

**DICKINSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**Monday, June 27, 2016 - 6:00 p.m.**  
**Courthouse - Circuit Courtroom**

1. The meeting was called to Order by Chairman Wender at 6:00 P.M.
2. 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 Vice Chairman Stevens, Commissioners Kramer, Martin and Degenauer. (5)  
Absent: None  
Also Present: County Clerk Dolly Cook, Prosecutor Lisa Richards, Sheriff Scott Celeslo, Equalization Director Sid Bray and Controller Sonya Pugh
4. Motion by Commissioner Kramer, supported by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., to accept the agenda with the following additions:
  7. K. 5 Discussion relative to the Courthouse temperature control.  
  
Q 1. Letter of retirement from the County Controller.  
  
9.A. Make the following appointments.  
Add Raymond Hamm to Applicants for **NORTHPOINTE BEHAVIORIAL HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS AUTHORITY.**  
  
Add Peter Van Steen to Applicants for **SOLID WASTE PLANNING COMMITTEES**All Ayes, Motion Carried.
5. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., to approve the following meeting minutes:

Regular meeting – 06/13/2016
Committee of the Whole – 06/16/2016
Finance meeting – 06/16/2016

Degenauer Jr., Kramer, Stevens and Wender Ayes, Martin Abstained. Motion Carried.  
Commissioner Stevens stated regarding the AT&T contracts, he can't tell Lisa what to do and he just wanted to see the contracts, if we could get them.
6. **COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATION:**
  - A. Citizens' Time: (Limited to five minutes per person)  
Chairman Wender opened the floor to Citizens Time.  
Mike Miller addressed the Board. He apologized to the Board for accusing the Board personally of not supporting the Veteran's. He stated he meant the County Board does not support the Veterans. He stated the Board violated their agreement for 5 of the last 7 years. He encouraged the Board to go to meetings and shake Veteran's hands and find out what is needed.  
Gerald McCole, Channing, addressed the Board. He read a letter that is on file in the County Clerk's Office. He stated the Dickinson County Board of Commissioners did not appoint Barb Kramer to DICSA. He stated she was appointed by DICSA. He stated Barb Kramer had no authority to be paid by the County. He asked her to re-pay the \$400-500 dollars for per-diem and mileage.  
John Sacchetti, Iron Mountain, addressed the Board. He updated the Board on the Concession Stand at Lake Antoine.  
Kevin Pirlot, Iron Mountain, addressed the Board. He stated he was appalled at Mr. Wenders behavior towards Mike Miller. He stated the Board has to start listening to the people. He stated the 2<sup>nd</sup> Citizen's Time should be after all business is done. He stated the Citizens should be able to address any and all motions or actions taken by the Board.  
Ray Hamm, Sagola, addressed the Board. He asked for the Boards support for the appointment to Northpointe.  
Brian Smeester, Kingsford, addressed the Board. He thanked Dolly Cook for the FOIA requests which are accurate and timely. He stated pensions and Retirees Healthcare are hurting the County. He stated the County Board members are all good people.  
(Moved up from U-1) Presentation from Bay West Campus Vice President Mr. Kevin Carlson  
Mr. Carlson stated there have been lots of changes. He stated they had to adjust for a 1.2 million dollar shortfall due to lowering enrollments. He stated there are many new programs and one is a welding program for High School Students.  
Commissioner Stevens stated we have given approximately \$900,000 a year through the millage. He

stated we need a member and a vote on their (Bay College, Escanaba) Board.

