

**DICKINSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**Monday, December 8, 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 Sonya Pugh, Sheriff Scott Celeslo, Administrative Assistant Dianah Fayas and Equalization Director Sid Bray.
4. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Kramer to accept the agenda with the following change:  
7.A.2  
Change the name from **Northcare Network to: Western U.P. Substance Abuse Service**  
All Ayes, Motion Carried.
5. Motion by Commissioner Martin, supported by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., to approve the following meeting minutes as written:  
Finance Committee – 11/20/14  
Regular Meeting – 11/24/14  
Committee of the Whole – 11/24/14  
Committee of the Whole – 12/1/14  
Committee of the Whole – 12/1/14      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.  
Commissioner Martin introduced the following students from Mr. Hogberg's Iron Mountain Government Class: Caitlin Johnson, Missa Tappy, Cheyanne Stock, Francis Anatra IV and Morgan Hudson.  
Motion by Commissioner Martin, supported by Commissioner Kramer to recess the Regular Board Meeting and open the Public Hearing on the 2015 General Appropriations Act at 6:34 P.M.: Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:  
Degenauer Jr.,    Aye  
Kramer            Aye  
Martin            Aye  
Stevens           Aye  
Wender            Aye                    Motion Carried.  
Clyde Peterson, Kingsford, addressed the Board. He stated his family has been here since 1880. He stated the administrative fees being levied has never been done before. He stated these mileages were voted on by the citizens of Dickinson County. He stated these funds are not discretionary. He stated every penny is expected to go to the agencies and not to be used by the County. He stated why the County thinks they can steal \$72,000 from these agencies. He thanked the Board.  
Terry Strand, Vulcan, addressed the Board. She asked if you cut MSU and 4-H where are these kids going to go? She stated many things will disappear if they are not funded. She asked what kind of trouble will these kids get into? She thanked the Board.  
Ben Detterman, Dickinson County Conservation District. He explained the history. He stated they need money to operate. He stated they will ask for a mileage in 2016. He invited everyone to their next meeting. He thanked the

Board.

Paul Putnam, MSU addressed the Board. He stated he appreciated the partnership over the years. He handed out a letter that was not given to the clerk and is not on file in the Clerk's Office. He thanked the Board.

Mary Kay Short, Employee of the County, addressed the Board. She stated it has been a pleasure and honor to serve the County for the last 19 years. She asked the Board to follow the recommendations of the Insurance Committee. She asked the Board to please post any future job openings to allow those qualified in the County and the area to apply. She thanked the Board.

Commissioner Stevens stated we are a team and the Board appreciates what our staff has done.

Commissioner Wender stated we cannot spend what we do not have. We cut all non-mandatory spending. He stated he has never seen a year like this in all his years. He stated we will have a budget by January 1, 2015.

Commissioner Martin stated we are trying to find solutions to the shortfall. She stated we cannot deny the value of MSU and the Conservation District.

Commissioner Kramer stated she has had many sleepless nights. She stated there are not many options. She asked if anyone had any ideas.

Commissioner Degenauer Jr., stated MSU is very important to him. He stated there is not much room. He stated the Board will work through this and he thanked everyone for coming.

Commissioner Wender stated he values all of our employees.

Motion by Commissioner Martin, supported by Commissioner Kramer, to close the Public Hearing and reconvene the Regular Meeting at 6:52P.M.

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 Treasurers Trial Balance & Budget Status Reports for period ending 11/30/14.

All Ayes, Motion Carried.

2. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Kramer to release the 50% share of the PA 2 funds for July 1 through September 30, 2014 to Western U.P. Substance Abuse Services, in the amount of \$11,765. Roll Call Vote Commissioners:

Martin           Aye

Stevens          Aye

Wender          Aye

Degenauer Jr., Aye

Kramer          Aye                Motion Carried.

3. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., to **not approve** the 2015 General Appropriations Act as recommended. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

Commissioner Stevens stated we are not ready but will vote on the budget at the next regular meeting on December 22, 2014.

4. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Kramer, to authorize the controller to obtain quotes for a new or refurbished copier to replace the main courthouse copier. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

Controller Pugh explained this copier is twelve years old and is in very rough shape. She stated there is no maintenance contract and it is very expensive to keep getting fixed.

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  
DHS meeting minutes of 10/27/ 2014
  - G. Dickinson-Iron Health Department** – Commissioner Kramer-None
  - H. Northpointe** – Commissioner Martin  
Northpointe meeting minutes of 11/20/ 2014.
  - I. Pinecrest** – Commissioner Degenauer  
Pinecrest meeting minutes of 10/23/ 2014
  - J. Equalization Committee** – Commissioner Degenauer-None
  - K. Building & Supply/Real Estate-Remodeling** – Commissioner Degenauer  
*Approve/Deny*  
1. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Martin to approve the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole to instruct Controller Pugh and Treasurer Carey to investigate Trane’s Energy Performance Option #2 for \$1,182,465. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:  
Stevens       Aye  
Wender        Aye  
Degenauer Jr., Aye  
Kramer        Aye  
Martin        Aye                Motion Carried.  
Chairman Wender explained the Trane Performance Audit that if followed the savings would pay for any changes made and make the Courthouse much more efficient.
  - 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-None
  - Q. Dickinson Partnership/Economic Dev.** – Commissioner Stevens-None
  - R. Employee Relations Committee** - Commissioner Degenauer-None
  - S. Dickinson County Hospital Committee** – Commissioner Stevens-None
  - T. Dickinson County Road Commission** – Commissioner Wender  
Road Commission meeting minutes of 11/11/2014.
  - U. Construction Code Commission** – Commissioner Degenauer-None
  - V. Bay West Advisory Committee** - Commissioner Martin  
Bay West Advisory Committee meeting minutes of 09/25/2014.
8. Citizens’ Time: (Limited to five minutes per person)  
Chairman Wender opened the floor to Citizens’ Time. Clyde Peterson, Kingsford, addressed the Board. He stated the Board might want to consider a mileage.
9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS & OLD BUSINESS:** Commissioner Kramer - None

10. **PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS:** - Commissioner Kramer
1. Motion by Commissioner Kramer, supported by Commissioner Martin to go into closed session to discuss negotiations with the collective bargaining units at 7:10 P.M.  
Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:  
 Degenauer Jr., Aye  
 Kramer Aye  
 Martin Aye  
 Stevens Aye  
 Wender Aye Motion Carried.
- Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Kramer to go back into regular session at 7:20 P.M. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:  
 Stevens Aye  
 Wender Aye  
 Degenauer Jr. Aye  
 Kramer Aye  
 Martin Aye Motion Carried.
11. Motion by Commissioner Kramer, supported by Commissioner Martin to accept the Committee Reports and Correspondence and place on file. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
12. Controller's Report. - None
13. Commissioners' Personal Privilege. - None
14. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Stevens to adjourn, subject to Call of Chairman at 7:25 P.M.

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Henry Wender, Chairman

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Dolly L Cook, County Clerk