

DICKINSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Monday, August 8, 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, Vice Chairman Stevens and Commissioners Degenauer, Kramer and Martin. (5)
Absent: None
Also Present: County Clerk Dolly Cook, Prosecutor Lisa Richards, Equalization Director Sid Bray and Admin Asst. Dianah Fayas

4. Motion by Commissioner Kramer, supported by Commissioner Martin 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:**

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| Finance & Special Meeting – July 20 th |
| Regular Meeting – July 25 th |
| Committee of the Whole – July 28 th |

All Ayes, Motion Carried.

Commissioner Martin requested language be added to the minutes to clarify the COW meeting of July 28, 2016. County Clerk Dolly Cook stated the language she requested was not on the tape but offered Commissioner Martin time to listen to the tape and she declined and the motion passed to approve the minutes.

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.

B. Resolutions and Legislation –Commissioner Stevens

1. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., to approve Resolution 2016-9 Department of Veterans' Affairs Millage.
All Ayes, Motion Carried.

DICKINSON COUNTY RESOLUTION 2016-9
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS MILLAGE

WHEREAS, Dickinson County, Michigan has a veteran population of approximately 2,500; and

WHEREAS, many of these veterans are eligible to receive Federal and State benefits such as service related disability compensation, education benefits, vocational rehabilitation, health care benefits and survivor and dependent benefits; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Veterans' Affairs provides valuable assistance to Dickinson County veterans in securing said benefits; and

WHEREAS, steadily decreasing revenues have severely limited Dickinson County's ability to support these services; and

WHEREAS, a Dickinson County millage of 0.10 mills, a tax of ten cents on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation of property, would provide funding for these services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

that the following question shall be submitted to a vote of the electorate of Dickinson County, Michigan, on November 8, 2016, in the General Election:

Shall the 15 mill tax limitation on general ad valorem taxes within Dickinson County be increased as provided by Article 9, Section 6 of the Constitution of the State of Michigan, and the County of Dickinson be authorized to levy up to 0.10 mills (10 cents per \$1,000 taxable valuation) for a period of ten years (2017 through 2026 inclusively), on all taxable property within Dickinson County for the purpose of creating and maintaining a county Department of Veterans' Affairs, which will provide support and assistance to veterans residing in Dickinson County, which increase shall raise in the first year of the levy, if fully captured, an estimated \$89,000.00.

Yes () No ()

DICKINSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Henry Wender, Chairman

I, Dolly Cook, the duly appointed, qualified and Acting Clerk of the County of Dickinson, Michigan, do hereby certify that the above extract from the minutes of a Regular meeting of the County Board of Commissioners of Dickinson County, Michigan held on August 8, 2016 is a true and correct excerpt of original minutes related to the matters set forth.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the County of Dickinson, Michigan, August 8, 2016.

Dolly Cook, Clerk

2. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Degenauer Jr. to approve placement on the November 8th ballot of .10 mill for 10 years to fund a County Department of Veterans' Affairs, with language to read as follows:

Shall the 15 mill tax limitation on general ad valorem taxes within Dickinson County be increased as provided by Article 9, Section 6 of the Constitution of the State of Michigan, and the County of Dickinson be authorized to levy up to 0.10 mills (10 cents per \$1,000 taxable valuation) for a period of ten years (2017 through 2026 inclusively), on all taxable property within Dickinson County for the purpose of creating and maintaining a county Department of Veterans' Affairs, which will provide support and assistance to veterans residing in Dickinson County, which increase shall raise in the first year of the levy, if fully captured, an estimated \$89,000.00.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

7. **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

A. **Finance Committee** – Finance Chairperson Martin

1. Motion by Commissioner Martin, supported by Commissioner Kramer to accept the Trial Balance & Budget Status Report from the Treasurer for period ending July 31, 2016.

All Ayes, Motion Carried.

2. Motion by Commissioner Martin, supported by Commissioner Kramer to approve the monthly bills for July in the amount of \$455,587.40.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

3. Motion by Commissioner Martin, supported by Commissioner Stevens to approve the request from Northpointe for distribution of their 3rd quarter appropriation in the amount of \$24,907.50. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

4. Motion by Commissioner Martin supported by Commissioner Stevens to approve the request from Michigan Association of Counties for FY 2016-17 dues in the amount of \$6,723.84. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