- B. Resolutions and Legislation – Commissioner Kramer
  - 1. Motion by Commissioner Kramer supported by Commissioner Martin to approve Resolution 2016-7 to approve the Deficit Elimination Plan for funds ending FY2015 with a negative balance. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

**DICKINSON COUNTY RESOLUTION 2016-7  
RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE DEFICIT ELIMINATION PLAN  
FOR FUNDS ENDING FY2015 WITH A NEGATIVE BALANCE.**

WHEREAS, The Glen Steil State Revenue Sharing Act of 1971, Public Act 140 of 1971, Section 21 (2), states that units of local government that end their fiscal year in a deficit condition shall formulate a deficit elimination plan approved by Resolution of the Board; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2015 audit revealed four funds which ended the year with a negative balance; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners wish to be good stewards of public funds and humbly submit this proposed Deficit Elimination Plan; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Dickinson County Board of Commissioners will eliminate the \$12,251.28 FY 21015 deficit within the Emergency Services Fund with an additional appropriation in the amount of \$12,500.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Dickinson County Board of Commissioners anticipates sufficient contractual revenues in 2016 to eliminate the FY 2015 deficit of \$167.03 in the DARE Fund; and

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, the Dickinson County Board of Commissioners has appropriated sufficient funds in the 2016 budget to eliminate the FY 2015 deficit of \$4,253.86 in the Airport Fund; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Dickinson County Board of Commissioners will apply additional 2016 revenues generated by new leases at the Crystal Lake Center, to eliminate the FY 2015 deficit of \$26,876.89.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Dickinson County Board of Commissioners believes to have fully satisfied its reporting requirements to the State Department of Treasury for its FY 2015 audit.

Moved by Commissioner  
Supported by Commissioner

Aye Votes:  
Nay Votes:

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Dolly L. Cook, Dickinson County Clerk

7. **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

- A. **Finance Committee** – Finance Chairperson Martin
  - 1. Motion by Commissioner Kramer supported by Commissioner Martin to approve Budget Amendment BA-3 relative to the FY2015 Deficit Elimination Plan.  
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. **DHHS / Community Services Agencies** – Commissioner Kramer-None
- G. **Dickinson-Iron Health Department** – Commissioner Stevens-None
- H. **Northpointe** – Commissioner Martin  
 1. Northpointe Healthcare Systems meeting minutes of 05/26/2016.
- I. **Pinecrest** – Commissioner Degenauer-None
- J. **Equalization Committee** – Commissioner Degenauer-None  
 Equalization Director Sid Bray discussed the appeals for the City of Iron Mountain.
- K. **Building & Supply/Real Estate-Remodeling** – Commissioner Degenauer  
 1. Energy and gas update from Julie Cowling, an authorized sales representative for Constellation.  
 She explained the rates. She stated we saved \$8,066 since February on the gas rates. She explained the electric rates. She stated that's \$7890 savings per year on electric.
2. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Martin to approve the renewal of the electricity supply agreement with Constellation through Jan. 22, 2018 and authorizes the Chairman to sign documents relative to same. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
3. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Kramer to authorize the Chairman to sign a Certificate of Substantial Completion and Acceptance relative to the Trane Energy Project. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
4. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr. supported by Commissioner Kramer to authorize the Controller to investigate radon detection options and solicit bids relative to the same.  
 Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:  
 Degenauer Jr., Aye  
 Kramer Aye  
 Martin Aye  
 Stevens Aye  
 Wender Nay Motion Carried.  
 Chairman Wender stated he spoke with Daren Deyaert, Environmental Health Director, and he recommended putting 4 radon detectors in to see if we have high radon levels before we spend a lot of money.  
 County Clerk Dolly Cook asked how long will they be in place? She stated it has been over two years already.  
 Commissioner Degenauer Jr., stated we need to get this taken care of. It has been two years and we need to act now.  
 Commissioner Kramer stated we need to move forward and fix this.  
 County Clerk Dolly Cook explained we had a short detector and we sent it to the Company and they said it was high and we needed to put another detector in for a year and that was over a year ago.
5. A discussion was held about the Courthouse temperature control.  
 Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Stevens to lower the temperature in the Courtroom and the Clerk's Office and other rooms as needed through the system and this would be done with James from Trane. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
- L. **Public Safety and Judiciary** – Commissioner Wender  
 1. Motion by Commissioner Kramer, supported by Commissioner Stevens to approve West-Central U.P. Regional Community Corrections Program's FY2017 grant application and authorizes the Controller to send a letter relative to the same. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
- M. **Parks Committee** – Commissioner Stevens-None
- N. **Airport Committee** – Commissioner Wender-None
- O. **Fair Board** – Commissioner Degenauer  
 1. Dickinson County Fair Board meeting minutes of 06/07/2016.
- P. **Library Board** – Commissioner Martin-None
- Q. **Employee Relations Committee** - Commissioner Degenauer  
 1. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Martin to accept the letter of retirement from Controller Sonya Pugh with regret. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

Commissioner Stevens stated he is sad.

