

DICKINSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Monday, December 12, 2016 - 6:00 p.m.
Courthouse - Circuit Courtroom

Tape 251

1. The meeting was called to Order by Chairman Wender at 6:00 P.M.
2. 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 Kramer, Degenauer and Martin. (5).
Absent: None
Also Present: County Clerk Dolly Cook, Sheriff Scott Celeslo, Equalization Director Sid Bray, Controller Brian Bousley and Admin. Asst. Dianah Fayas.
4. Motion by Commissioner Kramer, supported by Commissioner Stevens to accept Agenda as written. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
5. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., to approve the following meeting minutes with the following corrections to the regular meeting of 11/28/2016.:
 6. Communications and Legislation:
Third and fourth paragraph read: Ernie and Rita Turri, **Should have read: Ernie and Rita Luri and 13. Commissioners Personal Privilege: Second paragraph stated Commissioner Martin stated she had photos of Lake Antoine. It should have read Commissioner Kramer.....**
Regular meeting – Nov. 28th
Committee of the Whole – Dec. 1st
Committee of the Whole – Dec. 2nd

All Ayes, Motion Carried.

6. **COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATION:**
Commissioner Martin introduced the following students from Mr. Hogberg's Iron Mountain Government Class: Evan Geronimi, Jacob Tucker, Jesse Rittenhouse, Sawyer Hicks, McGwire Fahrenbruch, Dawn Dolatowski and Sally Kay.
 - A. Citizens' Time: (Limited to five minutes per person)
Chairman Wender opened the floor to Citizens' Time. Dennis Stanford, Norway Senior Center addressed the Board. He explained what happened at the Senior Center over the years and asked the Board to do the right thing and give the senior center all of the millage money from the City of Norway, Township of Waucedah and Township of Norway. He thanked the Board.
Gerald McCole, Channing, addressed the Board. He read a letter that was given to the Daily News; he said they did not print the whole letter. (The letter is on file in the County Clerk's Office.) He stated 7 of the eleven Board members were at the December 2 meeting and not one spoke up. Dolly Cook, member of the DICSA Board stated she spoke up. He thanked the Board.

Motion by Commissioner Martin supported by Commissioner Kramer to exit the regular meeting and enter into a public hearing at 6:15 P.M. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:
Degenauer Jr., Aye
Kramer Aye
Martin Aye
Stevens Aye
Wender Aye.
There was no participation from the public. Commissioner Degenauer Jr., stated once the contract is signed between UPCAP, DICSA and the Norway Senior Center, that we will give the \$33,000 and with the contract money, that would make them whole.
Controller Bousley said this is a budget and this can be amended by the Board at any time. He stated this is something to work with.

Motion by Commissioner Kramer, supported by Commissioner Stevens to exit the public hearing and enter back into the regular meeting 6:20P.M. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:
Kramer Aye

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

B. Resolutions and Legislation –Commissioner Stevens
 See 7.A.2 below.

7. **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

- A. **Finance Committee** – Finance Chairperson Martin
1. Motion by Commissioner Martin, supported by Commissioner Stevens to accept the Trial Balance & Budget Status Report from the Treasurer for period ending November 30, 2016. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

 2. Motion by Commissioner Martin supported by Commissioner Stevens to adopt the 2017 General Appropriations Act for fiscal year Jan. 1 – Dec. 31, 2017, by Resolution # 2016 – 16 Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:
 Martin Aye
 Stevens Aye
 Wender Aye
 Degenaer Jr., Aye
 Kramer Aye Motion Carried.

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE DICKINSON COUNTY BUDGET
GENERAL APPROPRIATION ACT
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JANUARY 1, 2017 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2017**

WHEREAS, The Dickinson County Board of Commissioners (“Board”) has examined the 2017 budget requests for the various departments, agencies, offices and activities, which by law or policy it must finance or assist in financing: and

WHEREAS, The Board has taken into consideration the fact that there are certain required functions of county government or operations which must be budgeted at serviceable levels in order to provide statutory and Constitutionally required services and programs; and

WHEREAS, The Uniform Budget and Accounting Act (“UBAA”), MCLA 141.421, et seq., requires that the Board enact a General Appropriation Act designed to appropriate funds for all County expenditures; and

WHEREAS, The Board has reviewed the 2017 Recommended Budget and believes the same to contain funds sufficient to finance all mandatory County funded services at serviceable levels;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED #1, That the 2017 Dickinson County Recommended General Fund Budget dated December 5, 2016, which is herein incorporated by reference, is hereby adopted on an activity level for the General Fund and a fund basis for all other Funds, subject to all County policies regarding expenditure of funds and the conditions set forth in this Resolution. The Treasurer and County Administrator shall monitor each fund and provide interim financial reports as needed; and

NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED #2, That the copy of said budget presented to each member of the Board be designated as an official copy; and

NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED #3, That the sum of \$9,152,033 for the General Fund as set forth in the Budget adopted by this Board, is hereby appropriated and available for expenditure in accordance with the law. The Board will levy tax rates of 6.1403 mills for County Operation, 1.000 mills for Bay West College, .4200 mills for Dickinson-Iron Health Department, .4000 mills for E911, .9000 mills for the County Library, .4000 mills for the Senior Citizens, .5000 mills for Road Commission and .1000 mills for Veterans. Further, all obligations or liabilities incurred and vouchers drawn by any County employee may not exceed the amount appropriated in said budget; and

NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED #4, That the various appropriations specified in

the budget represent the maximum authorization to incur expenditures for the purposes specified and is not a mandate to spend. It is expected that all elected and appointed County officials shall exercise necessary judgment in the use of appropriated funds in order to achieve the objectives of their program with minimum expenditures; and

NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED #5, That the County Controller shall be and hereby is appointed "Budget Administrator," pursuant to the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act MCLA 141.421, et seq., with power and authority to administer such duties in connection with said budget, as from time to time, may be delegated to the Office of Controller by this Board; and

NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED #6, In keeping with the County's long-range budgeting concerns that actively balance the interests of taxpayers and County employees, Dickinson County employees have been paying premium contributions toward their health care coverage and will continue to do so in 2017 at a rate of 20% and, acting pursuant to the authority granted a county under Section 8 of Act 152, the Dickinson County Board of Commissioners hereby opts out from the requirements of P.A. 152 of 2011 for calendar year 2017; and

NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED #7, If there is a need to increase or decrease various positions within the Budget and/or impose a hiring freeze and/or impose lay-offs, other than those already specified in this Resolution, due to unforeseen financial changes, the County elected officials and department heads shall abide by whatever changes are made by the Board, if any, relative to the approved positions and the number of employees allowed; and

NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED #8, That if a county position is funded through a grant, and if that grant loses its funding for any reason, that position shall be eliminated. That the Budget Administrator is authorized to reduce any department each time a reduction is made in Federal, State and local funds. The affected department head shall promptly make the necessary lay-offs and advise those affected by the service that those services are being discontinued as a result of Federal and/or State cutbacks. Similar notice shall also be given to any labor union or association representing affected employees; and

NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED #9, The Board adopts the Salary Schedules set forth in the Board's 2017 Recommended Budget which is herein incorporated by reference and includes the Elected Officials' Compensation, with a 1% cost of living adjustment for Elected Officials, not including the Board of Commissioners; the Non-Union Employee's Compensation with a 1% cost of living adjustment; the GELC Union Employee's Compensation with a 1% negotiated wage increase; and the POLC Union Employee's Compensation with a 1% cost of living adjustment; and

NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED #10, That the revenues received by the County under Public Acts 106 and 107, 1985 (Convention Facility Tax revenue) shall not be used to reduce the County's 2016 operating millage as defined by P.A. 2 of 1986. That in accordance with Public Act 106 of 1985 and Public Act 2 of 1986, 50% of the actual Convention Facility tax revenue not used to reduce the County's operating tax rate shall be appropriated to the Substance Abuse Coordinating Agency, with the remaining revenues deposited into the County's General Fund; and

We hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution originally adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Dickinson, Michigan, held on December 12, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

Henry Wender, Chairman
Dickinson County Board of Commissioners

Dolly L. Cook
County Clerk 2016-16.

