

# DICKINSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting – May 13, 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., Martin and Kramer. (5)  
Absent: (0)

Also Present: County Clerk Dolly Cook, Prosecutor Lisa Richards, Lt. Derek Dixon, Equalization Director Sid Bray and Controller Kay Pascoe.

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

7. N-1 Airport

1. Approve the purchase of a 30 hp commercial mower with 60" deck, from Hall's True Value at a cost of \$4,800.

10-1 Petitions and New Business:

1. Reschedule the second meeting in May which falls on Memorial Day.

All Ayes, Motion Carried

The bids received for the lawn mower were as follows:

Hall's True Value	30hp/60"	\$4,800
Country Side Lawn & Sport	23.5hp/60"	\$7,019
Country Side Lawn & Sport	31hp/72"	\$9,629
Rocconi Hardware	31hp/60"	\$9,700
Rocconi Hardware	35hp/72"	\$10,499

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

Regular Meeting – 4/22/13  
Committee of the Whole – 4/29, 4/30/13

All Ayes, Motion Carried

6. **COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATION:**

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

Commissioner Martin introduced the following students from Mr. Hogberg's Iron Mountain Civics Class: Marshall Henke, Emma LaFleur, Dominic VanLaanen, Abbey Bergland, David Ayers, Quentin Lindholm and Jordan Sleeter.

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

7. **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

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

1. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Kramer to accept the Treasurer's Trial Balance and Budget Status Reports for period ending 4/30/13. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

2. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Stevens to release the 2013 appropriation to Lake Mary for the control of aquatic nuisance in the amount of \$2,500.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

3. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Stevens to release the 2013 appropriation to the Conservation District in the amount of \$2,500. Roll Call Vote:

Commissioners:

Kramer	Aye	Wender	Aye	
Martin	Aye	Degenauer Jr	Aye	
Stevens	Aye			Motion carried

4. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Kramer to release the 50% share of Public Act 2 funds to Western UP Substance Abuse in the amount of \$16,355.50.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

5. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Kramer to release the 2013 appropriation to the Dept. of Human Services in the amount of \$500. Roll Call Vote:

Commissioners:

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

**B. A-95 Review** - Commissioner Kramer-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-No report

**F. DHS/Community Services Agencies** - Commissioner Kramer

1. Dept. of Human Services meeting minutes of 3/25/13.

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

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

**I. Pinecrest** - Commissioner Degenauer-No report

**J. Equalization Committee** - Commissioner Degenauer-No report.

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

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

**M. Parks Committee** - Commissioner Stevens-No report

**N. Airport Committee** - Commissioner Wender

1. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Stevens to purchase a 30hp commercial mower with 60” deck, from Hall’s True Value at a cost of \$4,800.00 Roll Call Vote:

Commissioners:

Wender	Aye	
Stevens	Aye	
Martin	Aye	
Kramer	Aye	
Degenauer Jr.,	Aye	Motion Carried. (List of bidders is above (4).

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

**P. Library Board** - Commissioner Ann Martin-No report

**Q. Dickinson Partnership/Economic Dev.** - Commissioner Stevens-No report

Commissioner Stevens stated the presentation by the SBA was very informative and they did a good job.

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

1. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Kramer to ratify hiring Nicole Frost as Controller/Administrator at the Grade 12 Managerial/Professional starting wage rate, to begin her employment on 6/10/13. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

Commissioner Wender stated Nicole had all the qualifications the Board required and 3 ½ years' experience as a Controller for Gratiot County. He stated she loves the U.P. Commissioner Stevens stated she will do a good job. Commissioner Kramer stated she has excellent writing and communication skills which is a real asset. Commissioner Wender stated Kay is only a call away and he thanked her (Kay) for that.

**S. Dickinson County Hospital Committee - Commissioner Stevens-No report**

Commissioner Stevens stated the Hospital is struggling financially but he thought they would do better. He stated we need this Hospital and we need it to remain a County Hospital.

**T. Dickinson County Road Commission - Commissioner Wender**

1. County Road Commission meeting minutes of 4/9/13

**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 for Citizens' Time and there was no participation.

9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS & OLD BUSINESS:** Commissioner Kramer

1. Motion by Commissioner Kramer, supported by Commissioner Stevens to make the following appointments to the Solid Waste Management Planning Committee:

*Note: This Board is being reconstituted at the request of the Niagara Development Company in order to amend the Solid Waste Plan.*

Solid Waste Management Industry (4)

Terry Barnes, Great American Disposal Co.  
Jim Brinker, Central Landfill Authority  
Tony Edlebeck, City of Kingsford

Industrial Waste Generators (1)

Jeff Maule, Verso Paper Corp.

Environmental Interest Group (2)

Ann Hruska, Dickinson Conservation District  
Dickinson County Administrator, Dickinson County Park System

County Government (1)

Henry Wender, Chairman, Board of Commissioners

City Government (1)

Jordan Stanchina, City of Iron Mountain

Township Government (1)

Joe Rogina, Breitung Township

Regional Planning Commission (1)

Peter Van Steen, CUPPAD

General Public (3)

Dave Schmutzler  
William D. Rice

All Ayes, Motion Carried.

Commissioner Wender asked Kay if she would consider sitting on this Committee for the General Public after she retires? She stated she would consider it.

10. **PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS:** Commissioner Kramer

1. Motion by Commissioner Kramer, supported by Commissioner Martin to reschedule the second meeting in May to Wednesday, May 29, 2013 at 6:30 P.M. All Ayes, Motion Carried. **(THIS MOTION WAS RESCINDED SEE #13.)**

11. Motion by Commissioner Kramer, supported by Commissioner Martin to accept all committee Reports and correspondence and Place on File. All Ayes, Motion Carried

12. Controller's Report.  
Pascoe stated the hiring of Nicole Frost was a wise decision. She feels the County will be in very capable hands.
13. Commissioners' Personal Privilege.  
Commissioner Stevens stated the appeal decision for Home Depot and Lowes on the taxes is a huge deal. He stated our future budgets, if the decision stands will be a lot tighter.  
Commissioner Kramer stated the Power of Words Project is going on right now in the City of Iron Mountain. You can go to their Website and vote.  
Motion by Commissioner Kramer, supported by Commissioner Stevens to rescind the motion (10.1) to reschedule the second meeting in May to Wednesday May 29, 2013 at 6:30 P.M. All Ayes, Motion Carried.  
  
Motion by Commissioner Kramer, supported by Commissioner Martin to reschedule the second meeting in May to be held Tuesday, May 28, 2013 at 6:30 P.M. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
14. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Stevens to adjourn, subject to call of the Chairman at 6:52 P.M.

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Henry Wender, Chairman

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Dolly L. Cook, County Clerk

