

DICKINSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Monday - December 10, 2012 - 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 Smith and Commissioners Degenauer Jr., Martin and Stevens. (5)
Absent: None

Also Present: County Clerk Dolly Cook, Assistant Prosecutor Lisa Richards, Equalization Director Larry Swartout, Lt. Derek Dixon and Controller Kay Pascoe.

4. Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Martin to accept agenda with the following additions:
7A.-7 Finance Committee
7. Authorize the Chairman to sign a lease with EDR Enterprises for office space at the former Lofholm building at a cost of \$325.00/month plus utilities, for use by MSU Extension, subject to the review of the Prosecutor.
All ayes, motion carried.
5. Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Stevens to approve the following meeting minutes as written:

Regular Meeting - 11/26/12
Committee of the Whole - 11/23 and 11/28/12

All Ayes, Motion Carried.

6. **COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATION:**
Commissioner Martin introduced the following students from Mr. Hogberg's Iron Mountain Government Class: Ryan Ducharme, Cody Buckner, Cody Ellis, Jordanne Kubick, Aaron Pope, Bridget Kennedy, Megan Balkum and Logan Collins.

A. Citizens' Time: (Limited to five minutes per person)
Chairman Wender opened the floor to Citizens' Time. Dennis Baldinelli, City of Kingsford, addressed the Board. He read the following resolution honoring Frank Smith, Board of Commissioner member for 16 years.



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The following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Kingsford City Council at the regular meeting held November 19, 2012:

WHEREAS, Frank E. Smith became a member of the Dickinson County Board in 1996 and has faithfully served the citizens of Dickinson County for more than sixteen (16) years, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith has been an extremely valuable member of the Dickinson County Board during his many years of service demonstrating a strong and decisive leadership style, a great knowledge of the democratic process, and a strong voice for important issues, and

WHEREAS, he was very instrumental in the success of numerous endeavors by Dickinson County including the

upgrading of the Hardwood Dam, improvements to the County Parks, controlling the finances of the Dickinson Iron County Health Department and Dickinson Home Health Program, instrumental in the transfer of the Crystal Lake Community Center to the newly formed YMCA, to name only a few, and

WHEREAS, during his long period of public service, Mr. Smith played a key role in the work of Dickinson County, serving as Chairman in 2001 and providing a strong voice for responsible management of County finances, and the services to senior citizens.

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith's tireless commitment and his long dedication to Dickinson County are greatly appreciated and this fact most certainly belongs in and a part of the public record.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Kingsford, on behalf of all of its citizens, that it does hereby express its utmost appreciation to Frank E. Smith for his sixteen (16) years of dedicated service and his invaluable contributions to the citizens of the County as a key member of the Dickinson County Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Kingsford that it extends its most sincere best wishes to Mr. Smith for continued good health and happiness, as a true and loyal resident of Dickinson County.

Councilman Dennis Baldinelli

Councilwoman Cynthia Dixon-Miller

Mayor Michael Flaminio

Councilman Jeff Pearson

Councilman Brian Smeester

City Manager/Clerk Anthony D. Edlebeck

Commissioner Smith thanked the City Council.

Lucy Shampo addressed the Board about MSU Budget cuts. She stated the cuts were from Youth Programs that were established in the 1930s and she stated she thought they were the only Youth Programs offered by Dickinson County, even today. She stated she regrets and resents it and asked that the Board reinstate these programs to full-time. She states she realizes how difficult it is to balance the budget. She thanked those that supported MSU, Commissioner Degenaer Jr. and Commissioner Martin.

Willie Erickson, Breitung Township, addressed the Board. He stated he owns Riversbend Campground and he was there with Gerry from Summer Breeze Campground. He stated he wanted to know how the appropriations from Lake Antoine were being spent. He stated if appropriations are \$130,000 or \$140,000 a year that is over a million dollars in seven years. He stated nothing gets done at Lake Antoine Park. He stated money should be set aside to maintain the park. He stated the County doesn't even have to pay taxes. He stated when the County does put away money for the parks; it ends up going somewhere else such as MSU this year. He stated the shower facilities have to be re-done. He stated it is the campers that are wearing out the showers, not the taxpayers that come to swim or picnic. He asked for the numbers. He asked what are the charges? He thanked the Board.

Gerald McCole, Channing, addressed the Board. He stated there should be two public hearings for the budget before approval. He listed the Public Acts. (His Letter is on file in the County Clerk's Office.) He asked why are we giving away the Crystal Lake Community Center? He stated the rent to the County is \$133,174.99 and will go up 2% in 2013. He stated this goes a long way to balance the budget. He further asked why we (the County) would kick out a tenant such as MSUE who is paying \$28,870.80 to go to Norway (Lofholm) and pay them rent?

