

DICKINSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting – Monday, October 28, 2013
Courthouse - Circuit Courtroom - 6:30 p.m.

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 Commissioners Degenauer Jr., Stevens, Kramer and Martin. (5)
Absent: None
Also present: County Clerk Dolly Cook, Equalization Director Sid Bray, Sheriff Scott Ceello, Controller Nicole Frost and Prosecutor Lisa Richards.
4. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Kramer to accept the agenda with the following addition:
 7. L-1 Public Safety and Judiciary
 1. Request of the Sheriff to fill a full time Dispatcher position due to a resignation.All Ayes, Motion Carried.
5. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Martin to approve the following meeting minutes with the following correction to the Regular minutes of 10/14/2013: 13. Commissioners Personal Privilege, paragraph 2, Second sentence, read as follows: "He thanked them (Breitung Township) for the ramp at the site." **It should have read: " He thanked Payne and Dolan for the ramp at the sight."**
 - Regular Meeting – 10/14/13
 - Committee of the Whole – 10/14/13
 - Finance Committee – 10/17/13All Ayes, Motion Carried.
6. **COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATION:**
Commissioner Martin introduced the following students from Mr. Hogberg's Iron Mountain Government Class: Austin Blomquist, Ryan LaFave, Brad Caldwell, Levi Verrette, Ben Klitzke, Nathan Trepp, Hallie Balcelzak and Lori LaRock.
 - 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 Stevens
Consider/Approve/Deny:
 1. Motion by Commissioner Stevens supported by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., to approve Dickinson County Resolution #2013-15 Opposing HB 4785. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
**Dickinson County
Resolution #2013-15
Resolution Opposing HB 4785**

WHEREAS, the Dickinson County Board of Commissioners, upon recommendation from the Office of Emergency Services Committee oppose HB 4785, which would amend Public Health Code regarding Emergency Medical Services, and;

WHEREAS, these proposed amendments would inhibit local ambulance services in rural communities by increasing fees and imposing new (additional) fines, and;

WHEREAS, these proposed amendments will be the decline, or possible elimination, of volunteer EMS services; and

WHEREAS, volunteer EMS services are crucial to Dickinson County, and its surrounding area, which is predominately rural communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Dickinson County Board of Commissioners opposes HB 4785 due to the adverse effects it will have on volunteer EMS services in Dickinson County and its rural communities.

By motion of _____ supported by _____ and carried at a regular meeting held on October 28, 2013, a 6:30 P.M. in the Circuit Courtroom of the Dickinson County Courthouse.

Dated _____ Signature _____
Dolly Cook

7. **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

A. Finance Committee - Finance Chairman Degenauer
Consider/Approve/Deny:

1. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Kramer to approve the monthly bills for October in the amount of \$209,978.58. Roll call vote:

Commissioners:

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

2. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Stevens to release the Western UP Substance Abuse Service's share of the April-June 2013 PA2 Funds to the in the amount of \$7,407.50. Roll call vote: Commissioners:

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

3. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Stevens to approve the Anderson Tackman audit proposal for years ending 12/31/13 and 12/31/14, in the amount of \$26,000 per year. Roll call vote: Commissioners:

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

Commissioner Steven stated they do a great job.

4. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Stevens to approve a travel voucher for the Victims' Rights Advocate.

All Ayes, Motion Carried.

Controller Frost stated even though this is reimbursed, it should follow the same procedure as the rest of the County and that procedure is to get approval before going down state to a conference. The Board agreed.

B. A-95 Review - Commissioner Kramer-No report

C. Crystal Lake Center/YMCA - Commissioner Kramer
Consider/Approve/Deny:

1. Motion by Commissioner Kramer, supported by Commissioner Martin to authorize the Controller/Administrator to make arrangements for winter snow plowing and salting at the Crystal Lake Center/YMCA, including advertising for bids if necessary.

Roll call vote: Commissioners:

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

2. Motion by Commissioner Kramer, supported by Commissioner Martin to set lease rates for Crystal Lake tenants for 2014 at 2% above 2013 rates.. Roll call vote: Commissioners:

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

Commissioner Stevens stated he did not think this was a good time to raise rents. He stated everybody is struggling. He would like to hold them for one more year. He stated we may lose some of these people.

Controller Frost stated our expenditures, as of the end of September, are not being covered by the rent we receive.

Commissioner Degenauer Jr. stated we cannot continue to lose money at the YMCA.

D. Six County Employment Alliance - Commissioner Stevens-No report

E. Planning and Zoning Committee - Commissioner Kramer

1. Planning Commission meeting minutes of 9/26/13.

F. DHS/Community Services Agencies - Commissioner Kramer-No report

G. Dickinson-Iron Health Department – Commissioner Kramer-No report

H. Northpointe - Commissioner Martin.-No report

Commissioner Martin stated a Master Level Social worker gave a very interesting report at the meeting.

