

DICKINSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting – August 26, 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 and Commissioners Degenauer Jr., Stevens, Kramer and Martin. (5)
Absent: None
Also Present: County Clerk Dolly Cook, Equalization Director Sid Bray, Sheriff Scott Celeslo, Controller Nicole Frost and Prosecutor Lisa Richards.
4. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Kramer to accept the agenda as written.
All Ayes, Motion Carried.
5. Motion by Commissioner Martin supported by Commissioner Stevens to approve the following meeting minutes as written:
Regular Meeting – 8/12/13
Committee of the Whole – 8/13/13
Finance Committee – 8/15/13
All Ayes, Motion Carried.
6. **COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATION:**

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

1. Public Hearing on MSHDA Housing Grant Application.

Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Stevens to open the Public Hearing on the MSHDA Housing Grant Application at 6:39 P.M. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

Controller Frost explained the process. She stated anyone who had comments or questions about the grant should ask them now at this public hearing. She stated this is for people who are low to moderate income who need modifications to their home such as a wheel chair ramp or roof. She stated \$143,500 is available for the projects. She stated our third party administrator is from Menominee County and is Larry Wall and he is here tonight to answer any questions the Board may have. She stated he really came through at the last hour to get this grant applied for. Larry Wall stated he has worked with the program since the mid 80's. He stated he is a contractor. He stated he would be doing the grant writing, selecting the applicants and running the entire program. He stated he was happy to help Dickinson County. He stated this is a great program. He stated the funds that go to a homeowner are a zero % type loan and is repaid when the home is sold or a change in ownership and goes back to the County to be used again. He stated the amount is based on population.

Chairman Wender thanked him for his help and asked when the money will be available? Wall stated this money would be available by the end of October. Commissioner Stevens thanked him also. There was no other participation. Motion by Commissioner Martin, supported by Commissioner Kramer to close the public hearing at 6:48 P.M. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

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

Chairman Wender opened the floor to Citizens' Time. Gary Carlson, Iron Mountain, addressed the Board. He stated he was the president of the Iron Mountain Senior Center. He asked if there had been any progress on the lease contract with the YMCA?

Commissioner Wender stated the Board has not taken any action.

Commissioner Martin stated she was glad they (Board) had the opportunity to have the meeting with the site council. She stated the Board will let them know what is happening with the YMCA. It was the consensus of the Board to keep the site council informed of any meeting or discussions with the YMCA. Lynn Deloria, Kingsford, addressed the Board. She stated she was very concerned about the Senior Center. She stated everyone enjoys the Senior Center. She stated they have dances every other week, they serve 100 meals every day to those that are homebound, she stated there are card groups that play pinoche, smear, poker and canasta, wood workers and quilters come in regularly. She stated this is our building and we don't want it to belong to the YMCA. She stated if they need parking, no one is here at night and they could use the parking lot. She stated she did not think the YMCA from Delta County should be taking over their Senior Center. She stated we should give them the Courthouse and the Library.

Kay Carlson, addressed the Board. She stated she is the secretary for the Senior Center, but is now speaking as a private citizen and addressed her concerns to Commissioner Kramer, who is the liaison for the YMCA. She stated she went to the website of Bay College. She stated it said the students and faculty and families of Bay College can use the YMCA at little or no cost. She asked of the 2800 members, how many are students, faculty, staff or extended families of Bay College? She thanked the Board.

Doug Brahee, Michigan State University Extension, addressed the Board. He stated he was taking the place of Mike Erdman, who retired. He stated he would be working with the Board this year on their budget for Michigan State University Extension Office.

Bob Paoletti, Iron Mountain, addressed the Board. He asked if a public hearing is required before action is taken about the lease agreement with the YMCA? Controller Frost stated she did not think it was required but advisable. He asked if they (Board) would keep them advised of any meetings or discussion with the YMCA?

He stated they are operating under a cloud. He stated they just spent \$12,000 on the outside of the building and they would never have done this if they thought the Board was serious about giving it away. There was no other participation.

B. Resolutions and Legislation – Commissioner Kramer

1. Motion by Commissioner Kramer, supported by Commissioner Degenauer Jr. to approve Resolution 2013-7 relative to the MSDA Housing Grant Application. Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner:

Degenauer Jr. Aye

Kramer Aye

Martin Aye

Stevens Aye

Wender Aye

Motion Carried

DICKINSON COUNTY RESOLUTION 2013-7

WHEREAS, the Dickinson County Board of Commissioners is aware that many homes within the County are in need of repairs and improvements; and

WHEREAS, the County has received funding through the Michigan State Housing Development Authority in the past for housing rehabilitation and down payment assistance programs.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

That the Dickinson County Board of Commissioners submit a Michigan CDBG Housing Application in the amount of \$175,000 for a single-family housing rehabilitation program, and authorizes its County Board Chairman, Henry Wender, to sign all necessary application forms and documents on behalf of Dickinson County.

7. **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

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

1. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Kramer to approve the monthly bills for August in the amount of \$227,022.97. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

Kramer Aye

Martin Aye

Stevens Aye

Wender Aye

Degenauer Jr. Aye

Motion Carried.

2. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr. supported by Commissioner Martin to release the 50% share of PA-2 funds to the Western UP Substance Abuse Coordinating Agency in the amount of \$10,082. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

Martin Aye

Stevens Aye

Wender Aye

Degenauer Jr. Aye

Kramer Aye

Motion Carried.

3. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Kramer to consider approving for payment: Silver & Van Essen invoice for legal counsel relative to the MPSC appeal in the amount of \$7,068.93 (Dickinson County's share). Roll Call Vote:

Commissioners:

Stevens Aye

Wender Aye

Degenauer Jr., Aye

Kramer Aye

Martin Aye

Motion Carried.

Frost explained this was Dickinson County's share for the appeal of the 911 surcharge lawsuit.

B. A-95 Review - Commissioner Kramer

1. A-95 Report for a Feasibility Study for processing and Marketing of Deacon Calves and Beef Products.
Motion by Commissioner Kramer, supported by Commissioner Stevens to take no action.
All Ayes, Motion Carried.

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. Planning Commission meeting minutes of 7/25/13.
2. Conservation District Board meeting minutes of 7/16/13.

F. DHS/Community Services Agencies - Commissioner Kramer-No report

G. Dickinson-Iron Health Department – Commissioner Kramer

1. Board of Health meeting minutes of 7/31/13.

H. Northpointe - Commissioner Martin. –No report

I. Pinecrest - Commissioner Degenauer.-No report

J. Equalization Committee - Commissioner Degenauer.-No report

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 Chairman to sign a Secondary Road Patrol and Traffic Accident Prevention Program Grant Application for fiscal year 2014. All Ayes, Motion Carried

M. Parks Committee - Commissioner Stevens-No report

N. Airport Committee - Commissioner Wender

1. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Stevens to authorize the Airport Manager to attend the Michigan Association of Airport Executives Conference in Acme, Michigan on September 9-12th at an approximate cost of \$700. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:
Wender Aye
Stevens Aye
Martin Aye
Kramer Aye
Degenauer Jr. Aye Motion Carried.

2. Motion by Commissioner Kramer, supported by Commissioner Stevens to authorize the Airport Manager to send a member of the airport staff to the 2013 Regional Wildlife Hazard Training for Michigan Airports, in Ironwood on September 24th at an approximate cost of \$350. Note: This training is an FAA requirement. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:
Degenauer Jr., Aye
Kramer Aye
Martin Aye
Stevens Aye
Wender Aye Motion Carried.

3. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Martin to accept a request from David Pasahow to expand his existing hangar at Ford Airport by approximately 1,200 sq. feet (30' x 40' addition for purposes of an aircraft workshop), and renew his lease for 20 years with the additional footage by addendum. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:
Kramer Aye
Martin Aye
Stevens Aye
Wender Aye
Degenauer Jr., Aye Motion Carried.
Commissioner Stevens thanked Mr. Pasahow for supporting our Airport.

4. Motion by Commissioner Kramer, supported by Commissioner Degenauer Jr. to authorize the Chairman to sign a renewal lease with Air Medical Investors One (dba Integrated First Response - Great Lakes), for a hangar at Ford Airport. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

O. Fair Board - Commissioner Degenaer-No report

P. Library Board - Commissioner Ann Martin

1. Library Board meeting minutes of 8/13/13.
Commissioner Martin stated penal fines are down overall by 19% and Dickinson County is down 32%. She stated these fines support the Library.
Chairman Wender asked about the \$877 Picnic table.

Q. Dickinson Partnership/Economic Dev. - Commissioner Stevens-No report

R. Employee Relations Committee - Commissioner Degenaer-No report

S. Dickinson County Hospital Committee - Commissioner Stevens

1. Review information from the County Clerk relative to pending death certificates and forensic tests ordered by the Medical Examiner.
Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Kramer to pay the \$200-\$300 per test as requested by the Medical Examiner. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:
Stevens Aye
Wender Aye
Degenaer Jr., Aye
Kramer Aye
Martin Aye Motion Carried.

T. Dickinson County Road Commission - Commissioner Wender-No report

U. Construction Code Commission - Commissioner Degenaer-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 and there was no participation.

9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS & OLD BUSINESS:** Commissioner Kramer

1. Motion by Commissioner Kramer supported by Commissioner Martin to appoint Sue Pope to the Fumee Lake Commission for three-year terms to expire 7/14/16. Degenaer Jr., Kramer, Martin, Stevens Ayes, Wender Nay Motion Carried.

Chairman Wender stated the City of Kingsford got \$50,000 to cut 40 acres of poplar and he would like to see Fumee Lake have some Forest Management. He stated we are losing about \$100,000 and it would make it more beautiful.

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

1. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Degenaer Jr., to join the Northwoods Rail Transit Commission and approve the proposed interstate agreement at no cost to the County. All Ayes, Motion Carried. Commissioner Martin wants to know what the value would be? Controller Frost stated the biggest concern is the short runs versus the long runs. She stated no fee, no vote. Commissioner Stevens stated this is all about economic development of the future. Commissioner Kramer stated in the future it could be about negotiations of rates for businesses also.
Chairman Wender appointed Wender the one year term and Nicole Frost the two year term.

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.
Frost stated we need a Committee of the Whole to follow up on the YMCA and Senior Center negotiations.

13. Commissioners' Personal Privilege.
Commissioner Degenaer Jr., assured the Senior Site Council they will be notified of any meetings or discussions with the YMCA. He stated he has not changed his mind and is not in favor of the agreement given by the YMCA and that this Board has made no decision at this time.
Commissioner Kramer stated she will look into the Bay West numbers for Mrs. Carlson. She stated Dickinson County has gotten 10 DNR grants in the last 30 years and hopes we will get more in the future.
Commissioner Stevens stated Arts grant are available now.

14. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Stevens to adjourn, subject to Call of Chairman at 7:19 P.M..

Henry Wender, Chairman

Dolly L Cook, County Clerk

