

DICKINSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Monday, October 13, 2014 - 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, Vice Chairman Degenauer Jr., and Commissioners Stevens, Kramer and Martin. (5)
Absent: None
Also Present: County Clerk Dolly Cook, Controller Nicole Frost, Equalization Director Sid Bray, Sheriff Scott Celello, Prosecutor Lisa Richards and Administrative Assistant Sonya Pugh.
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:
Committee of the Whole – 9/17/14 & 9/29/14
Finance Committee – 9/18/14
Regular Board Meeting – 9/22/14
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 Kramer - None
7. **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**
 - A. **Finance Committee** - Finance Chairman Stevens
Approve/Deny:
 1. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Kramer to accept the Treasurer's trial balance and budget status reports for period ending 9/30/14. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
 2. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., to approve the request from the Treasurer to hold a Passport Day on Saturday, November 1, 2014. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
 3. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Martin to approve the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole to increase Crystal Lake Center rents for tenants by 2% beginning 1/1/15. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
 4. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Kramer to approve the General Fund Budget Adjustments – 10/13/14. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:
Degenauer Jr., Aye
Kramer Aye
Martin Aye
Stevens Aye
Wender Aye Motion Carried.
 5. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Martin to approve the Library Board request to levy .9 mills for the Winter December tax levy. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:
Kramer Aye
Martin Aye
Stevens Aye
Wender Nay
Degenauer Jr., Nay Motion Carried.
Commissioner Degenauer Jr., stated because their fund balance is so high, he would like to lower the rate. Commissioner Stevens stated the people voted on .9 and that is what it should be but the Board can look at it when it comes up for a vote again.
 - B. **A-95 Review** - Commissioner Kramer-None

- C. Crystal Lake Center/YMCA - Commissioner Kramer**
Approve/Deny:
 1. Motion by Commissioner Kramer, supported by Commissioner Stevens to approve the notification letter to the YMCA relative to the County's ability to convey unencumbered, marketable and insurable title in fee simple absolute. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
- D. Six County Employment Alliance - Commissioner Stevens-None**
- E. Planning and Zoning Committee - Commissioner Kramer**
Approve/Deny:
 1. Motion by Commissioner Kramer, supported by Commissioner Stevens to approve the request from CUPPAD for a letter of support. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
- F. DHS/Community Services Agencies - Commissioner Kramer**
 1. DHS Board meeting minutes of 8/25/14
- G. Dickinson-Iron Health Department - Commissioner Kramer**
 1. D/I Health Board meeting minutes of 8/27/14.
- H. Northpointe - Commissioner Martin**
 1. Northpointe Board meeting minutes of 9/25/14.
- I. Pinecrest - Commissioner Degenauer-None**
- J. Equalization Committee - Commissioner Degenauer**
Approve/Deny:
 1. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Stevens to authorize the Chairman to sign the 2014 Tax Rate request from the Equalization Director. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
- K. Building & Supply/Real Estate-Remodeling - Commissioner Degenauer**
Approve/Deny:
 1. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Kramer to accept the quotes from Markell Company for the removal of the existing downspout and related work in an amount not to exceed \$2,500; and G. Brooks Electric for 60' of heat tape and related work in an amount not to exceed \$1,250. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:
 Martin Aye
 Stevens Aye
 Wender Aye
 Degenauer Jr., Aye
 Kramer Aye Motion Carried.
- L. Public Safety and Judiciary - Commissioner Wender**
Approve/Deny:
 1. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Kramer to approve the request to send a Dispatcher to a 40 hour Advanced Dispatch School on 10/20 - 10/24 in Traverse City, MI at an approximate cost of \$1,580, funds to come from the 911 Wireless Training fund. (this school is mandatory under state guidelines) Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:
 Stevens Aye
 Wender Aye
 Degenauer Jr., Aye
 Kramer Aye
 Martin Aye Motion Carried.
- M. Parks Committee - Commissioner Stevens**
Approve/Deny:
 1. Fumee Lake Commission meeting minutes of 9/18/14.