I. Pinecrest - Commissioner Degenauer.

1. Pinecrest meeting minutes of 8/22/13.

J. Equalization Committee - Commissioner Degenauer.

Consider/Approve/Deny:

1. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Martin to approve the 2013 Apportionment Report from the Equalization Director. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

Equalization Director Sid Bray stated the taxable value is 984,000,000, which is an increase of 2.1%. He explained the report in its entirety. (It is on file in the County Clerk's Office.)

Commissioner Martin asked if these figures were used to figure the budget? Controller Frost stated yes they are. Controller Frost stated she uses these figures for the budget but she does allow for uncollectables so the numbers will be different.

Commissioner Kramer asked how does the Norway DDA amount affect the County? Bray explained about \$61,400.00.

K. Building & Supply/Real Estate-Remodeling – Commissioner Degenauer-No report

L. Public Safety and Judiciary - Commissioner Wender-No report

1. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Stevens to approve the request of the Sheriff to fill a full-time Dispatcher position due to a resignation.

All Ayes, Motion Carried.

M. Parks Committee - Commissioner Stevens

Consider/Approve/Deny:

1. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Kramer to approve Charter's proposals for Wireless Internet and Wireless Internet/Phone Service at Lake Antoine Park at a quote of \$112.55 a month. Roll call vote: Commissioners:

Wender Aye

Stevens Aye

Martin Aye

Kramer Aye

Degenauer Jr., Aye Motion Carried.

Controller Frost stated the \$99.00 install fee is in effect. She stated it would cost \$5,000 to install otherwise. She stated there is a fall install if approved tonight and must be approved to not get the \$5,000 install fee. She stated it would not be turned on until spring. She stated the phone quote came down to \$47.00 a month.

N. Airport Committee - Commissioner Wender

Consider/Approve/Deny:

1. Motion by Commissioner Kramer supported by Commissioner Stevens to authorize Chairman Henry Wender to sign the following contracts relative to the Design Phase of work at Ford Airport under Airport Improvement Grant Project 3-26-0049-1813:

a. FM 22-01-C92 Crack Sealing and Pavement Repairs

b. FM 22-01-C94 ARFF Safety Equip (Fire Suits) Acquisition

c. FM 22-01-C97 Snow Removal Equipment Acquisition

d. FM 22-01-C93, C95 & C96 Airport Buildings Improvements

All Ayes, Motion Carried.

2. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Martin to authorize the Chairman to sign Contract No. 2014-0047 and accompanying Resolution 2013-16, which provides \$113,850 for airport improvements. Roll call vote: Commissioners:

Degenauer Jr., Aye

Kramer Aye

Martin Aye
Stevens Aye
Wender Aye Motion Carried.

DICKINSON COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2013-16

“Authorize the Chairman to sign Contract No. 2014-0047 and accompanying Resolution 2013-16, which provides \$113,850 for airport improvements.”

Approved: Regular Board Meeting of: 10/28/13

Moved by: Commissioner

Supported by: Commissioner

Vote on Motion:

Certification

I, Dolly Cook, the duly appointed, qualified and Acting Clerk of the County of Dickinson, State of Michigan, do hereby certify that the above extract from the minutes of a Regular meeting of the County Board of Commissioners of Dickinson County, Michigan held on 10/28/13 is a true and correct copy of original minutes related to the matters set forth.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the County of Dickinson, State of Michigan, this 28th day of October, 2013.

Dolly Cook, Clerk

O. Fair Board - Commissioner Degenauer-No report

P. Library Board - Commissioner Ann Martin

1. Library Board meeting minutes of 10/8/13.

Q. Dickinson Partnership/Economic Dev. - Commissioner Stevens-No report

R. Employee Relations Committee - Commissioner Degenauer-No report

S. Dickinson County Hospital Committee - Commissioner Stevens
Consider/Approve/Deny:

1. Motion by Commissioner Stevens supported by Commissioner Martin to approve supporting the decision of the Board of Trustees of Dickinson County Healthcare System to create a special subcommittee of the Board of Trustees, to include two (2) members of the Dickinson County Board of Commissioners and one alternate appointed by the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners, to explore partnership opportunities with compatible partners willing to make commitments to working together with our hospital system to meet future community healthcare needs for the citizens of Dickinson County, and further, to authorize the Controller of Dickinson County to serve as an ex officio member of that special subcommittee. Roll call vote: Commissioners:

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

John Schon, Administrator of the Dickinson County Healthcare System addressed the Board. He stated their primary goal is to find a partner. He stated 70% of their money comes from Medicaid and Medicare and Blue Cross and we are one of the lowest paid hospitals in the Upper Peninsula.

