

DICKINSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Monday – November 25, 2013 - 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 Commissioners Degenauer Jr., Stevens, Kramer and Martin. (5)
Absent: None
Also present: County Clerk Dolly Cook, Equalization Director Sid Bray, Controller Nicole Frost and Prosecutor Lisa Richards.
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 Degenauer Jr., to approve the following meeting minutes as written: Regular Meeting – 11/11/13
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: David Bogoudo, Vita Hill ,Nathan Trepp, Mark Beauchamp, Derek Klarich, Brock Grenier, Robert Norton, Dalton Burge and Emily Chang.
Chairman Wender opened the floor to Citizens time and there was no participation.
 - B. Resolutions and Legislation – Commissioner Stevens
7. **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**
 - A. **Finance Committee** - Finance Chairman Degenauer
Approve/Deny:
 1. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Kramer to approve the request from Western UP Substance Abuse Service for the release of their 50% share of the July-Sept. PA 2 Funds in the amount of \$15,945.50 All Ayes, Motion Carried.
 2. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Stevens, to approve the 2014 Borrowing Resolution as requested by the Treasurer in her 11/8/13 memo. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:
Kramer Aye
Martin Aye
Stevens Aye
Wender Aye
Degenauer Jr., Aye Motion Carried.

Commissioner Kramer asked if there are notices sent for delinquent taxes. Frost stated there are many notices sent and some are sent certified.
 3. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Martin to contract with Larry Wall of Housing Rehab of Upper Michigan for the Administration of the Dickinson County CDBG Housing Grant, his payment not to exceed 2% of the housing Resource funding not to exceed \$2,870.00 for soft costs and 21.95% of the Housing Resource funding not to exceed \$31,500 for the term of the grant. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:
Martin Aye
Stevens Aye
Wender Aye
Degenauer Jr., Aye
Kramer Aye Motion Carried.
 4. It was the consensus of the full Board to approve the finalized 2014 Health Insurance Funding.

Controller Frost explained all the changes to the budget and explained the changes requested by the Board and explained where the money would come from for the increase in Health Insurance.

Commissioner Stevens suggested putting another \$10,000 in Contingency and the Board agreed.

5. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Kramer to approve the 2013 Budget Adjustments. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

Stevens Aye

Wender Aye

Degenauer Jr., Aye

Kramer Aye

Martin Aye

Motion Carried.

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

C. Crystal Lake Center/YMCA - Commissioner Kramer-No report

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

E. Planning and Zoning Committee – Commissioner Kramer-No report

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

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

H. Northpointe – Commissioner Martin-No report

I. Pinecrest - Commissioner Degenauer-No report

J. Equalization Committee - Commissioner Degenauer-No report

Equalization Director Sid Bray explained the new law excluding Veterans with a full disability from paying property taxes which would include their surviving spouse. He explained the impact is not known at this time.

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

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

M. Parks Committee - Commissioner Stevens

Approve/Deny:

1. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Kramer to approve the revised Charter proposal for wireless internet at Lake Antoine Park which is an increase of \$19.59 a month. All Ayes, Motion Carried

2. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., to accept the letter from the DNR re: Transfer of Hanbury Lake Park to City of Norway. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

3. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., to approve the request of Jeff Moore to hold a Run at Fumee Lake Natural Area, subject to the execution of an indemnification agreement. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

Commissioner Stevens asked why this was not brought to the Fumee Lake Commission first? Phyllis Carlson stated Mr. Moore did not know they had to bring it in front of the Board and the advertisements were already out in the public. She stated in the future they will go to the Fumee Lake Commission for approval.

N. Airport Committee - Commissioner Wender-No report

Frost explained enplanements were at 7585 up 21. % of which 804 were for September and 876 for October.

O. Fair Board - Commissioner Degenauer-No report

P. Library Board - Commissioner Martin

1. Library Board meeting minutes of 11/12/13.

Commissioner Martin stated they will be going ahead with the remodeling of the circulation desk.

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

- R. Employee Relations Committee** - Commissioner Degenauer-No report
- S. Dickinson County Hospital Committee** - Commissioner Stevens-No report
- T. Dickinson County Road Commission** - Commissioner Wender
1. Road Commission meeting minutes of 11/12/13.
- 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. Dennis Zeeb addressed the Board. He asked how the Board hand-picked 10 people to receive benefits with the same rates as those in 1996 for retirement healthcare? Commissioner Degenauer Jr., explained these 10 people were not represented by any union or given an option to negotiations and they were all hired prior to 1996 and this was a way to protect their benefits. He further explained they were elected or appointed (Exempt) staff. Zeeb explained the Board represents all of Dickinson County, not just these 10 people.
9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS & OLD BUSINESS:** Commissioner Stevens
Approve/Deny:
1. Motion by Commissioner Stevens supported by Commissioner Degenauer Jr. to approve the Dickinson County Section 3 Implementation Plan for the MSHDA Grant. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
 2. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Kramer to approve the Dickinson County Housing Program Procedural Guide for the MSHDA Grant. All Ayes, Motion Carried
10. **PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS:** - Commissioner Stevens
1. Chairman Wender appointed Commissioner Degenauer Jr., and Commissioner Kramer to the Negotiating Committee, with Degenauer Jr., as the Chairman
 2. Chairman Wender appointed Commissioner Degenauer Jr., and Commissioner Kramer to the Insurance Committee, with Commissioner Degenauer Jr., as the Chairman. He also appointed Controller Frost to the Committee. He stated the Committee would appoint the rest of the members.
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 the budget public hearing will be Monday, December 9, 2013. She stated they did need to set an airport meeting and she will work on that and the interviews for MSU, 4-H position, will be December 5,2013, and they will be starting a search for a District 1 Manager as Doug Brahee is just temporary.
13. Commissioners' Personal Privilege.
Commissioner Martin asked about the negotiating committee and the insurance committee. Commissioner Degenauer Jr. explained the process and said it should go a lot faster with this committee working all year on the insurance questions so the insurance will be comparable. Commissioner Stevens wished Menominee and Ishpeming good luck in the finals. Commissioner Kramer stated the Department of Human services serves 5,594 in Dickinson County and that brought in \$496,900 for the month of October and there are 4,686 residents eligible for Medicaid in Dickinson County.
14. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Kramer to adjourn, subject to Call of Chairman at 7:15 P.M..

Henry Wender, Chairman

Dolly L. Cook, County Clerk

