

DICKINSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Monday, August 10, 2015 - 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 and Vice Chairman Degenauer and Commissioners Kramer, and Martin. (4)
Absent: Commissioner Stevens (Excused – out of town)
Also Present: County Clerk Dolly Cook, Sheriff Scott Celello, Controller Sonya Pugh, and Admin. Asst. Dianah Fayas.
4. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Kramer to accept the agenda with the following additions:
7. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:
 - A. Finance Committee
 1. Response to August 4th Election
 - C. Crystal Lake Center/YMCA
 1. Approve or deny the letter to YMCA relative to lease renewal.

All Ayes, Motion Carried.

5. Motion by Commissioner Kramer supported by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., to approve the following meeting minutes with the following corrections and changes: Regular Meeting Minutes of July 27, 2015, 13. Commissioners' Personal Privilege: 5th Sentence "Commissioner Kramer stated she went on a tour of CCI through CUPPAD. It should have read "**Commissioner Kramer stated she went on a tour of Systems Control through CUPPAD.**" Second to the last Sentence states "Commissioner Martin stated the book is beautiful." It should have read "**Commissioner Martin stated the Vietnam Veterans Moving Wall book was beautiful.**"

Regular meeting- 07/27/2015

Finance meeting-07/28/2015

All Ayes, Motion Carried.

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 Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Kramer to approve Resolution 2015-12 authorizing the County's submission of an Urgent Need grant for Iron Mountain, Kingsford, Norway and Breitung Township prepared by Emergency Services staff in the total amount of \$242,305. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
Emergency Assistant Director explained this money was from the freeze in 2013 and 2014.
He stated he spent 220 hours preparing this grant but we do not get paid for that.

DICKINSON COUNTY
RESOLUTION 2015-12
Michigan Economic Development Corporation
Community Development Block Grant Urgent Need

At a meeting of the Dickinson County Board of Commissioners held at the County Courthouse in Iron Mountain, Michigan on August 10, 2015, at 6:30 PM local time.

PRESENT: Commissioners Wender, Degenauer, Martin, Kramer

ABSENT: Commissioner Stevens

WHEREAS, the Dickinson County Board of Commissioners desires to submit a Community Development Block Grant Application requesting grant funds for the Urgent Need grant program for costs associated with replacing damaged water lines due to severe freezing conditions in the winter of 2013-2014. This grant will reimburse the Cities of Iron Mountain, Kingsford, Norway and the Township of Breitung the cost of repairs and construction and related activities that resulted from the freeze damage, and

WHEREAS, the cities of Iron Mountain, Kingsford, Norway and the Township of Breitung have pledged and spent \$300,066.10 in local match funds, and

WHEREAS, the proposed project is consistent with the County of Dickinson's community development plan as described in the Part 2 Application, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The County of Dickinson certifies that the proposed project is of such a nature that a serious threat to the health and/or safety of citizens existed as described in the Part 2 Application and was considered an emergency situation; immediate action was necessary and any delay would have intensified the situation, and this threat can be supported by an appropriate authority other than the applicant; the situation was not brought on by poor maintenance or neglect; and there are no other federal, state or local resources available to alleviate the threat; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any of the CDBG funding will be returned to the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, acting on behalf of The Michigan Strategic Fund, if project funds are reimbursed by insurance, or state or federal grant award or assistance, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that The Dickinson County Board of Commissioners hereby supports and authorizes the submission of the Community Block Grant Application requesting \$242,305.00 in grant funds, authorizes submission of the Michigan CDBG Application, and authorizes the Chairperson, Henry Wender to sign the Part 2 Application forms and all attachments and the Grant Agreement.

Motion made by Commissioner _____ and supported by Commissioner _____ and adopted by The Dickinson County Board of Commissioners by the following vote:

YEAS _____ NAYS _____ ABSENT _____

I, Dolly Cook, the duly appointed, qualified and acting as 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 10, 2015 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, this 10th day of August, 2015.

Dolly L. Cook, Clerk

2. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Kramer to approve Resolution 2015-13 in support of the establishment of the UPWARD TALENT COUNCIL. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

Chairman Wender appointed Commissioner Stevens to the UPWARD Talent Council and Henry Wender will be the alternate.

