

DICKINSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Tuesday – May 27, 2014 - 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, Vice Chairman Degenauer and Commissioners Kramer, Stevens and Martin, (5)
Absent: None
Also Present: County Clerk Dolly Cook and Controller Nicole Frost.
4. Motion by Commissioner Kramer, supported by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., to accept the agenda as written. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
5. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Stevens to approve the following meeting minutes as written:
Regular Meeting – 5/12/14
Finance Committee – 5/15/14
All Ayes, Motion Carried.

6. **COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATION:**

Commissioner Martin introduced the following student from Mr. Hogberg's Iron Mountain Government Class: Katie Brule.

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

Chairman Wender opened the floor to Citizens' Time. Bill Hardacre, Almost Home Animal Shelter, addressed the Board. He stated their appropriation was cut 40% this year. He asked the Board to reconsider the millage request to be placed on the November Ballot. He stated they provide a service of caring for the animals that are brought in by the residents of Dickinson County and the Sheriff's Department. He stated they do not understand why the County Board won't let the people decide on the millage question and why there have been such drastic cuts to the shelter. He stated they take in 1000 animals a year and historically ½ are by animal control. He stated it costs \$160,000 a year to operate the shelter and he does not feel the \$15,000 appropriation is a reasonable compensation. He asked to be brought back to the \$25,000 appropriation and then charge each municipality their fair share to make up the difference. He thanked the Board.

B. Resolutions and Legislation – Commissioner Degenauer

1. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Stevens to approve Dickinson County Resolution 2014-5 supporting the investigation and reform of the Veterans Administration System. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

DICKINSON COUNTY
Resolution
2014-5

Supporting the investigation and reform of the Veterans Administration System.

Whereas, The Veterans Administration (VA) operates the largest integrated health care system in the Country, with more than 300,000 full-time employees, and nearly nine million Veterans enrolled for care, and

Whereas, an estimated 85 million appointments are scheduled through the VA System each year, and

Whereas, recent reports surrounding Veterans Administration medical care have identified mismanagement and poor oversight, and

Whereas, complaints have detailed systematic problems, including unacceptable delays that may have led to the death of Veterans waiting for care.

Now, Therefore, be it Resolved, That the Dickinson County Board of Commissioners calls upon all elected officials to work together to expedite the investigation, overhaul and reform of the Veterans Administration System, and the implementation of a system that will deliver efficient and timely medical care to Veterans.

Moved By: Commissioner John Degenauer, Jr.

Supported By: Commissioner Joe Stevens

Vote on Motion: All Ayes

- 2. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Kramer to approve Dickinson County Resolution No. 2014-6 honoring Retired Colonel Danny Pummill. All Ayes, Motion Carried. Commissioner Martin stated he spoke at the Memorial Day Service and did an outstanding job. Commissioner Kramer stated he was at the Breitung Township Cemetery Service.

A Resolution # 2014-6 Honoring Retired Colonel Danny Pummill

WHEREAS, Danny Pummill served for 33 years in the U.S. Army where he served as an Adjutant General Corps Officer and an enlisted Field Artillery and Infantry soldier; and WHEREAS, Mr. Pummill is currently serving as the Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Benefits in the Department of Veterans Affairs; and WHEREAS, Mr. Pummill's service has taken him to places such as Panama, Central America, Korea, Europe, the Balkans, the Middle East and throughout the United States; and WHEREAS, Mr. Pummill has served as Director of VBA Department of Defense Program Office, Deputy Director for Policy and Procedures and as Senior Executive for the Department of the Army; and WHEREAS, Mr. Pummill has worked tirelessly to ensure the administration of a multitude of benefits programs for Veterans; and WHEREAS, Mr. Pummill has served to increase the quality of life for the Veterans utilizing the VBA and specifically our local Dickinson County Veterans. NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Dickinson County Board of Commissioners is honored to recognize Retired Colonel Danny Pummill for his very deserving service to the Veterans of our County and Country.

