

DICKINSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Monday, September 28, 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 Jr., and Commissioners Kramer, Stevens and Martin. (5)
Absent; None
Also Present: County Clerk Dolly Cook, Prosecutor Lisa Richards, Sheriff Scott Celello, Equalization Director Sid Bray, Controller Sonya Pugh and Admin. Asst. Dianah Fayas.
4. Motion by Commissioner Kramer, supported by Commissioner Martin to accept the agenda with the following additions:
 7. Reports of Standing Committees:
 - A. Delete 7A.2 and replace with:
Approve/Deny
 2. Request from Judge Slagle to authorize the chairman to execute the 2015/2016 Child Care Fund budget for submission to the State in the amount of \$510,883.40.
 - C. Crystal Lake Center/YMCA
Approve/Deny
1. Rescind the November 10th, 2014 motion and vote on agenda item 7C.1
“Motion by Commissioner Kramer, supported by Commissioner Stevens to approve the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole to accept the proposed extension agreement regarding the lease and option to purchase.”
All Ayes, Motion Carried.
5. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Martin to approve the following meeting minutes as written:
 - Committee of the Whole – 09/09/2015
 - Regular meeting – 09/14/2015
 - Finance meeting – 09/16/2015 All Ayes, Motion Carried.
6. **COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATION:**
Commissioner Martin introduced the following students from Mr. Hogberg’s Iron Mountain Government Class: Emmaly Pyne, Grace Hansen, Megan Milliran, Antoinette Dehurse, Lexi Verrette, Ashlee Klarich, Marissa Klarich, Megan Pope, Paula de Frotos, Brooke Fornetti, Megan Gronert, Levi Jenkins, Jasmin Neftusch, Javnee Erickson and Sophia Berutti.
 - A. Citizens’ Time: (Limited to five minutes per person)
Chairman Wender opened the floor to Citizens’ Time. Bill Cummings, Library Board Chairman addressed the Board. He read a letter that is on file in the County Clerk’s Office. He stated they have fully funded their other post-employment benefits. He stated they will start pre-funding their MERS Retirement obligation. He stated there have been many unexpected liabilities that must be paid by the Library. He stated the revenues from Penal fines remain uncertain from year to year. He stated the voters overwhelmingly approved the millage for .90 mills. He stated decreasing the millage to .875 would save \$1.00 and decreasing it to .85 mills would save \$2.00 a year and would have a significant impact on the libraries tax revenues.
Katie Maxon, YMCA addressed the Board. She stated they have tried to mitigate costs. She stated purchasing the building was not feasible at this time. She stated it puts their 60 employees at great risk. She stated the County does have an obligation to this building and at some point a concession has to be made. She urged the Board to re-think the decision. She stated this is very public and we should be explained as positive and truthful. She stated we should be respectful to each other.
Megan Buck, Director of the Library, addressed the board. (She handed out a letter that is

on file in the County Clerk's Office.) She stated they are having a really great year. She stated they have 100,000 items available. She stated they are open 7 days a week, Iron Mountain, 6 days a week in Norway and 4 days a week in Felch. She stated 88,464 or 396 patrons a day come to the library. She stated 218 programs are offered, 121,394 items circulated and many summer programs. She explained all the new changes at the library. She stated they are very active in the community and explained how. She thanked the Board.

Dr. Feleppa, addressed the Board. She stated she supports the YMCA. She stated she has been swimming there since 1984. She stated there have been many community programs through the YMCA. She stated she enjoys the reciprocity the YMCA offers. She stated they may not be able to get commitments if there is no lease.

B. Resolutions and Legislation – Commissioner Martin-None

7. **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

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

1. Motion by Commissioner Martin, supported by Commissioner Kramer to approve the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve Judge Ceello's travel reimbursement request per Dickinson County travel policy, for travel to the Michigan Judges' Association Annual Conference on Mackinac Island Aug. 16-18th, in the amount of \$569.50. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

2. Motion by Commissioner Martin, supported by Commissioner Kramer to approve the request from Judge Slagle to authorize the chairman to execute the 2015/2016 Child Care Fund budget for submission to the State in an amount not to exceed \$595,000. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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 Michigan State University Extension for the 1st of 2 installment payments of \$10,000 less \$444.38 for a public notice advertisement.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner:

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 Judge Mary B. Barglind to attend the State mandated Annual Judicial Conference in Grand Rapids, MI, Oct. 27-28 at an approximate cost of \$400. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

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

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

Motion by Commissioner Kramer, supported by Commissioner Stevens to rescind the November 10th, 2014 motion and vote on agenda item 7C1

“Motion by Commissioner Kramer, supported by Commissioner Stevens to approve

the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole to accept the proposed extension agreement regarding the lease and option to purchase.”

All Ayes, Motion Carried.

Commissioner Stevens stated how important it is to do this but he hopes this is not the end of the story and we can work something out. He stated he would give them another lease for a year and if that doesn't work, it would be over. He stated the YMCA is a benefit to the community.