**DICKINSON COUNTY
RESOLUTION 2015-13
For the
UPWARD TALENT COUNCIL**

WHEREAS the Congress of the United States enacted the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), replacing the Workforce Investment Act, and the State of Michigan has the authority to designate the Michigan Works! Service Areas, under WIOA, in alignment with Prosperity Regions; and

WHEREAS the Western Upper Peninsula Alliance Board, the Six County Employment Alliance Board, and the Eastern Upper Peninsula Employment and Training Consortium Administrative Board are currently the respective Boards of the three separate, Upper Peninsula Michigan Works! Boards (of County Commissioners),

created by Michigan Public Act 7 and Act 8; and

WHEREAS the three Boards, on June 3, 2015, on June 4, 2015 and on June 18, 2015; respectively, deliberated on Service Area Designation and passed unanimous motions in their separate meetings to unite into one, Upper Peninsula Michigan Works! Board (of County Commissioners); and

WHEREAS the three separate Upper Peninsula Michigan Works! Boards (of County Commissioners) desiring the unification of the Upper Peninsula Michigan Works! have:

1. Created the 15-County P.A. 7 Interlocal Agreement, and whose Members agreed in Boards' motions to request their own respective County Boards to adopt the Agreement; and
2. Presented here a copy of the proposed Interlocal Agreement, designating the UPWARD Talent Council as the 15-County Michigan Works! Board (of County Commissioners), with this Resolution; and

WHEREAS this Interlocal Agreement among all 15 Counties of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan requires approval by each County Board of Commissioners prior to submission to the Governor's Office and the Attorney General for approval; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Dickinson County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the proposed Third Amended and Restated Interlocal Agreement to establish the UPWARD Talent Council and its functions and authorizes the Board Chairperson and County Clerk to sign the Interlocal Agreement.

This resolution shall have immediate effect.
Adopted this day of 2015.

Henry Wender, Chairperson

Dickinson County Board of Commissioners
CERTIFICATION

I certify that this resolution was passed by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Dickinson in the State of Michigan at an open meeting of the Board of Commissioners held on

Dolly Cook, Dickinson County Clerk

7. **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

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

1. Responses to the Aug 4, 2015 election.

Commissioner Martin read the following statement:

Finance Chair Statement Board Meeting August 10, 2015

The voters have spoken. With 13% of the county electorate exercising the right to vote, the result was an **OVERWHELMING** defeat of the proposal to raise the county operating millage. The voters have said **NO** to new taxes and **YES** to needed cuts to balance the county budget and move forward.

As we all know, events of the past year have changed the revenue picture. Most recently, the Verso tax appeal will further reduce county revenues permanently beginning with this year's budget. The loss for the Verso appeal alone could be approximately \$200,000.

This is in addition to all other tax losses. The Board must balance this loss of revenue

now and begin to provide for anticipated capital needs in the future.

The County Board met at a Special Meeting the morning following the election. These were the items decided at that meeting. Where necessary, meetings will be held with the respective parties to discuss these initiatives.

1. Friend of the Court Office—Steps have been taken to pursue consolidation of Friend of the Court services with Iron County. These discussions have begun and will continue. This collaboration could result in greater revenue and efficiencies for Dickinson County.
2. The current balance in the County's YMCA budget is (\$15, 221). Before the Board of Commissioners for consideration are items put forward by the YMCA totaling over \$27,361. The fund is in deficit, further bills are before us, and there are over five months remaining in the fiscal year. There is no way the County can continue with this. Under the current lease, the YMCA has the option to purchase the facility in its entirety for \$1 and totally take over the operation of the YMCA and the building. In view of election results, major changes need to be made. Under the terms of the lease, the County is notifying the YMCA of its intention not to renew the lease. The terms of the lease will be effective until November 11, 2015.
3. A meeting will take place as soon as possible with park representatives in the County—Lake Antoine Park, Gust Newberg Park/Sawyer Lake Park, Norway Lake Park, Stromberg Park, Morgan Mill Pond. The County seeks to desist from providing all services to outlying parks for the remainder of the year and will discuss closing and /or turning over all parks to the townships.
4. A meeting will be held with the Veterans Affairs Office in regard to its funding agreement with the County. Future funding for the Veterans Office will be the subject of budget discussions.
5. The County will pursue divesting itself of the operation, maintenance and liability of the Hardwood Dam.
6. The County will explore the options of a four-day work week or furlough days for the remainder of the 2015 budget year. There may be lay-offs of personnel in this current year and going forward.
This is a broad outline of the County Board response to the decision of the voters. Other items not listed here are also on the table. Further information will be forthcoming as decisions are made.
We thank the voters for giving us, the elected representatives, the direction we need for the future. We recognize that it is our job to implement the wishes of the voters.

