

DICKINSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Monday, October 26, 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, 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 Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Kramer to accept the agenda with the following additions:
 7. A. Finance Committee
 4. Approve/Deny – Payment of invoices from Frazier Mechanical for exhaust fans in CLCC pool area and locker rooms (Invoices #: 1926, 1930 & 1931) for a total of \$4,722.11.
 - J. Equalization Committee:
 1. 2015 Apportionment Report (Revised)
 - K. Building & Supply/Real Estate – Remodeling
 1. Approve/Deny – Accept FA Industrial’s low bid in the amount of \$124,000 for the clock tower structural repairs with funds to come from the fund balance.

FA Industrial	127,000*
Alfredson Brothers	154,635
MBM Construction	164,121
Carey Contracting	230,000

*less \$3,000 for a later completion date.

All Ayes, Motion Carried.

5. Motion by Commissioner Martin, supported by Commissioner Stevens to approve the following meeting minutes with the following corrections:
Finance Committee meeting of October 15, 2015. 5. Items before the Committee 2) reads as follows:
Commissioner Stevens asked if we could pay for the clock tower from the General Fund; *it should have read: Commissioner Stevens asked if we could pay for the clock tower from the fund balance.*
5) read as follows: Commissioner Stevens stated he wanted an update of the Trane Schedule. It should have read: *Commissioner Stevens stated he went to the Trane update of the schedule.*
Meeting minutes of the regular board meeting of October 13, 2015 under 8. Citizens’ Time, very bottom of the page it reads John Speeberg.....*It should have read John Smeberg.....*

Committee of the Whole – 10/01
Regular Meeting – 10/12
Finance Committee – 10/15

All Ayes, Motion Carried.

6. **COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATION:**
Commissioner Martin introduced the following students from Mr. Hogberg’s Iron Mountain Government Class: Joshua Arnold, Greta McCash, Abbey Wentarmini, Paige Fortner and Randi Pearson.

A. Citizens’ Time: (Limited to five minutes per person)
Chairman Wender opened the floor to Citizens’ Time. Mike Miller, Iron Mountain, addressed the Board. He explained the word can’t. He stated he went to the Veteran’s Assistants Fair and spoke to Benishek and told him he asked to meet with the Board 4 different times. He handed out some funding options. (They are on file in the County Clerk’s Office.) He explained the large amounts

of money he brings into the community. He stated the VA does not do claims. He thanked the Board.

Ray Hamm, Sagola, addressed the Board. He stated 455 veterans volunteer at the VA. He stated in the last 5 years he has had 719 military burials. He stated he hopes the Board will give serious thought to keeping the Office of Veteran's Affairs open.

Dennis Lynch, Norway addressed the Board. He gave the Board a letter. He explained all the Boards that he is on. He stated this office of Veterans Affairs does a great job. He stated he hopes the Board will try and find the funds needed. He stated once you lose something, you will probably never get it back. He thanked the Board.

Jim Sleik, Iron Mountain, addressed the Board. He stated he is on the Soldiers and Sailors relief Board. He stated 1/10 of a mill can be levied and used to fund the Office of Veteran's Affairs.

Dennis Peterson, Norway, addressed the Board. He stated every Vet has given at least 2 years of their life and there is something wrong here.

Louis Adams, Commander of post 363 addressed the Board. He stated this office has done a lot that others cannot do. He handed the Board a letter that is on file in the County Clerk's Office. He thanked the Board.

B. Resolutions and Legislation –Commissioner Kramer-None

7. **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

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

1 Motion by Commissioner Martin, supported by Commissioner Kramer to accept the Conveyance of the recommended 2016 Dickinson County Budget. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

2. Motion by Commissioner Martin, supported by Commissioner Stevens to approve the monthly bills for October in the amount of \$134,704.13. Roll Call Votes:

Commissioners:

Degenauer Jr., Aye

Kramer Aye

Martin Aye

Stevens Aye

Wender Aye Motion Carried.

3. Motion by Commissioner Martin, supported by Commissioner Kramer to authorize the Clerk to re-establish the Allocation Board and Allocation process, according to statute.

All Ayes, Motion Carried.

The County Clerk stated the first step is to get a board. She stated the County has to set the amount and time. She stated we have to move very fast. She stated this would go on the ballot in March.

4. Motion by Commissioner Martin, supported by Commissioner Kramer to deny payment of the invoices from Frazier Mechanical for exhaust fans in CLCC pool area and locker rooms. (Invoice #: 1926, 1930 & 1931) for a total of \$4722.11.

All Ayes, Motion Carried.

Commissioner Degenauer Jr., stated these are invoices that the YMCA did not get approval from the County before going ahead with the project.

