Stevens Aye
Wender Aye Motion Carried.

3. Motion by Commissioner Martin, supported by Commissioner Kramer to approve the request from Probate Court Judge Thomas Slagle to send the Court Clerk to the Juvenile Probation Officer Certification Exam in Gaylord, MI on Jul. 31, 2015 at an approximate cost of \$324. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

Wender Aye
Kramer Aye
Martin Aye
Stevens Aye Motion Carried.

4. Motion by Commissioner Martin, supported by Commissioner Stevens to approve the request from Prosecutor Lisa Richards to send the Assistant Prosecutor to New APA Basic Training in Lansing, MI May 12-15th at an approximate cost of \$420.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

Martin Aye
Stevens Aye
Wender Aye
Kramer Aye Motion Carried.

Prosecutor Richards explained this is a very good course for Abby Anderson to take because of her limited experience. She explained this is a worthwhile course. She stated this course is 4 days and cost \$85.00. She stated the majority of cost is mileage.

5. Motion by Commissioner Martin, supported by Commissioner Kramer to approve the request from Northern Lights YMCA to replace pool filters at a cost of \$6,850.20.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

Stevens Aye
Wender Aye
Kramer Aye
Martin Aye Motion Carried

Jonathon Ringle, YMCA Manager explained if these filters are not replaced they will have to close the pool. He stated they have rips in them and that allows things to enter the drains and plug the system up. He stated there are 14 and six are bent or ripped.

Commissioner Stevens asked if we are obligated to pay for this and Controller Pugh stated there is money available for this and we are obligated to pay for this.

6. Motion by Commissioner Martin, supported by Commissioner Stevens to approve the request from the Breen Senior Center for the release of their 2015 appropriation in the amount of \$22,938. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

Kramer Aye
Martin Aye
Stevens Aye
Wender Aye Motion Carried.

7. Motion by Commissioner Martin, supported by Commissioner Stevens to approve the request from the Felch Senior Center for the release of their 2015 appropriation in the amount of \$6,423. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

Kramer Aye
Martin Aye
Stevens Aye
Wender Aye Motion Carried.

8. Motion by Commissioner Martin, supported by Commissioner Kramer to release the convention facility funds for Oct., Nov, and Dec. 2014 to Northcare Network in the amount of \$23,926. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

Martin Aye
Stevens Aye

Wender Aye
Kramer Aye Motion Carried.

- 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
1. DHS meeting minutes of 02/23/15.
- G. **Dickinson-Iron Health Department** – Commissioner Kramer
1. Board of Health meeting minutes of 02/25/15 and special meeting minutes of 03/10/15.
- H. **Northpointe** – Commissioner Martin
1. Northpointe meeting minutes of 03/26/15.
- I. **Pinecrest** – Commissioner Degenauer-None
- J. **Equalization Committee** – Commissioner Degenauer-None
Kiiivila and Casperson are working on legislation to correct the Big-Box problems.
- K. **Building & Supply/Real Estate-Remodeling** – Commissioner Degenauer-None
- L. **Public Safety and Judiciary** – Commissioner Wender
1. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Martin to recognize the Dickinson County Friend of the Court's Cost Effectiveness Rating; they rank #1 in the U.P. and #8 statewide.
All Ayes, Motion Carried.
Commissioner Martin stated these are amazing figures and she should be commended. She stated Dickinson County will receive \$43,745 as an incentive. She stated they collected \$3,633,648 in child support in 2014.
Commissioner Stevens stated she does a wonderful job.

2. Motion by Commissioner Kramer, supported by Commissioner Stevens to approve the request from Emergency Services to approve an equipment lease agreement with Rapid Response One EMS and authorize the chairman to sign same.
All Ayes, Motion Carried.
Sheriff Celello stated we may have another ambulance coming but nothing is definite yet.
He stated he talked to Bay College about having correction classes in Escanaba. He stated it costs them \$5,000 now and it's only once a year. It would be cheaper if Bay could do this.
He stated it would take weeks to decide.
- M. **Parks Committee** – Commissioner Stevens
1. Fumee Lake Commission meeting minutes of 03/04/15.
- N. **Airport Committee** – Commissioner Wender
1. Motion by Commissioner Martin, supported by Commissioner Kramer to authorize payment of the Aviation General Liability insurance renewal in the amount of \$5,366.
Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:
Kramer Aye
Martin Aye
Stevens Aye

Wender Aye Motion Carried.

2. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Martin to authorize payment of the Superior Steel invoice for construction of T-hangars in the amount of \$46,000. Roll call Vote: Commissioners:

Martin Aye

Stevens Aye

Wender Aye

Kramer Aye Motion Carried.

3. Motion by Commissioner Martin, supported by Commissioner Stevens to authorize the Airport Manager and Controller's Office to prepare T-hangar lease agreements. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

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

1. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Kramer to authorize the County Controller and Treasurer to work with the Dickinson County Fair Board and bond counsel to research funding options for Fair Board projects. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

Barb Bedard, Fair Board addressed the Board. She stated they received the building for free and it has to be moved and they need a loan.

Commissioner Wender asked if the County Board is responsible if the Fair Board does not pay?

He also stated this is more than what he was told before. Why the extra money.

Commissioner Stevens stated we have to talk to the bond counsel.

Bedard stated they want it done right. She stated the amount now is \$450,000.

Commissioner Martin asked if all this was thought out.

Bedard stated a new building would cost \$100,000 more. She stated she has the plans if the Board wants to see them.

P. **Library Board** – Commissioner Martin-None

Megan Buck is the new Director.

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

R. **Employee Relations Committee** - Commissioner Degenauer-None

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

Commissioner Stevens stated they are still looking at expanding.

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

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

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 Stevens –None

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

A. Motion by Commissioner Stevens supported by Commissioner Kramer to recognize and do a resolution for the Oldenburg Group and their positive impact in Dickinson County. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

Commissioner Stevens stated we are so proud of having Oldenburg in our County.

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.

Controller Pugh stated we saved \$644.00 on the Airport Insurance and got better coverage thanks to Tim Howen.

13. Commissioners' Personal Privilege.
Commissioner Martin thanked Jonathon Ringle for his comments about the millage. She stated he spoke well. She further thanked the Controller for saving money in many ways.
Commissioner Stevens was happy because the T-hangars are up and almost full.
Commissioner Kramer stated the City of Iron Mountain was ranked 7th as one of the best places to live and Ishpeming was rated 10th.
Commissioner Wender asked if Judge Slagle appointed anyone to the advisory allocation Board?
County Clerk Dolly Cook stated not yet, but he is close.
14. Motion by Commissioner Wender, supported by Commissioner Kramer to adjourn,
Subject to the Call of Chairman at 7:05 P.M.

Henry Wender, Chairman

Dolly L Cook, County Clerk