2. Motion by Commissioner Martin, supported by Commissioner Kramer to accept the Trial Balance and Budget Status Report from the Treasurer for

period ending July 31, 2015. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

3. Motion by Commissioner Martin supported by Commissioner Kramer to approve the request from Almost Home Animal Shelter for disbursement of their 2015 appropriation in the amount of \$5,000.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

4. Motion by Commissioner Martin, supported by Commissioner Kramer to approve purchasing an ad in the Advertiser's 2015 Dickinson County Fair special section at a cost of \$219.75. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

Martin	Nay	
Wender	Nay	
Degenauer Jr.,	Nay	
Kramer	Nay	

The ad was not correct, therefore Motion Failed.

B. **A-95 Review** – Commissioner Kramer-None

C. **Crystal Lake Center/YMCA** – Commissioner Kramer

1. Motion by Commissioner Kramer, supported by Commissioner Martin to approve sending a letter to the YMCA relative to the lease renewal.

All Ayes, Motion Carried.

Commissioner Kramer read the letter which is on file in the County Clerk's Office.

D. **Six County Employment Alliance** – Commissioner Stevens-None

E. **Planning and Zoning Committee** – Commissioner Kramer-None

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

1. Department of Health and Human Services meeting minutes of 06/22/2015.
Commissioner Kramer stated she has put her name in for the DISCA Board.

G. **Dickinson-Iron Health Department** – Commissioner Stevens

1. Board of Health meeting minutes of 05/27 and 06/24/ 2015.

H. **Northpointe** – Commissioner Martin-None

Commissioner Martin stated the new CEO is Jennifer McCarty.

I. **Pinecrest** – Commissioner Degenauer

1. Pinecrest meeting minutes of 06/25/2015.

J. **Equalization Committee** – Commissioner Degenauer-None

K. **Building & Supply/Real Estate-Remodeling** – Commissioner Degenauer-None

L. **Public Safety and Judiciary** – Commissioner Wender-None

M. **Parks Committee** – Commissioner Stevens-None

N. **Airport Committee** – Commissioner Wender

1. 2015 Ford Airport enplanements through June 30th were 5,397.

Controller Pugh stated it does include the supplemental and we should hit 10,000.

O. **Fair Board** – Commissioner Degenauer-None

P. **Library Board** – Commissioner Martin-None

- Q. **Dickinson Partnership/Economic Dev.** – Commissioner Stevens
 1. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Kramer to approve the request from CUPPAD for a letter of support for EDA POWER Planning Assistance grant. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
- R. **Employee Relations Committee** - Commissioner Degenauer-None
- S. **Dickinson County Hospital Committee** – Commissioner Stevens-None
- T. **Dickinson County Road Commission** – Commissioner Wender
 1. Road Commission meeting minutes of 07/14/2015.
- U. **Construction Code Commission** – Commissioner Degenauer-None
- V. **Bay West Advisory Committee** - Commissioner Degenauer-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 Stevens - None
10. **PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS:** - Commissioner Stevens
 A. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Martin to send a response to NorthCare's request for program input/development. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
11. Motion by Commissioner Martin., supported by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., to accept the Committee Reports and Correspondence and place on file. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
12. Controller's Report.
 Controller Pugh stated she met with the Sheriff and have saved some money with supplies for the jail.
13. Commissioners' Personal Privilege.
 Commissioner Degenauer Jr., stated 13 % of county electorate decided on the future of the County and that is disturbing. He stated there will be no foolish cuts and we will study this. He stated this is very serious.
 Commissioner Kramer stated that our budget shortfall is this year and we must balance the budget.
 Commissioner Wender stated he offered the Boards condolences to the family of Blaine Hyska. He stated the Board had a great relationship with him at the paper.
14. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Kramer to adjourn, Subject to Call of the Chairman at 6:55 P.M.

Henry Wender, Chairman

Dolly L. Cook, County Clerk