

# DICKINSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting – June 10, 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., and Kramer (4)

Absent: Commissioner Martin (1) Excused, out of town.

Also Present: County Clerk Dolly Cook, Prosecutor Lisa Richards, Equalization Director Sid Bray, Administrative Assistant Sonya Pugh and Controller Nicole Frost.  
Commissioner Wender welcomed and introduced Nicole Frost our new Controller.

4. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Kramer to accept the agenda with the following additions,  
7.N.2 – Airport

2. Authorize the Chairman to sign an amendment to a hangar lease with Integrated First Response changing its name to Air Medical Investors One (AMI-1). All Ayes, Motion Carried.

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

Regular Meeting – 5/28/13

Degenauer Jr., Kramer, Wender Ayes, Stevens abstained because he was not present at that meeting.

## 6. COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATION:

A. Citizens' Time: (Limited to five minutes per person)  
Chairman Wender opened the floor to Citizens' Time and there was no participation.

1. Motion by Commissioner Kramer, supported by Commissioner Stevens to open the Public Hearing relative to the establishment of the County operating millage for 2013 at 6.1203 mills at 6:34 P.M. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

Commissioner Stevens stated it is a great thing that we can keep the rate the same for the people of Dickinson County.

There was no other participation and the public hearing was closed at 6:36 P.M.

B. Resolutions and Legislation – Commissioner Kramer - None

## 7. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

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

1. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Stevens to approve sending the Deputy Director of Emergency Services to Lansing for the Michigan Public Service Commission 911 surcharge hearings, on June 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> at an approximate cost of \$700. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

2. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Kramer to approve a request from the Sons of the American Legion Squadron 50 for a donation towards the annual community fireworks in the amount of \$200.00. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

3. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Stevens to adopt the County operating millage for 2013 of 6.1203 mills. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

4. Motion By Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Kramer to accept the Treasurer's Trial Balance and Budget Status reports for period ending 5/31/13. All Ayes, 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**

1. Motion by Commissioner Kramer, supported by Commissioner Stevens to approve a request from the Dickinson County Bike Path for a Local Governing Body Resolution for Charitable Gaming Licenses. (note: Qualification requirements include the need for a resolution from a local body of government stating the organization is a recognized nonprofit organization in the community). All Ayes, Motion Carried.

Commissioner Stevens thanked the planning Commission and Bike Path Committee for all the hard work done on this. He stated they also are working on getting the statewide bike path loop through Dickinson County.

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

1. DHS Meeting Minutes of 4/22/13.

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

Commissioner Stevens stated the comments that Mr. McCole made were not attached to the minutes and asked that they be sent to the County Board.

**H. Northpointe - Commissioner Martin.**

1. Northpointe Board meeting minutes of 5/30/13.

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

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

Sid Bray, Equalization Director, stated that Sam Gerber started today!

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

**L. Public Safety and Judiciary - Commissioner Wender**

1. Motion by Commissioner Kramer, supported by Commissioner Stevens to authorize the Sheriff to solicit bids for equipment for the dispatch/911 remodel to be placed on the agenda of June 24, 2013. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

**M. Parks Committee - Commissioner Stevens**

1. Motion by Commissioner Stevens supported by Commissioner Kramer to release the 2013 appropriation for aquatic nuisance to the Sawyer Lake Association in the amount of \$2,500. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

2. Motion by Commissioner Stevens supported by Commissioner Degenauer Jr. to approve the request from the Lake Antoine Association for a \$2,500 donation for aquatic nuisance, which is the budgeted amount. Roll Call Vote Commissioners:

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

3. Fumee Lake Commission meeting minutes of 5/9/13.

**N. Airport Committee - Commissioner Wender**

1. Motion by Commissioner Stevens supported by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., to approve the repair/rebuild of the airport fire truck water pump by Bruce Municipal Equipment, Inc. at an estimated cost of \$5,243. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

2. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Kramer to authorize the Chairman to sign an amendment to a hangar lease with Integrated First Response changing its name to Air Medical Investors One (AMI-1). All Ayes, Motion Carried.

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

Chairman Wender stated he went to the last Fair Board meeting and their Board members all have jobs to do and they are great volunteers and he was very impressed.

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

**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**

**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. Bob Werner addressed the Board. He asked the Board for their support on the resolution regarding the Gaming Commission License. He stated if we can accomplish a change in the loop, and it comes through Dickinson County it would have a great economic value in many ways. He thanked the Board.

Commissioner Degenauer Jr., asked why the paper listed the millage as a tax increase? Sid Bray explained we must use the exact language as given by the State and it is not an increase, it is staying the same. Janice Beauchamp, who was in the audience, explained that was why she was here and she thanked the Board and Sid for explaining it.

9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS & OLD BUSINESS:** Commissioner Kramer - None

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

1. Motion by Commissioner Kramer, supported by Commissioner Stevens, to approve drafting a letter of support for the Yooper Loop Project. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

Commissioner Kramer stated she will work with Nicole and reach out to the other Counties involved and send them the same letter for support from their Boards.

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

12. Controller's Report.

Nicole Frost explained her background to all present. She stated she was very impressed with the Board and stated they were refreshing and encouraging. She stated her degree is in Forestry. She then got into Parks and Recreation for 12 years. She then was hired as the Administrator for Gratiot County and went back to school and got a degree in Public Administration. She stated when this position came open, the love of the U.P. made her apply and she thanked the Board. She explained the wind initiatives in Gratiot County and their value in taxes to the County.

13. Commissioners' Personal Privilege.

Commissioner Degenauer Jr., stated he wishes he could give more for milfoil, but we do not have more to give and the DNR should be more involved. He asked Sid to write a letter and explain the ad in the paper about increased taxes and the millage.

Commissioner Kramer explained the U.P. Conservation District will meet next week. She further explained there will be a free forestry land trip for landowners on Friday June 21, 2013 at the Vagabond Park entrance. Commissioner Stevens would like to set up a parks tour as soon as possible. He stated he saw many windmills out west and they are amazing. He stated his grandson graduated this last week from the Marine Corps. and he thanked the young who put their lives on the line for us. He further stated that his grandsons 50 year old General ran the five miles they ran.

Commissioner Wender stated he went to the MSU open house in Norway. He stated they are going to have four or five weeks of camping at Camp Molinaire and they will be doing some maintenance.

14. Motion by Commissioner Kramer, supported by Commissioner Stevens to adjourn, subject to Call of Chairman at 7:01. P.M.

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Henry Wender, Chairman

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Dolly L. Cook, County Clerk