He stated a partner would help us overcome some of the financial challenges that face our hospital today. He stated our Charity care is just shy of \$10,000,000 this year. He stated many U.P. hospitals have already partnered. He stated they will be hiring a consultant to help us prepare for proposals. He stated the Hospital is the lead employer in the community.

He stated with a partner we can strengthen ourselves and become more of an economic force in the community.

Commissioner Stevens stated he wants the Citizens' involved and would like to hear what they are thinking.

Commissioner Wender asked if there would be a public hearing?

Schon explained if there was an outright sale he thought there would have to be a public hearing. He stated they would have to wait and see.

T. Dickinson County Road Commission - Commissioner Wender

1. Road Commission meeting minutes of 10/8/13.

U. Construction Code Commission - Commissioner Degenauer-No report

V. Bay West Advisory Committee - Commissioner Martin-No report

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

Consider/Approve/Deny:

1. Motion by Commissioner Stevens supported by Commissioner Martin to make the following appointments: Kay Driscoll to the Library Board for a 5 year term to expire 12/31/2018, Barb Oliver to the Department of Human Services for a three year term to expire 10/31/2016 and Dave Irwin to the Fumee Lake Commission for a three year term to expire 7/14/2016. All Ayes, Motion Carried. (There were no other applicants.)

Library Board- 1 five-year term to expire 12/31/18

Applicants: Katy Discoll

Department of Human Services- 1 three year term to expire 10/31/16

Applicants: Barbara Oliver

Fumee Lake Commission- 1 three year term to expire 7/14/16

Applicants: David Irwin

Planning Commission- 2 terms to expire 2/28/16

No Applicants

Solid Waste Management - 2 terms (Solid Waste Mgmt Industry) - to expire 6/1/16

No Applicants

Brownfield Redevelopment Authority- 6 three-year terms, various expiration dates

No Applicants

Western UP Substance Abuse-1 term to expire 03/01/2015

No Applicants

Commissioner Wender stated he would like to decrease the Planning Board through attrition. He stated we keep advertising and no one replies.

10. **PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS:** Commissioner Stevens

Consider/Approve/Deny:

1. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Martin to approve the request from CUPPAD for a letter of support for the Governor's "Regional Prosperity Initiative." All Ayes, Motion Carried.
2. The Board saw a Presentation by Doug Brahee on MSU Extension's annual report and upcoming educational opportunities. Doug Brahee, MSU regional manager, handed out the annual report and it is on file in the County Clerk's Office. He introduced the 4-H instructor, Nick Baumgart, Nick explained what has been going on and what is expected to come. He stated they added two clubs and the remaining clubs are growing. He stated the fair was a big success. He encouraged the Board to come to the banquet. He stated they have worked well with the Library. He stated there is interest in starting a few more new clubs. He stated they will be starting an after school club in the Iron Mountain Kingsford areas. He stated he is leaving and another educator will be here. He stated lots of good things are happening. Commissioner Stevens asked if there was a timeline to his leaving and he stated no. Doug Brahee addressed the Board. He stated there are many things going on in the County. He stated they could do better in the Agriculture and farmer programming. He stated there are many things planned in these areas. He stated they will expand their beginning farmer program. He stated the Beef quality assurance programs will increase and many other agriculture things. He stated they are excited and are reinvesting in MSU and moving forward.
3. The Board received a response from the Dept. of Treasury relative to the Deficit Elimination Plan. (Information item) Controller Frost explained she finally received the Department of Treasury approval of the

Deficit Elimination Plan.

Motion by Stevens, supported by Kramer to approve the acceptance of the Department of Treasury response to the Deficit Elimination Plan. 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 they hired the part-time employee for MSU. She congratulated Nick on his new job. She further stated the Hardwood Dam Inspection Report was placed in the Commissioners mail box for their review.
She stated Steve Smith, Mine Inspector, will be at the next meeting.
Commissioner Kramer asked who would do the brushing as recommended in the Hardwood Dam report?
Controller Frost stated Terry Johnson, Parks Director.
13. Commissioners' Personal Privilege.
Commissioner Stevens congratulated the Wycons for an undefeated season. He also stated the Kingsford half time light show was fabulous.
Commissioner Kramer stated the Camp Molinare full page ad in the newspaper was paid for by donations. She stated it was a nice ad. She explained the Dickinson County Organ Donation Contract with the State. Chairman Wender appointed himself, Commissioner Stevens and Commissioner Kramer, as the alternate, to the Special Subcommittee for Dickinson County Healthcare Systems to explore partnership opportunities.
14. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., to adjourn, subject to Call of Chairman at 7:29 P.M.

Henry Wender, Chairman

Dolly L Cook, County Clerk

