

DICKINSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Monday, October 12, 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, Martin and Stevens. (5)
Absent: None
Also Present: County Clerk Dolly Cook, Equalization Director Sid Bray, 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 as written.
All Ayes, Motion Carried.
5. Motion by Commissioner Kramer, supported by Commissioner Stevens, to approve the following meeting minutes as written:
Committee of the Whole – 09/16/15
Committee of the Whole & Budget – 09/22/15
Regular Meeting – 09/28/15
Committee of the Whole – 09/29/15
All Ayes, Motion Carried.
6. **COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATION:**
Commissioner Martin introduced the following students from Mr. Hogberg's Iron Mountain Government Class: Trent Juul and Jasuin Jalika Neftusch.
 - A. Citizens' Time: (Limited to five minutes per person)
Chairman Wender opened the floor to Citizens' Time.
*Tony Adams, Quinnesec, addressed the Board. He stated he has been involved with many swim teams. His son received a scholarship for college because of his swimming. He encouraged the Board to invest in the community.
*Carol Bronzyk, Quinnesec addressed the Board. She stated she is an employee of the County. She stated no one here is disputing how important the YMCA is in Dickinson County or any County for that matter. She further stated 3 percent of this County voted yes to increase the millage so we can keep these very programs funded and 10 percent voted no and the rest didn't even vote at all. She stated she believed everyone was informed what was going to happen. She stated there are employees here at these meetings that are worried about losing their jobs. She stated Dickinson County taxpayers cannot fund this building anymore and for the exact same reason the YMCA does not want to take responsibility for their building – no money! She stated the votes are in, 10 percent said no more money.
*Pat Brown, Crystal Falls, addressed the Board. She stated she swims twice a week because of her arthritis. She stated she hopes everyone can work together to keep this pool open.
*Mike Miller, Iron Mountain, addressed the Board. He stated he is the Director of the Office of Veteran's Affairs in Iron Mountain. He explained the military history and sacrifices of the many veterans' in the United States. He stated he has 5 or 6 options that might help fund the Office. He stated they want to meet with the County Board. He stated he does not like the word can't. (He handed out a letter that is on file in the County Clerk's Office.)
*Mike Bachand, Upper Peninsula Regional Coordinator, addressed the Board. (He handed out an explanation on the Michigan Veterans Agency and what his job does that is on file in the County Clerk's Office.) He stated he wants to work with the Board. He stated the County received \$10,000 in grant money and the County returned it. He stated we should not have returned it and there was no fraud involved.
*Judge Tom Slagle addressed the Board. He stated MCL 35.21 and 22 states if there is no local council, the Board has a duty to levy 1/10 mill. He stated this is required and is not discretionary.
*Lisa McRoberts, Kingsford, addressed the Board. She stated her children love to swim and there is nowhere else for them to swim other than the YMCA. She asked what is going on

and what can be done. She asked for the millage to be put back on the ballot because people did not understand the cuts that would be made. She stated she does not want to see anyone lose their jobs.

*Katie Maxon, Iron Mountain, addressed the Board. She stated the YMCA has worked hard to cut costs and make solutions. She stated the YMCA needs time, networking and passion to complete their goals. She asked the Board to meet with their Board and find a solution to keep the YMCA open.

*Jonathon Ringle, Iron Mountain, addressed the Board. He appreciates all the Board has done for the YMCA. He told a story about a woman who was offered a job in Iron Mountain. He stated the woman would not take a job anywhere that did not have a YMCA. He stated the YMCA is making an impact.

Chairman Wender closed the floor to Citizens' Time because there was no other participation.

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 accept the Trial Balance & Budget Status Report from the Treasurer for the period ending Sept. 30, 2015. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

2. Motion by Commissioner Martin, supported by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., to approve the monthly bills for September 2015 in the amount of \$206,139.39. All Ayes, Motion Carried. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

3. Motion by Commissioner Martin, supported by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., to approve the payment to Kiser Hydro LLC in the amount of \$14,281.81 for the repair of the Hardwood Dam expansion joints. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

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

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

1. Motion by Commissioner Kramer, supported by Commissioner Stevens to authorize the Controller to develop a commercial lease for CCI. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

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 08/24/15.

G. **Dickinson-Iron Health Department** – Commissioner Stevens-None

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

I. **Pinecrest** – Commissioner Degenauer-None

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

1. Fumee Lake Commission meeting minutes of 08/05 and 09/02/15.

N. Airport Committee – Commissioner Wender

1. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Kramer to approve the contract with Prein & Newhof in the amount of \$45,000 for professional engineering services and pavement testing for runway 1/19 and authorize the Chairman to execute same.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

O. Fair Board – Commissioner Degenauer-None

Chairman Wender thanked all the volunteers that helped during the fair and stated they did a great job.

P. Library Board – Commissioner Martin-None

Q. Dickinson Partnership/Economic Dev. – Commissioner Stevens-None

Commissioner Stevens stated the welding program is up and running and this is a great benefit for the County.

R. Employee Relations Committee - Commissioner Degenauer-None

S. Dickinson County Hospital Committee – Commissioner Stevens-None

T. Dickinson County Road Commission – Commissioner Wender-None

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.

