

# DICKINSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting – April 22, 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, Equalization Director Larry Swartout, Sheriff Scott Celello, Prosecutor Lisa Richards and Controller Kay Pascoe.

4. Motion by Commissioner Martin, supported by Commissioner Kramer to accept the agenda as written with no additions.  
All Ayes, Motion Carried.
5. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., to approve the following meeting minutes as written:  
Regular Meeting – 4/8/13  
Finance Meeting – 4/18/13  
All Ayes, Motion Carried.
6. **COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATION:**

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

Chairman Wender opened the floor to Citizens Time. Allan Bilski, Norway, addressed the Board. He asked the Board for their support for appointment to the Road Commission. He thanked the Board. There was no other participation.

B. Commissioner Degenauer Jr., read a resolution for Outgoing Equalization Director Larry Swartout.

**Whereas,** Larry Swartout will be retiring on April 26<sup>th</sup> after 40 years of public service , including 23 years as the Dickinson County Equalization Director, and

**Whereas,** Larry has worked tirelessly and effectively with local units of government, other county entities and all County Departments to insure the accuracy and timeliness of the financial data which is the underpinning of all of our operations, and

**Whereas,** His willingness to help out has made him the de facto "Go-To Guy" and has contributed to an unparalleled spirit of cooperation and camaraderie in our Courthouse, and

**Whereas,** In spite of his efforts, "Equalization" still remains a mystery to most people,

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved That**

*The Dickinson County Board of Commissioners Proudly Commends*

***Larry Swartout***

***For A Job Well Done!***

***And Extends its Warmest Wishes for a Happy, Healthy  
and Long Retirement!***

***(Don't spend all of it at Menard's!)***

Dickinson County Board of Commissioners:

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Henry Wender, Chairman

7. **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

**A. Finance Committee - Finance Chairman Degenauer**

1. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Martin to release the 2013 appropriation to the Felch Senior Center in the amount of \$5,000. Roll Call Vote:

Commissioners:

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

2. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Kramer to release the 2013 appropriation to the Jake Menghini Museum in the amount of \$1,000. Roll Call Vote:

Commissioners:

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

3. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Stevens to authorize the Chairman to sign the GASB Administrative Services Agreement for an actuarial for Post-Employment Benefits as required by GASB 45 at a cost of \$3,200. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

4. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Kramer to authorize the purchase of four six-drawer locked file cabinets from UP Office Furnishing at a cost of \$2,968. (Funds to come from the 9-1-1Fund)

Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

5. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Kramer to approve a request from the Sheriff to send the Deputy 9-1-1 Director to Schaumburg, IL for a technology review on the county's proposed upgrade equipment, on April 23-24 at an approximate cost of \$450. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

Ceello stated this will be beneficial because many companies will be there and this will be the only trip. Pascoe stated there is a 45 day public comment period and the funds should be available by the end of May and have the money in June.

**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 3/18/13.

**F. DHS/Community Services Agencies - Commissioner Kramer-No report**

**G. Dickinson-Iron Health Department - Commissioner Kramer-No report**

**H. Northpointe** - Commissioner Martin.-No report

**I. Pinecrest** - Commissioner Degenauer

1. Pinecrest Board meeting minutes of 2/28/13.

**J. Equalization Committee** - Commissioner Degenauer.

1. 2013 Equalization Report.

Equalization Director Larry Swartout gave the Equalization report which is on file in the County Clerk's Office. He stated the State equalized value for the County has increased 20,000,000. He further stated this is an increase of 1.8 % and the taxable increase is about 2%, which is encouraging. He stated all the assessors in the County have done their jobs. Commissioner Stevens asked about Home Depot. Swartout stated the appeal is still being decided and the outcome could be devastating.

Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Stevens to accept the Equalization report.

All Ayes, Motion Carried. The Board thanked Larry for a job well done.

**K. Building & Supply/Real Estate-Remodeling** – Commissioner Degenauer-No report

**L. Public Safety and Judiciary** - Commissioner Wender-No report

**M. Parks Committee** - Commissioner Stevens

1. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Kramer to approve a request from Menominee River Habitat for Humanity to allow a 50% rate reduction for up to 10 Care-A-Vanners from July 7<sup>th</sup> through July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

**N. Airport Committee** - Commissioner Wender

1. Motion by Commissioner Stevens supported by Commissioner Martin to approve Amendment # 3 to the Commercial Operating Agreement with Kubick Aviation Services, Inc., whereby a charter flight service will be offered beginning 5/1/13, and Kubick Aviation will pay a quarterly airfield electrical charge, fuel flowage fee, and collect/remmit any ramp fees to Ford Airport. All Ayes, Motion Carried. Pascoe stated they needed this to expand their operations. She stated a nine passenger plane will be added to charter flights to and from Lansing when needed.

**O. Fair Board** - Commissioner Degenauer-No report

**P. Library Board** - Commissioner Ann Martin

1. Library Board meeting minutes of 4/9/13.

**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  
Commissioner Wender stated their financial condition has improved.

**U. Construction Code Commission** - Commissioner Degenauer-No report

**V. Bay West Advisory Committee** - Commissioner Martin-No report

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

1. Motion by Commissioner Stevens supported by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., to appoint the following applicants to the Road Commission to expire 4/30/2016, Allan Bilski and James R. Carey, the only two applicants.

All Ayes, Motion Carried.

Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Kramer to appoint Dennis Baldinelli and

Henry McRoberts (the only two applicants) to the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority for two year terms to expire 5/13/2014. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

There were no applicants for the Western UP Substance Abuse Committee or the Planning Commission.

Commissioner Wender stated it is time to decrease the number on the Planning Commission. He stated we can't get people to apply for the appointments. He asked Kay to check the by-laws.

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

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

12. Controller's Report.  
Pascoe stated the USDA has reduced funding for the police cars. She stated they went from \$9,000 to \$4,000. We can re-apply next year. Commissioner Martin asked if we called and asked why? Pascoe stated she would.  
Pascoe further stated the Equalization grant was refused and the U.P. did not get any of the grants.

13. Commissioners' Personal Privilege.

Commissioner Stevens asked Sid Bray, Equalization Director if he would apply again for this grant? He said he would. He also stated the joint venture between CUPPAD and Six County may happen by July.

Kramer stated there was a very positive spot on Channel 6 about our airport. She further stated they are still looking for Foster Homes and Christy Howell is the person to contact at the Department of Human Services. She further stated there will be a healthy kid's day at the Ice Arena on May 11, 2013. She stated free helmets will be given away.

Commissioner Degenauer Jr., stated he did not vote for the Habitat for Humanity 50% rate deduction at Lake Antoine because it is the busiest time of the year and we need the money and the camp sites at that time. He stated he would have voted for it in August and he is not against what they do.

Chairman Wender thanked Larry Swartout for his services.

14. Motion by Commissioner Stevens supported by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., to adjourn, subject to the Call of the Chairman at 7:00 P.M.

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Henry Wender, Chairman

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Dolly L Cook, County Clerk