 2. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Kramer to approve the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole to repair the guy wires at Pine Mountain at a cost not to exceed \$8,500 and M & J is the contractor. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:
 Wender Aye
 Stevens Aye
 Martin Aye
 Kramer Aye
 Degenauer Jr., Aye Motion Carried.

N. Airport Committee - Commissioner Wender

Approve/Deny:

1. Motion by Commissioner Kramer, supported by Commissioner Martin to authorize the Chairman to execute the Michigan Air Service Program grant contract 2015-0047 which will provide airport marketing funds in the amount of \$1,500. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

O. Fair Board - Commissioner Degenauer-None

Commissioner Degenauer Jr., stated the Fair is in the black and the fund balance is \$63,000.

P. Library Board - Commissioner Martin

1. Library Board meeting minutes of 9/9/14.

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

R. Employee Relations Committee - Commissioner Degenauer

Approve/Deny:

1. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Stevens to approve the request to pay out the Assistant Controller and Probate Court Dept. Assistant's comp-time hours at their current rate of pay which is \$27.067/hr. for Sonya and \$15.72/hr. for Dianah and they both have 80 hours. 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 Kramer to appoint Sonya Pugh as Controller/Administrator effective 10/16/14 at the 1 year rate of salary grade MP12, which is \$39.60/hr. or \$77,220 a year. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

Chairman Wender stated he is in agreement with hiring Sonya, but does not agree with the salary.

3. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Kramer to appoint Dianah Fayas as Assistant Controller effective 10/27/14 at the start rate of salary grade MP6 or \$22.131/hr. and \$43,156 a year. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

S. Dickinson County Hospital Committee - Commissioner Stevens-None

T. Dickinson County Road Commission - Commissioner Wender

1. Road Commission meeting minutes of 9/9/14.

U. Construction Code Commission - Commissioner Degenauer-None

V. Bay West Advisory Committee - Commissioner Martin

1. Bay West Advisory Committee meeting minutes of 6/26/14.

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

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

Approve/Deny:

1. Motion by Commissioner Kramer, supported by Commissioner Martin to approve the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole to provide a letter of support for Verso. Kramer, Martin, Stevens, Wender Ayes, Degenauer Jr., Nay. Motion Carried.

2. Motion by Commissioner Kramer, supported by Commissioner Stevens to approve the request from Integrys for a letter to be sent to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, MI Public Service Commission and WE Energies relative to the potential allocation of over 90% of increases in energy costs being charged to Michigan customers. 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 Frost stated that MAC would be here on Wednesday at 9:00A.M. in the Board room She thanked the Board for her opportunity to work with and for Dickinson County and she will leave with her head held high. She thanked the Chairman for his friendship.
13. Commissioners' Personal Privilege.
Commissioner Degenauer Jr., thanked Nicole and wished her success in her future. He congratulated Sonya and Dianah.
Commissioner Kramer thanked Nicole for her guidance, wisdom and participation and stated the bar is set very high for Sonya. She stated she (Nicole) has done a wonderful job for Dickinson County.
Commissioner Stevens thanked Nicole. He stated he has worked with many controllers and he has learned something from all of them. He congratulated Sonya and Dianah.
Commissioner Martin thanked Nicole. She stated she has been asked why the County did not advertise. She stated we are in the midst of crucial things at this point and we could not afford the time to possibly bring in someone who does not know the County.
Commissioner Stevens stated we did not have the luxury to wait to advertise and interview. He stated choosing Sonya was a wise choice. As far as the salary, she will be doing both jobs for a while.
He stated our future is good with good people.
Commissioner Wender stated it has been 1 year, 4 months and 6 days. He stated he has gotten to know Nicole's family very well and they have become very good friends. He stated he will miss her but understands why she is going back. He congratulated Sonya and Dianah also.
14. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Kramer to adjourn, subject to the Call of Chairman at 7:08 P.M.

Henry Wender, Chairman

Dolly L. Cook, County Clerk