1. Chairman Wender opened the Public Hearing on 2013 Dickinson County Budget at 6:44P.M.

Pascoe explained this is a balanced budget of \$8,789,000. She stated there will be no draw down from the fund balance. We have reduced the appropriations to the Parks, reduced two full time positions to part-time and reduced hours of part time employees at the prosecutors office, no money for capital improvements other than the police cars, and the grant match was used for MSU. She further stated we have had numerous open meetings for budget purposes and that all have been posted. She stated this has been a very open process.

Commissioner Smith stated we have \$50,000 in a contingency fund for unexpected

happenings.

Commissioner Wender opened the floor for questions from the public and there were none. Commissioner Martin stated the Board spent countless hours preparing this budget. She stated she is regretful reducing the clerical position for MSU. Commissioner Stevens stated there was a lot of debate. He stated it was difficult, our revenues are down and we don't know what the State will do. He stated all the agencies were good at cutting down. He stated the Board did what they had to do to have a balanced budget.

Commissioner Smith stated we don't have much set aside if something happens. He stated we are not all happy with this budget, but it is balanced.

Commissioner Wender stated we balanced this on facts and there is no fat. He stated the Board does not like to do cuts, but they had to be done.

Chairman Wender closed the public hearing at 6:52 P.M.

2. Andy Hay Integrated First Response (Air Ambulance Service).

Andy Hay and Monty Renthrow were introduced by Tim Howen, Airport Manager. Andy Hay, Dallas, Texas thanked the community. He stated they spent 9 months on research. He stated they have received an overwhelming response from the community. He stated their numbers here are better than others in the Midwest. He stated they are doing very well. He explained to the students what they do and how they do it. He stated they are much less than the cost of helicopters and they can fly in any weather and they are not publically funded.

Chairman Wender thanked them for coming here. Andy again thanked the community for the wonderful support.

B. Resolutions and Legislation – Commissioner Smith

1. Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Degenauer Jr. to approve acting pursuant to the authority granted under Section 8 of PA152 of 2011, to exempt Dickinson County from the requirements of PA152 for calendar year 2013. All Ayes, motion carried. Pascoe explained this contract agreed upon 15% of Health Insurance for 2013.

7. **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

A. **Finance Committee** - Finance Chairman John Degenauer, Jr.

1. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Smith to approve the Treasurer's Trial Balance and Budget Status Report for period ending 11/30/12. All Ayes, motion carried.

2. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Stevens to release the 2012 appropriation to the Partnership in the amount of \$6,000. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

3. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Stevens to release final appropriation to Northpointe in the amount of \$49,815. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

4. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Smith to authorize the Chairman to sign a one-year agreement with the Michigan State University Extension for 4-H and extension services as stipulated in the agreement. All Ayes, motion carried.

5. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Stevens to approve Amendment No. 2 to the 2012 General Appropriations Act. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

6. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Smith to approve the 2013 General Appropriations Act. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

7. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Stevens to authorize the Chairman to sign a lease with EDR Enterprises for office space at the former Lofholm building at a cost of \$325/month plus utilities, for use by MSU Extension, subject to the review of the Prosecutor. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

- B. A-95 Review** - Commissioner Joe Stevens-No report
- C. Crystal Lake Center/YMCA** - Commissioner Frank Smith-No report
- D. Six County Employment Alliance** - Commissioner Frank Smith-No report
- E. Planning and Zoning Committee** - Commissioner Joe Stevens-No report
- F. DHS/Community Services Agencies** - Commissioner Smith-No report
- G. Dickinson-Iron Health Department** – Commissioner Smith
 - 1. Board of Health meeting minutes of 10/31/12.
- H. Northpointe** - Commissioner Ann Martin
 - 1. Northpointe Board meeting minutes of 11/26/12.
- I. Pinecrest** - Commissioner John Degenauer, Jr.-No report
- J. Equalization Committee** - Commissioner John Degenauer, Jr.-No report
- K. Building & Supply/Real Estate-Remodeling** - Commissioner Smith-No report
- L. Public Safety and Judiciary** - Commissioner Henry Wender-No report
- M. Parks Committee** - Commissioner Joe Stevens-No report
Commissioner Smith stated the line items for revenues and expenses are available to anyone that wants them.
- N. Airport Committee** - Commissioner Henry Wender-No report
Tim Howen stated the new service will begin on December 15th to Minneapolis.
- O. Fair Board** - Commissioner John Degenauer, Jr.
 - 1. Fair Board meeting minutes of 10/2/12.
- P. Library Board** - Commissioner Ann Martin-No report
- Q. Dickinson Partnership/Economic Dev.** - Commissioner Joe Stevens-No report
- R. Employee Relations Committee** - Commissioner Frank Smith-No report
- S. Dickinson County Hospital Committee** - Commissioner Joe Stevens
 - 1. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Smith to ratify the following appointments made by the Hospital Board of Trustees for two four-year Hospital Board terms to expire December 31, 2016: All Ayes, Motion Carried.
Appointed: Dr. Al Fulks
Adam St. John
 - 2. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Smith to accept the resignation of Peter C. Hamel, M.D., Dickinson County Medical Examiner. All Ayes, motion carried.
- T. Dickinson County Road Commission** - Commissioner Henry Wender
 - 1. Road Commission meeting minutes of 11/13/12.

