

DICKINSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Monday – December 9, 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, Vice Chairman Stevens and Commissioners Degenaer Jr., Kramer and Martin.
(5)
Absent: None
Also Present: County Clerk Dolly Cook, Sheriff Scott Ceello, Equalization Sid Bray, Assistant Director of Emergency Preparedness Pete Schlitt and Controller Nicole Frost
4. Motion by Commissioner Degenaer Jr., supported by Commissioner Kramer to accept the agenda as written. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
5. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Kramer to approve the meeting minutes as written:

Regular Meeting – 11/25/13
Finance Committee – 11/21/13
Committee of the Whole – 11/19 & 11/21/13

All Ayes, Motion Carried

6. **COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATION:**

A. Citizens' Time: (Limited to five minutes per person)

Chairman Wender welcomed Aaron Harper back after his illness and thanked Aaron Harper and Jim Anderson for the fair coverage of the County Board meetings.

Commissioner Martin introduced the following students from Mr. Hogberg's Iron Mountain Government Class: Ellrsa Cretton, Sahayra Hendrickson and Izzy Barraza.

Chairman Wender opened the floor to Citizens' Time. Chuck Lantz, Director of the Office of Veteran's Affairs addressed the Board. He handed out a budget proposal for the Office of Veteran's Affairs which showed where the cuts had to be made because the Board approved \$4,000 less than what they asked for. (This form is on file in the County Clerk's Office.) He stated he will be taking a step backwards by not being able to operate status quo due to the budget restraints. He further thanked the Board for what they do for his office. He stated he will not give up the fight for his veterans and stated he hoped the County Board will do their part as well. He stated he hoped they would do everything in their power to fight for our County Veterans as well because really it is because of them you too are free, and able to do what you do best, run our County Commission. He further stated all these county veterans signed a blank check up to and including their lives and I think the budget I submitted to you for \$93,000.00 was a fraction of what they are worth to provide our services.

1. Public Hearing on proposed 2014 Budget.

Motion by Commissioner Kramer, supported by Commissioner Martin to open the public hearing at 6:33 P.M. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

Degenaer Jr., Aye
Kramer` Aye
Martin Aye
Stevens Aye
Wender Aye

Motion Carried.

There was no participation in the public hearing. Controller Frost explained the budget and what offices or groups did not receive all they asked for and why. The three were the Office of Veteran's Affairs, Kiwanis and the Humane Society. She explained the treasurer did not receive the 4 hour increase for her part-time person either.

Commissioner Stevens stated this was the most difficult budget the Board has done. He stated we can look at all of these cuts again next year. He stated the Veteran's always come first and he appreciates everything they have done and everything Chuck has done, but the money is just not there.

Kramer stated Kiwanis is worried that Copper Peak in Gogebic County will compete with Pine Mountain.

Chairman Wender stated the health insurance was the biggest issue this year and the Committee will meet in a few weeks to start working on next year.

Commissioner Degenaer Jr., stated we may be able to meet the needs next year, hoping the Health Care expense won't go up.

Chairman Wender thanked Controller Frost and all the elected and Department Heads for a job well done.

Motion by Commissioner Martin, supported by Commissioner Kramer to close the public hearing at 6:39 P.M. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

Kramer Aye
Martin Aye
Stevens Aye
Wender Aye

Degenauer Jr., Aye Motion Carried.

B. Resolutions and Legislation – Commissioner Kramer - None

7. **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

A. Finance Committee - Finance Chairman Degenauer

Approve/Deny:

1. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Kramer to accept the Treasurer’s Trial Balance and Budget Status Report for period ending 11/30/13. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

2. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Stevens to accept the monthly bills for November in the amount of \$258,800.28. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:
Martin Aye
Stevens Aye
Wender Aye
Degenauer Jr., Aye
Kramer Aye Motion Carried.

3. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Stevens to adopt the 2014 Budget by Resolution (2013-18) for fiscal year 1/1/14-12/31/14. 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

1. DHS Board meeting minutes of 10/28/13.

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

H. Northpointe – Commissioner Martin

1. Northpointe meeting minutes of 11/25/13.

I. Pinecrest - Commissioner Degenauer-No report

J. Equalization Committee - Commissioner Degenauer-No report

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

L. Public Safety and Judiciary - Commissioner Wender-No report
Sheriff Celello invited the Board to come see dispatch. Chairman Wender thanked the Sheriff, Pete Schlitt and the voters because we couldn’t have updated the system without the help of the millage.

M. Parks Committee - Commissioner Stevens

Approve/Deny:

1. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Kramer to approve the request of Big Brothers/Big Sisters and MCAC to hold an Ice Fishing Contest/Fund Raiser at Lake Antoine Park on January 17 – 18, 2014, subject to the execution of an indemnification agreement, proof of insurance, liquor license if applicable, and \$100 fee. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

N. Airport Committee - Commissioner Wender

1. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Kramer to proceed with the notice of award/notice to proceed, as recommended by Prein & Newhof, to Oshkosh Fire & Police Equipment, Inc. for ARFF Suit Acquisition in the amount of \$9,348. (Note: Federal Project Grant 3-26-0049-1813) Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

- O. Fair Board** - Commissioner Degenaer-No report
 - P. Library Board** - Commissioner Martin-No report
 - Q. Dickinson Partnership/Economic Dev.** - Commissioner Stevens-No report
 - R. Employee Relations Committee** - Commissioner Degenaer-No report
 - S. Dickinson County Hospital Committee** - Commissioner Stevens-No report
 - T. Dickinson County Road Commission** - Commissioner Wender-No report
 - U. Construction Code Commission** - Commissioner Degenaer-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. Ray Hamm, Sagola, addressed the Board. He stated he is the finance director for the Office of Veterans' Affairs. He stated 25% of those coming back are women and there are no women to help them with the female issues. He stated he thought there might be a need to hire someone, a female, in the future. He thanked the Board.
9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS & OLD BUSINESS:** Commissioner Kramer - None
10. **PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS:** - Commissioner Kramer - None
11. Motion by Commissioner Martin, supported by Commissioner Kramer to accept all Committee reports and Correspondence and place on file. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
12. Controller's Report.
Controller Frost stated she was happy the budget was done and accepted.
13. Commissioners' Personal Privilege.
Commissioner Stevens congratulated Ishpeming and Menominee. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and stated Nicole will be off probation soon.
Commissioner Kramer stated she went to the interviews for MSU and there were many qualified applicants.
Chairman Wender stated Nicole will be off probation soon and has done a wonderful job
Commissioner Martin stated she has superseded all expectations.
Commissioner Degenaer stated he was disappointed in Chuck Lantz's letter. He stated the Veterans have always come first and we will always appreciate what they do. He stated it was all about the financial condition of the County.
14. Motion by Commissioner Stevens supported by Commissioner Kramer to adjourn, subject to Call of Chairman at 6:57 P.M..

Henry Wender, Chairman

Dolly L. Cook, County Clerk

No tape of this meeting, Recorder failed.