Commissioner Kramer stated she supports the YMCA but this has to be done.

- D. **Six County Employment Alliance** – Commissioner Stevens-None
- E. **Planning and Zoning Committee** – Commissioner Kramer
1. Planning Commission meeting minutes of 07/23/ 2015.
- F. **DHS / 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 08/27 and 09/10/ 2015.
- I. **Pinecrest** – Commissioner Degenauer
1. Pinecrest meeting minutes of 07/23/ 2015.
- J. **Equalization Committee** – Commissioner Degenauer
1. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Kramer to approve the request from the Equalization Director to draft an agreement with a Level 4 assessor for the 2016 equalizations per State requirements, subject to the final approval, authorization and execution by the Board.
All Ayes, Motion Carried.
- K. **Building & Supply/Real Estate-Remodeling** – Commissioner Degenauer-None
- L. **Public Safety and Judiciary** – Commissioner Wender-None
Chairman Wender stated an inmate fixed the wall in the front of the Courthouse and he should be complimented for a job well done.
- M. **Parks Committee** – Commissioner Stevens-None
Commissioner Stevens stated we have to set up a meeting in the next two weeks with the townships about the parks.
- N. **Airport Committee** – Commissioner Wender-None
- O. **Fair Board** – Commissioner Degenauer-None
Commissioner Degenauer Jr., explained the revenues and expenses for the fair. (They are on file in the County Clerk's Office.)
- P. **Library Board** – Commissioner Martin
1. Library Board meeting minutes of 09/08/ 2015.

2. Motion by Commissioner Martin, supported by Commissioner Stevens to approve the Library Board request to levy .9 mills for the 2015 winter tax levy.
Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:
Degenauer Jr. Aye
Kramer Nay
Martin Aye
Stevens Aye
Wender Nay Motion Carried.
- Q. **Dickinson Partnership/Economic Dev.** – Commissioner Stevens-None
Commissioner Stevens stated the Chamber of Commerce stated by letter they do not support political issues.
- R. **Employee Relations Committee** - Commissioner Degenauer

1. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Stevens to approve the creation of a temporary full-time Department Assistant position in the Prosecutor's Office. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

Degenauer Jr, Aye
Kramer Aye
Martin Aye
Stevens Aye
Wender Aye All Ayes, Motion Carried.

2. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Kramer to approve a letter of understanding between Dickinson County and GELC relative to granting reimbursement for juvenile officers on call pay, and authorizes the chairman to sign the same. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

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

T. **Dickinson County Road Commission** – Commissioner Wender

1. Road Commission meeting minutes of 09/08/ 2015.

U. **Construction Code Commission** – Commissioner Degenauer

1. Construction Code Commission meeting minutes of 07/21/ 2015.

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 Martin-None

10. **PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS:** - Commissioner Martin

A. Motion by Commissioner Kramer, supported by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., to approve the election of one Republican and one Democrat to the Dickinson County Canvas Board by secret ballot, for a 4 year term ending Nov. 1, 2019.

Pete Schlitt was appointed from the Republican applicants and Dennis Baldinelli was appointed from the Democratic applicants, for a 4 year term to expire Nov 1, 2019.

<u>Democratic Candidates</u>	<u>Republican Candidates</u>
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Dennis Baldinelli	Michael Day
Gordy Reed	Wayne Funderburg
Bill Rice	Pete Schlitt

B. Motion by Commissioner Martin, supported by Commissioner Kramer, to approve the request from third party administrator Larry Wall to amend the current MSHDA grant, extending the grant term by one month and redistributing the approved funds.
All Ayes, Motion Carried.

C. Motion by Commissioner Martin, supported by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., to approve the request from MSHDA to grant third party administrator Larry Wall to discharge a lien agreement as a result of the payoff in full and to authorize the chairman to execute the same.
All Ayes, Motion Carried.

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

12. Controller's Report - None.

13. Commissioners' Personal Privilege.

It was the consensus of the Board to talk about the finance meeting date at the next meeting. Commissioner Martin stated a constituent stated we should make the language clearer for millage requests on how the money will be spent.

Commissioner Kramer stated she voted incorrectly for the Library Millage. She should have voted yes.

Commissioner Stevens enjoyed the Airport day with the B17 bomber.

He stated he is on the MAC board. He stated he is proud to be on this Board.

He stated there is an agency called fiscal notes that look at laws and concerns and the future of the state. He stated serving an older Michigan was another class. He stated it was interesting.

He stated he went to one on working with the Department of Human Services which consolidated recently. He stated we don't want to lose local control. He is anxious to work with these people.

Chairman Wender thanked Joe.

14. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Stevens to adjourn, subject to Call of the Chairman at 7:25 P.M.
All Ayes, Motion Carried.

Henry Wender, Chairman

Dolly L Cook, County Clerk