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. **DHS / Community Services Agencies** – Commissioner Kramer-None

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

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

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

J. **Equalization Committee** – Commissioner Degenauer

1. 2015 Apportionment Report.

Equalization Director Sid Bray explained the report. He stated we are going forward slowly. He gave the township and City taxable income and it is up 15,000,000 total. He gave the school increases and decreases. He explained the DNR land and value. He stated everything is up about \$130,000. He stated the loss from Home Depot is not included.

Commissioner Degenauer thanked Sid.

Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Kramer to approve the equalization report. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

2. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Kramer to approve the request from the Equalization Director to engage the services of a Level 4 Assessor for 2016 as a part-time employee rather than an independent contractor. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

K. **Building & Supply/Real Estate-Remodeling** – Commissioner Degenauer

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Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

Martin Aye

Stevens Aye

Wender Aye

Degenauer Jr., Aye

Kramer Aye Motion Carried.

Commissioner Stevens wants to meet with them and have a time schedule. It was the consensus of the Board for Sonya to set up a meeting.

L. **Public Safety and Judiciary** – Commissioner Wender-None

M. **Parks Committee** – Commissioner Stevens-None

N. **Airport Committee** – Commissioner Wender-None

O. **Fair Board** – Commissioner Degenauer-None

P. **Library Board** – Commissioner Martin

1. Library Board meeting minutes of 10/13/15.

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

R. **Employee Relations Committee** - Commissioner Degenauer

1. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Martin to deny the request from the Prosecutor to change the classification of an open support staff position in her Department (from Level 9 to Level 6) due to a change in responsibilities and duties over time. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

Degenauer Jr. Aye

Kramer Nay

Martin Nay

Stevens Nay

Wender Nay Motion Failed.

Prosecutor Richards explained her position and why no one applied for the temporary position.

Commissioner Degenauer stated we would adjust jobs through attrition and we should wait until we go through the budget.

Controller Pugh stated this is in the budget and her whole budget is about \$20,000 less than last year.

Commissioner Stevens stated for the safety of the Community it has to be done.

Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Kramer to approve the request from the Prosecutor to change the classification of an open support staff position in her Department (From level 9 to level 6) due to a change in responsibilities and duties over time. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

2. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Kramer to approve the request from the Prosecutor to fill the full time support staff position referenced in 7.R.1 above.

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

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

T. **Dickinson County Road Commission** – Commissioner Wender-None

U. **Construction Code Commission** – Commissioner Degenauer
1. Construction Code Commission meeting minutes of 09/15/15.

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.

Fred Campbell addressed the Board. He stated it is the duty and the obligation of the Board to keep the Office of Veteran's Affairs open.

Mike Miller stated they have stopped requests for burial markers because of the closing of the Office of Veteran's Affairs in January.

Ray Hamm stated this is the longest continuing Service of the Office of Veteran's Affairs in Michigan. He stated they paid out \$36,000,000 dollars that went back into the community.

There was no other participation.

9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS & OLD BUSINESS:** Commissioner Kramer-None

Motion by Commissioner Kramer, supported by Commissioner Stevens to put Kristin Kass to part-time and Abby Anderson to full time at the prosecutors' discretion. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

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

A. Motion by Commissioner Kramer, supported by Commissioner Martin to approve the request from OSF Home Care and Hospice to hold a ceremony on the Courthouse lawn from 12:00-12:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 2nd. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

Degenauer Jr.,		Nay
Kramer		Nay
Martin	Aye	
Stevens		Nay
Wender	Aye	Motion Failed

Commissioner Stevens stated we have denied other organizations in the past

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 on August 20th the Board did not approve the Frazier project. She stated there was an appropriation set for the Veterans in this budget. She stated they will set a meeting with the Veteran's now the budget has been handed out to the Commissioners.
13. **Commissioners' Personal Privilege.**
Commissioner Martin asked about the groups meeting at the Courthouse in the past and maybe we should change our thinking.
Commissioner Stevens gave some examples of those that we would not allow to meet and we must be consistent.
Commissioner Stevens stated everything that we have is because of the Veteran's and he thanked them.
Commissioner Kramer stated if you write in the paper; please make sure your comments are factual.
Commissioner Degenauer Jr., stated they should have talked about the personnel issue during our budget discussions, not here. He asked about giving the Board a chance.
Chairman Wender stated he respects the Veteran's and will meet with them now that we have the budget.
14. **Motion by Commissioner Kramer, supported by Commissioner Stevens to adjourn Subject to the Call of Chairman at 7:40 P.M.**

Henry Wender, Chairman

Dolly L Cook, County Clerk