*Dr. Virginia Feleppa addressed the Board. She stated she is in favor of the YMCA. She asked that the Board have more meetings with the Veteran's and the YMCA. She asked the Boards positions on the YMCA. She stated the State of Michigan is 34th in overall health and that is one reason we need the YMCA.

*Alexis Whaley, pediatrician, addressed the Board. She explained why the YMCA is important to her, her family and her patients. She stated if they (YMCA) collect the funds needed, they (YMCA) can build a beautiful YMCA. She stated the Board must take action.

*Kim Harder-Webb addressed the Board. She stated she would help support the millage if they put it on the ballot again in November.

County Clerk Dolly Cook stated it is too late for November.

*Kathy Shoeborn, Iron Mountain, addressed the Board. She stated she would like the Board to reconsider the 5 year lease.

*Cindy Scott, Iron Mountain, addressed the Board. She stated she has 3 swimmers on the swim team and asked to please keep the YMCA open at least for one year.

*Matt Majewski, Leona, Wisconsin, addressed the Board. He stated he drives one hour to come and swim at the YMCA. He stated his family really enjoys the swimming and without it they would have nothing. He asked to extend the lease for one year.

*Kelly Bruns, Kingsford, addressed the Board. She stated her swimmers are in their 9th year. She stated something has to be done. She stated the YMCA it is an integral part of the Community.

*Helen Raiche, Breitung Township, addressed the Board. She stated she has been involved with the swimming program for 29 years and has always used the Community Center. Her children were on the swim team which helped them be a productive part of society.

*Judge Tom Slagle addressed the Board. He stated the County needs a millage to keep vital services going. He stated it could go on the ballot in March and the YMCA and Veterans could help get the word out. He asked about a month to month lease. He stated once it is gone it may never come back.

*Leo Stelmaszek, Kingsford, addressed the Board. He stated those involved with the YMCA don't get in trouble with the law and don't do drugs. He stated they swim to better themselves. He stated the YMCA is very beneficial.

*John Speeberg, a high school student, addressed the Board. He stated the YMCA is a benefit to High

School Students who find jobs at the YMCA. He stated it is a wonderful place to work.

*County Clerk Dolly Cook addressed the Board. She stated we could put this on the ballot in March but we have to go through the Allocation Board again, and that takes time.

She stated the deadline is December 11th. She stated she hopes if they (Board) puts it on again, we will get the support from everybody at the meeting tonight.

9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS & OLD BUSINESS:** Commissioner Stevens-None
10. **PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS:** - Commissioner Stevens
 - A. Motion by Commissioner Stevens supported by Commissioner Martin to approve the request from the Solid Waste Management Planning Committee for the Dickinson County Board of Commissioners to initiate the required protocols to amend the Dickinson County Solid Waste Management Plan.
All Ayes, Motion Carried.
 - B. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Kramer to approve the request from the City of Norway for a request for authorization from MDOT in pursuit of authorization to allow the City of Norway and Norway Township to adopt ordinances allowing the operation of ORVs on the shoulder of U.S. Highway 8 from 2nd Ave. in Norway to Oak Crest Drive in Norway Township.
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.
Controller Pugh stated she just received a draft of a short term lease and we have to set up a meeting with the YMCA.
She further stated the budget isn't done yet and that is why they are not talking about the YMCA or Veterans and why no decisions have been made.
13. Commissioners' Personal Privilege.
Commissioner Degenauer Jr., stated he has received many e-mails of the same letter from the people of the YMCA. He stated this Board is trying to do what is best for this community. He stated they are trying. He asked where do we get the money?
Commissioner Kramer stated unfunded mandates are hurting our County. She stated start getting involved and vote. She stated she answered every e-mail she received.
Commissioner Martin stated this whole matter has absorbed us since June. She explained the election and how much we did. She stated we tried to warn the community. She stated balancing the budget is what it is about. She did not understand why the YMCA did not accept the lease with the reverter clause and she is truly touched by all the stories. She stated we have to keep moving forward. She stated maybe this should be put back on the ballot.
Commissioner Stevens stated he has been consistent and would like the year lease. He stated everyone should take a deep breath and go forward. He stated he represents 5,000 people from Kingsford. He stated there is a bill dealing with the Big Box Stores. He stated as far as the Veteran's, no one has asked him to meet. He stated everyone has what they have because of the Veteran's. He stated it brings in 35 million to the community. He stated the \$10,000 grant, which was returned to the State, was not the fault of the County. Controller Pugh did what had to be done and she was exactly right. He thanked Sonya and the reason it went back was not the fault of this County it was an issue with that organization. He thanked Boss Plow for what they gave the communities.
Commissioner Martin stated the finance meeting will meet on Thursday October 15, 2015 at 6:00 P.M.
Chairman Wender stated he will meet with the Veteran's after the budget is complete. He stated we will meet with the YMCA after their review of this new lease.
Motion by Commissioner Martin, supported by Commissioner Kramer to set a meeting with the YMCA for Thursday, October 22, 2015 at 6:00 P.M. in the correctional center conference room. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
14. Motion by Commissioner Kramer, supported by Commissioner Stevens to adjourn, Subject to Call of Chairman AT 7:40 P.M.

Henry Wender, Chairman

Dolly L Cook, County Clerk