

DICKINSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Monday, October 10, 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, Equalization Director Sid Bray, Admin Asst. Dianah Fayas, and Controller Brian Bousley.
4. Motion by Commissioner Martin supported by Commissioner Kramer to accept the agenda with the following addition:
Q.1. Employee Relations
1. Statement by the Board referencing Barb Kramer.
All Ayes, Motion Carried.
5. Motion by Commissioner Stevens supported by Commissioner Martin to approve the following meeting minutes as written:
Finance Meeting – Sept. 15th
Regular Meeting – Sept. 26th
All Ayes, Motion Carried.
6. **COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATION:**
 - A. Citizens' Time: (Limited to five minutes per person)
Commissioner Martin introduced the following students from Mr. Hogberg's Iron Mountain Government Class: Olivia Berutti, Katelyn Charette, Lydia Decker, Lauren Czerwan, Kylie Butterfield, Justin Mullikin and Courtney LaFave.
Chairman Wender opened the floor to Citizens Time. Don Koerner, Integrated Care Ambulance addressed the Board. He stated he is a new EMS service for the community and surrounding Counties.
 - B. Resolutions and Legislation – Commissioner Stevens None
7. **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**
 - A. **Finance Committee** – Finance Chairperson Martin
 1. Motion by Commissioner Martin supported by Commissioner Kramer to approve the monthly bills for September in the amount of \$291,020.60.
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 Stevens to accept the Trial Balance & Budget Status Report from the Treasurer for period ending Sept. 30, 2016.
All Ayes, Motion Carried.
Commissioner Martin stated everything looks good.
 - 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 / DICSA** – Commissioner Kramer
 1. DHHS meeting minutes of Aug. 22nd.
 - G. **Dickinson-Iron Health Department** – Commissioner Stevens-None
 - H. **Northpointe** – Commissioner Martin
 1. Northpointe Healthcare Systems' meeting minutes of Sept. 8th.

- I. **Pinecrest** – Commissioner Degenauer
 - 1. Pinecrest meeting minutes of Aug. 25th.
- J. **Equalization Committee** – Commissioner Degenauer-None

Equalization Director Sid Bray stated the Dark Store bill is not moving and we should all write or call our legislatures.

Commissioner Stevens stated this is pure politics and it is disgusting. He stated the State Chamber of Commerce is the one holding this up.

Commissioner Degenauer Jr., stated that is why we have elections for those who do not do their job.
- K. **Building & Supply/Real Estate-Remodeling** – Commissioner Degenauer-None
- L. **Public Safety and Judiciary** – Commissioner Wender-None
- M. **Parks Committee** – Commissioner Stevens-None

Commissioner Wender stated Eric did a great job painting the bathrooms.
- N. **Airport Committee** – Commissioner Wender
 - 1. Motion by Commissioner Martin supported by Commissioner Stevens to approve the decision by the County insurance carrier to replace 56 parking lot light fixtures as a result of a May 2016 lightning strike at a cost of \$70,608. Dickinson County is responsible for the \$1,000 deductible. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

Commissioner Stevens thanked Tim for all the work he did..
 - 2. Motion by Commissioner Martin supported by Commissioner Kramer to approve the review of airline EAS bids submitted to MDOT for a final determination and approval; bids were received from Air Choice One and SkyWest.
All Ayes, Motion Carried.
Commissioner Martin read each bid. (Which are on file in the County Clerk's Office.)
 - 3. Motion by Commissioner Martin supported by Commissioner Kramer to authorize the Controller to send a letter of preference and recommendation to MDOT, relative to EAS proposals and that recommendation is Sky West. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
 - 4. Commissioner Wender stated that enplanements through September are at 7,969.
Commissioner Wender stated we should make our 10,000 enplanements
- O. **Fair Board** – Commissioner Degenauer-None
- P. **Library Board** – Commissioner Martin-None
- Q. **Employee Relations Committee** - Commissioner Degenauer Jr.

Commissioner Degenauer Jr., read the following statement:

John Degenauer Jr.

Per Diem for commissioners is the subject of charges made against one of the commissioners. I would like to explain committee assignments, per diems and mileage and assure the public **MOST STRONGLY** that the Board of Commissioners has always followed proper procedures. Nothing has occurred that is a departure from approved past practice.