5. Motion by Commissioner Stevens supported by Commissioner Kramer to approve the placement of an ad in the Advertiser's Aug. 30th special fair promotional section of 3 1/4" x 3", black and white, for \$89.40. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

| Size | B & W | 1 Color | Full Color |
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| 3 1/4" x 1" | \$29.80 | \$32.80 | \$35.80 |
| 3 1/4" x 1 1/2" | \$44.70 | \$49.20 | \$53.70 |
| 3 1/4" x 2" | \$59.60 | \$65.60 | \$71.60 |
| 3 1/4" x 3" | \$89.40 | \$98.40 | \$107.40 |

- 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
1. Department of Health and Human Services meeting minutes of June 27th.
- G. **Dickinson-Iron Health Department** – Commissioner Stevens-None
- H. **Northpointe** – Commissioner Martin
1. Northpointe meeting minutes of July 14th.
- I. **Pinecrest** – Commissioner Degenaer-None
- J. **Equalization Committee** – Commissioner Degenaer-None
- K. **Building & Supply/Real Estate-Remodeling** – Commissioner Degenaer-None
- L. **Public Safety and Judiciary** – Commissioner Wender
1. Motion by Commissioner Martin supported by Commissioner Kramer to approve advertising an upcoming vacancy of statutorily mandated 95-B District Court Magistrate position. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:
- Kramer Aye
 Martin Aye
 Stevens Aye
 Wender Aye
 Degenaer Jr., Nay Motion Carried.
- Commissioner Degenaer Jr., stated we must look at all positions in the future. We had a mandated position in the Clerk's office and we let that go. We need to look at this the same way and promote from within. He stated if we are going to stand true to what we were saying at budget time, we need to look at true attrition. Commissioner Stevens stated if we don't fill this position we could be sued. He stated we can look at the others who are retiring. He stated we do not want to be sued. Commissioner Kramer stated this is mandated and we don't have a choice. County Clerk Dolly Cook stated Mary Girard's job was mandated. Commissioner Kramer stated but you hired from within. Commissioner Degenaer Jr., stated she (County Clerk Dolly Cook) was forced to fill it from within because you would not allow her to hire anyone.
- M. **Parks Committee** – Commissioner Stevens

1. Fumee Lake Commission meeting minutes of May 4th.
- N. **Airport Committee** – Commissioner Wender-None
- O. **Fair Board** – Commissioner Degenauer-None
- P. **Library Board** – Commissioner Martin-None
- Q. **Employee Relations Committee** - Commissioner Degenauer-None
- R. **Dickinson County Hospital Committee** – Commissioner Stevens-None
- S. **Dickinson County Road Commission** – Commissioner Wender
 1. Road Commission meeting minutes of July 12th.
 2. Motion by Commissioner Kramer supported by Commissioner Martin to amend July 25th's motion by Commissioner Kramer, seconded by Commissioner Degenauer approving the Controller's Office to, "Proceed with permitting process for ORV connector route on US-2 in the city of Norway ...," to "proceed with permitting process for ORV connector route on **US-8** in the city of Norway and authorize Chairman to sign documents relative to same." All Ayes, Motion Carried.
- T. **Construction Code Commission** – Commissioner Degenauer-None
- U. **Bay West Advisory Committee** - Commissioner Degenauer-None
8. Citizens' Time: (Limited to five minutes per person)
Chairman Wender opened the floor to Citizens' Time. Sue Ellis addressed the Board. She stated the magistrate Joan Nelson is not retiring until October 25, 2016 so there is time to discuss this. There was no other participation.
9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS & OLD BUSINESS:** Commissioner Stevens - None
10. **PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS:** - Commissioner Stevens
 - A. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Kramer to approve the request from the County Clerk to advertise for upcoming appointments to the Fumee Lake Commission and any other committee vacancies. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
11. Motion by Commissioner Martin, supported by Commissioner Kramer to accept the 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 was sorry the Conservation District and the 4-H milages went down. She stated the voters have spoken.
Commissioner Stevens stated the reason Judge Ninomiya needed it so soon was to send the magistrate to training and he wants them to shadow Joan before taking over.
Commissioner Degenauer Jr., stated he was disappointed that the voters didn't think 4-H was important and all other counties passed it. He stated it is a big part of our lives. He believes he became a leader because of 4-H.
Commissioner Degenauer Jr., stated he feels the Magistrates job is important but all our jobs are important. He stated when we set up a plan to eliminate jobs and we don't follow through with it, it sends the wrong message.
Commissioner Wender stated all the criticism we received in the last 2 months from within, is what really killed the millage and he hoped there were some people with guilty consciences.
He further stated the radon test came back good and Darren Deyaert will come to the next meeting and make a recommendation.
14. Motion by Commissioner Kramer supported by Commissioner Stevens to adjourn, Subject to Call of Chairman at 6:20 P.M.

Henry Wender. Chairman

Dolly L Cook, County Clerk