YEAS:
NAYS:

This _____ day of MAY, 2014.

DICKINSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Henry Wender, Chairman

Dolly L. Cook, Clerk

7. **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

A. Finance Committee - Finance Chairman Stevens

Approve/Deny:

- 1. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., to approve the request from Breitung Township for financial assistance for its Home Depot Tax Case appeal to the Michigan Supreme Court in the amount of \$5,000.00 Roll Call Vote:

Commissioners:

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

Commissioner Stevens explained the Big Box appeal and the consequences if approved. Commissioner Wender stated we will have to pay \$60,000 in back taxes if this is successful.

- 2. Motion by Commissioner Stevens supported by Commissioner Kramer to approve the request from the Sons of the American Legion Squadron 50 for a donation to be used for its Fourth of July Fireworks event in the amount of \$200.00. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

Kramer	Aye
Martin	Aye

Stevens Aye
Wender Aye
Degenaer Jr., Aye Motion Carried.

3. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Degenaer Jr., to approve the request from the Western UP Substance Abuse Service for the release of its 50% share of the PA-2 Funds in the amount of \$16,471. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

4. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Martin to approve the monthly bills for May in the amount of \$168,843.47. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

5. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Martin to approve the recommendation of the Finance Committee to grant the request of vacation from Carl Downing. All Ayes, 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-None

G. Dickinson-Iron Health Department - Commissioner Kramer

1. Board of Health meeting minutes of 4/30/14

H. Northpointe - Commissioner Martin-None

I. Pinecrest - Commissioner Degenaer

1. Pinecrest Board meeting minutes of 3/27/14.

J. Equalization Committee - Commissioner Degenaer-None

K. Building & Supply/Real Estate-Remodeling - Commissioner Degenaer

Approve/Deny:

1. Motion by Commissioner Degenaer Jr., supported by Commissioner Kramer to approve the recommendation of Trane to partner with for an energy performance contract. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

L. Public Safety and Judiciary - Commissioner Wender-None

M. Parks Committee - Commissioner Stevens

Approve/Deny:

1. Fumee Lake Commission meeting minutes of 4/10/14.

2. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Martin to approve the request from Carney Lake Association for the release of its 2014 appropriation in the amount of \$1,000 for aquatic nuisance control. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

Commissioner Degenaer Jr. stated in the future the request must come from the Carney Lake Authority.

N. Airport Committee - Commissioner Wender-None

O. Fair Board - Commissioner Degenaer-None

P. Library Board - Commissioner Martin-None

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

R. Employee Relations Committee - Commissioner Degenauer

Approve/Deny:

1. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Kramer to approve the request of the Prosecutor for a certificate of appreciation for a 30 year employee. All Ayes, 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 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 Degenauer - None

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

1. Township Association meeting minutes of 3/17/14.

11. Motion by Commissioner Kramer supported by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., to accept all Committee Reports and Correspondence and place on file. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

12. Controller's Report.

Controller Frost stated she will be attending the MMRMA meeting at the end of the week. She explained the unfunded accrued liability plan.

13. Commissioners' Personal Privilege.

Commissioner Kramer stated a citizen came to her about a leak in the Courtroom. She stated he should bring pictures to a meeting and that is a maintenance problem.

Commissioner Stevens stated he is disgusted with the VA scandal and more than that he is sad. He has sent letters to the legislature and told them to act professional and get something done. He further stated the Chapel has to cover anything that has to do with Christianity. He stated he does not understand what is happening. He stated he was on the fence as far as the Humane Society. He stated if they are not happy with their appropriation next year he would vote to put it on the ballot. He stated we need the Humane Society.

He stated a Board member should attend their meeting because we need better communications. He stated he appreciates what they do.

Commissioner Martin thanked Joe Stevens for his remarks.

14. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., to adjourn, Subject to Call of Chairman at 6:57 P.M.

Henry Wender, Chairman

Dolly L Cook, County Clerk