Commissioner Kramer stated she is very sad and what lead to this makes her very mad.

Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Martin to set a special meeting on Wednesday, July 6, 2016 at 6:00 P.M. to discuss advertising and the direction to take for the Controller position. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

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

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

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

U. **Bay West Advisory Committee** - Commissioner Degenauer

This was moved up to the first Citizens' Time.

1. Presentation by Bay West Campus Vice President, Mr. Kevin Carlson.

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 Kramer

A. Motion by Commissioner Kramer, supported by Commissioner Stevens to appoint Ray Hamm to Northpointe for a partial term to expire 3/31/2017. All Ayes, Motion Carried

**NORTHPOINTE BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS AUTHORITY –**

One partial term to expire 3/31/2017

Applicants: Raymond Hamm

Motion by Commissioner Kramer to nominate the following candidates for appointment to the Jury Board: Roll Call Vote:

**JURY BOARD –**

One partial Republican term to expire 4/30/2018

Applicants:

John Dougoveto

Margie Schnapp

Degenauer Jr., Dougoveto

Kramer Schnapp

Martin Abstain

Stevens Schnapp

Wender Schnapp

Margie Schnapp was appointed to the Jury Board for a partial term to expire 4/30/2018.

Motion by Commissioner Kramer to nominate all applicants to the Solid Waste Planning Committee for three year terms to expire 6/1/2019. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

**SOLID WASTE PLANNING COMMITTEES --Three year terms to expire 6/1/2019**

**Solid Waste Management – 4 members**

Ray D. Anderson

Terrance J. Barnes

Anthony Edlebeck

Darrell Finley

**Industrial Waste Generators – 1 member- Mark Gregory**

**Environmental Interest Group – 2 members**

Amanda Nelson

**County Government – 1 member - Barbara Kramer**

**Township Government – 1 member**

**Regional Planning Commission – 1 member- Peter Van Steen**

**General Public – 3 members – Bill Rice**

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

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.-None
13. Commissioners' Personal Privilege.  
Commissioner Martin stated she appreciates Mike Millers apology. She further stated she found Mr. Pirlots comments unfounded. She stated she looks to Chairman Wender to control the meetings and she appreciates the good job that he does. She stated Brian Smeester talked about pensions and retiree costs which we have no control over. She stated she regrets Sonya's retirement. She stated it is an enormous job and she came in at a very difficult time. She stated the environment was very toxic and very difficult. She regrets her resignation and applauds what she has done in these difficult times.  
Commissioner Stevens stated Aaron Harper will be the Grand Marshal in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. He has done wonderful things for the County. He stated Wednesday there will be a free band concert at Lake Antoine. He stated any complaints about the Parks should come to him. He stated Mr. Pirlot had a point about the second Citizen's Time. He stated he does go to the Veterans' meetings and has been involved in many ways. He stated the Veterans are special in his heart.  
Commissioner Kramer explained all the things she does for the Veterans. She also talked to many Veterans at the Memorial Day Service. She stated she will talk with Lisa about Mr. McColes letter and she will make it right.  
Commissioner Degenauer Jr., stated he has also done many things for the Veterans. He stated he will talk to the Board about future funding for the Veterans of Affairs Office.  
Chairman Wender stated he stands by his actions.
14. Motion by Commissioner Kramer supported by Commissioner Stevens to adjourn, Subject to Call of Chairman at 7:03 P.M. All Ayes, Motion Carried

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Henry Wender, Chairman

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Dolly L. Cook, County Clerk