U. **Construction Code Commission** - Commissioner John Degenauer, Jr.-No report

V. **Bay West Advisory Committee** - Ann 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 Smith - None

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

1. Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Stevens to reschedule the second regular meeting in December due to the fourth Monday being Christmas Eve, on Thursday, December 27, 2012 at 6:30 P.M. All Ayes, motion carried.

11. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Smith to accept Committee Reports and Correspondence and place on file. All ayes, motion carried.

12. Controller's Report. - None

13. Commissioners' Personal Privilege.

Commissioner Degenauer Jr., was disappointed with the cuts to MSU and the Secretaries position. He stated he is a strong advocate for 4-H and Camp Molinaire. He stated in his heart he could not go with the cuts. Commissioner Smith stated we should not forget about Camp Molinaire.

Commissioner Stevens stated there is a DNR workshop on December 14-15th and someone should go. A moment of silence was observed for Magee Johnson. Stevens stated she dedicated her whole life to public service. He stated she was a force in Dickinson County and he will miss her.

He stated Gerald McCole had a voice of the people in the Daily News on December 3, 2012 and he would like to respond to what he said. He stated McCole stated many times that the Board has to have rules and by-laws and the research from MSU Legal, we do not have to have rules and by-laws.

Prosecutor Brule gave to the Board Act 156 of 1851 Sec 11 "The County Board **MAY** establish rules and regulations. He stated he talked about 911. Commissioner Stevens stated since 1999 we have spent \$486,000 upgrading 911. He stated this is why we need the millage. Commissioner Stevens stated Mr. McCole is wondering why we are spending money on Crystal Lake and why it is Delta County. He (Stevens) stated if we had not done that, he didn't know if the place would be open. He stated the core of that facility is the pool and it is very expensive. He stated when the YMCA said they wanted it; it was the best thing that could happen, because we did not have the money. He stated they have done a fabulous job. He stated we did not kick out MSU, they actually are happy because they don't have the chlorine smell and the steps and the YMCA is happy to have the space to expand their services and that is a win-win situation for both parties. He stated he is speaking for himself, not for the Board. He stated he respects Mr. McCole for stating his opinions and he just wanted to explain some things.

Commissioner Stevens told Willie Erickson he could get the budget anytime and Kay would explain anything he wants to know about the parks because it is a little complicated.

Commissioner Wender stated the Road Commission is not a three member Board it is a five member Board and we do not tell them how to spend their money. He stated they are on their own and do well without our help. He stated he is getting sick and tired of the letters and the letters to the Attorney General. Chairman Wender then gave Commissioner Smith a Clock on behalf of the County Board and Kay and Sonya. He stated he will be missed by the Board more than he will miss the Board. He stated it would be very hard to find someone more knowledgeable about financials than Frank Smith. He thanked Frank as a Board member and a friend. Commissioner Stevens thanked Frank for the 16 years and stated this County has been blessed to have him. Commissioner Martin also thanked Frank. Commissioner Degenauer Jr., stated he respected Frank immensely and it was an honor to work with him. He stated it is an education you will not get if you do not get involved. Commissioner Smith stated he was really touched and it works both ways. He stated this is a wonderful Group and they will always keep things rolling in the right direction. He stated we did not always agree, but we always worked for the best of the County. He thanked the County.

14. Motion by Commissioner Stevens supported by Commissioner Smith to adjourn, subject to call of the Chairman at 7:31 P.M.

Henry Wender, Chairman

Dolly L Cook, County Clerk