At the organizational meeting of the Board of Commissioners at the beginning of each year, the Chairman of the Board appoints commissioners to various committees or organizations. These appointments (like to the Library Board or to the Dickinson County Hospital Board, for example) are to entities that either receive taxpayer dollars or do business related to the well-being of the county. Appointments to committees occasionally change during the year as approved by the Chairman.

Commissioners attend the meetings of those committees or organizations to which he or she is appointed, and him or her reports back to the full board. Generally speaking, a commissioner receives \$25 for each in-county meeting as well as mileage at the rate of .39 a mile. This mileage rate is approved by the board and is well below the state rate. Once a month each

Commissioner submits a payroll sheet of meetings attended and mileage which the chairman reviews and approves for payment. These board expenses are part of the approved yearly budget.

This has been and is the way the Board is organized and functions. Commissioners are paid for the meetings they attend, and commissioners' report back to the full board. There have been no departures from past practice. I hope this explanation addresses the questions that have been raised. Be assured that **EXTREME CARE IS TAKEN OF TAXPAYER MONEY AND PROPER PROCEDURES HAVE CONSISTENTLY BEEN FOLLOWED.**

Chairman Wender stated the whole Board endorses this.

- R. **Dickinson County Hospital Committee** – Commissioner Stevens-None
 - S. **Dickinson County Road Commission** – Commissioner Wender
 - 1. Dickinson County Road Commission meeting minutes of Sept. 13th.
 - 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 and there was no participation.
9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS & OLD BUSINESS:** Commissioner Stevens
- A. Motion by Commissioner Stevens supported by Commissioner Kramer to make the following appointments: David Irwin to Fumee Lake, a partial term to expire 7/14/2017 and Barb Oliver to the Department of Health and Human Services for a three year term to expire 10/31/ 2019. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
 - FUMEE LAKE COMMISSION –**
One partial term to expire 7/14/2017 Applicants: David P. Irwin
 - DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BOARD –**
One three year term to expire 10/31/2019 Applicants: Barbara J. Oliver
 - SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE --**
Environmental Interest Group
One partial term to expire 6/1/2019 Applicants:
All Ayes, Motion Carried.
10. **PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS:** - Commissioner Stevens
- A. Motion by Commissioner Stevens supported by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., to approve the request by Mr. Greg Olender, President of the Tri County Snowmobile Club for a letter of permission to apply for a permit with MDEQ to fill a wet area. All Ayes, Motion Carried. Commissioner Wender stated there are days the groomer cannot get through the trail.
11. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Martin to accept all Committee Reports and Correspondence and place on file. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
12. Controller's Report.
Controller Bousley stated he has been working on the budget and making plans to meet with the Department Heads.
13. Commissioners' Personal Privilege.
Commissioner Kramer stated she found a grant for Lake Antoine Park and just wanted the Board to know about it.
She further read a statement as follows:

During recent meetings, I was accused of wrongfully getting paid for DICSA meetings that I was authorized by the county Board to attend. The attacks came as a total surprise.

When my accuser challenged my integrity, he also attacked the veracity of our County

Board. His analysis was distorted, based on insufficient research and without substance. I also question whether his agenda to discredit me may have been politically motivated due to the upcoming election.

I have discussed his allegations with a member of the State Ethics Committee, my fellow commissioners and my attorney. I have been assured by competent legal counsel that the accusations have no basis and are without merit.

I take my duties as a County Commissioner very seriously. We are responsible for monitoring dollars which taxpayers allocate to agencies through voted-on millages. Since "Senior Millage" money (approximately \$365,000 annually) passes through DICSA for disbursement, the most efficient and cost-effective way to monitor the use of those funds is to attend the monthly DICSA meetings, which I have done under the direction of the Dickinson County Board of Commissioners.

Having been twice- elected to this County Board speaks to the confidence people have in me and my commitment to the community in which I was raised. It is an honor to represent my constituents and the Board and I will continue to execute the duties for which I was elected and I look forward to serving in the future.

Commissioner Stevens stated Eric scraped and prepared the bathrooms for painting and it took two weeks. He stated our revenues are up \$3600 at Lake Antoine. He stated the cleaning and work bees really paid off and are positive. He stated we should have a \$47,000 fund balance. Overall it was a success

Commissioner Martin welcomed Brian.

14. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Kramer to adjourn, Subject to Call of the Chairman at 6:26 P.M. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

Henry Wender, Chairman

Dolly L. Cook, County Clerk