- 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. **DHHS / DICSA** – Commissioner Kramer
 1. Department of Health and Human Services meeting minutes of Oct. 24th.
- G. **Dickinson-Iron Health Department** – Commissioner Stevens-None
- H. **Northpointe** – Commissioner Martin
 1. Motion by Commissioner Martin supported by Commissioner Kramer to approve the request from Northpointe for distribution of their 4th quarter appropriation in the amount of \$24,907.50 Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:
 Stevens Aye
 Wender Aye
 Degenaer Jr., Aye
 Kramer Aye
 Martin Aye Motion Carried.
- I. **Pinecrest** – Commissioner Degenaer-None
- J. **Equalization Committee** – Commissioner Degenaer-None
- K. **Building & Supply/Real Estate-Remodeling** – Commissioner Degenaer-None
- L. **Public Safety and Judiciary** – Commissioner Wender
 1. Motion by Commissioner Degenaer Jr., supported by Commissioner Martin to approve the appointment of Sheriff-Elect Rutter to the U.P. 911 Authority effective Jan. 1, 2017.
 All Ayes, Motion Carried.
- M. **Parks Committee** – Commissioner Stevens-None
- N. **Airport Committee** – Commissioner Wender-None
- O. **Fair Board** – Commissioner Degenaer-None
- P. **Library Board** – Commissioner Martin-None
- Q. **Employee Relations Committee** - Commissioner Degenaer
 1. Motion by Commissioner Degenaer Jr., supported by Commissioner Stevens to approve the request from Sheriff-Elect Rutter to post and fill a full-time Detective/Lieutenant position effective Jan. 1, 2017 as a result of Undersheriff Appointment. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:
 Wender Aye
 Stevens Aye
 Martin Aye
 Kramer Aye
 Degenaer Jr., Aye Motion Carried.
 Commissioner Martin asked if we are following our new policy? She stated it was premature.
 Sheriff Celeslo stated he has discussed this with the Controller. He explained why he needed this position. He stated this position is the detective. He stated this is very important and our contact person for our KIND team which is very important to the County and we must continue to battle this problem.
- R. **Dickinson County Hospital Committee** – Commissioner Stevens-None
- S. **Dickinson County Road Commission** – Commissioner Wender
 1. Dickinson County Road Commission meeting minutes of Nov. 8th.
- T. **Construction Code Commission** – Commissioner Degenaer-None
- U. **Bay West Advisory Committee** - Commissioner Degenaer
 1. Presentation of the Bay de Noc Community College financial statements and supplementary information for years ended June 30, 2016 and 2015, by Mr. Kevin Carlson, Vice President of Finance and Bay West Campus.
 Mr. Carlson explained the finances of Bay West College. He read from an audit which was not in the packet. He explained the nurses program and the welding programs. He explained the cost cutting programs they put in place to get the finances under control. He explained how the credits can be transferred to other

colleges and how some programs can all be done here and no travel to Escanaba. He stated he is meeting with some of our larger corporations and seeing what they need for the future. He thanked the Board.
 Commissioner Kramer asked if they have done a needs assessment with the students to see what they want? Carlson stated not yet.
 Commissioner Stevens stated he is really pleased with what Bay West has done with the welding programs and the nursing programs.
 Commissioner Degenauer Jr., thanked Mr. Carlson for coming.

8. Citizens' Time: (Limited to five minutes per person)
 Chairman Wender opened the floor to Citizens' Time.
 Sue Ellis addressed the Board. She stated as the Union Representative she has not received the new policy and asked for a copy. She asked about the new jobs and hoped the Board will explain if they are union jobs and how many hours and just all the information.
 Dale Alessandrini, Iron Mountain, addressed the Board. He asked if the County was going to do a 5 year plan. He stated it really helped the City of Iron Mountain and he would like the County to think about it. There was no other participation.

9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS & OLD BUSINESS:** Commissioner Stevens
 A. Motion by Commissioner Stevens supported by Commissioner Kramer to appoint William Cummings to the Library Board for a term to expire 12/31/2021. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
 Mr. Cummings was the only applicant.
 There were no applicants for Fumee Lake or Solid Waste Management Planning Committee.
 No action Taken.

10. **PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS:** - Commissioner Stevens
 A. Motion by Commissioner Stevens supported by Commissioner Kramer to approve the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole to make the following appointments to the Dickinson County Veterans' Affairs Committee:

One four-year term to expire 12/31/2020	Dennis Olson
Two three-year terms to expire 12/31/2019	Dennis Lynch
	Mary Stolze
One two-year term to expire 12/31/2018	Richard Page
One one-year term to expire 12/31/2017	Alan Perla

All Ayes, Motion Carried.

- B. Motion by Commissioner Martin supported by Commissioner Kramer to approve the appointment of Commissioner Stevens as liaison to the Dickinson County Veterans' Affairs Committee. Degenauer Jr., Kramer, Martin and Wender Ayes, Stevens Abstained, Motion Carried.

- C. Wild Rivers Invasive Species Coalition meeting minutes of Oct. 5th.

- D. Motion by Commissioner Stevens supported by Commissioner Kramer to approve the submission of the MERS Service Credit Purchase Opt-Out Form for Dickinson County.
 Roll Call, Commissioners:
 Degenauer Jr., Aye
 Kramer Aye
 Martin Aye
 Stevens Aye
 Wender Aye Motion Carried.

- E. Dickinson County Community collaborative meeting minutes of Oct. 19th.

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 Bousley stated we are working to put the agenda on the website. He stated Train incentives will be sent soon. He stated he will meet with UPCAP next Tuesday regarding Norway Senior Center. He stated if it gets above 40, they will work on the roof.

13. Commissioners' Personal Privilege.
 Commissioner Martin asked Controller Bousley to explain the jobs created in this budget. He stated there is a probate job that will go from full time to part time. He stated they want to create a Director of buildings grounds and combine with the parks and there will be a part-time person in

the County Clerk's Office and they need to hire a VSO for the Veteran's Department.

Commissioner Stevens thanked Brian for a doing great job in such a short time. He stated he is pleased with the Veteran's Department Committee and is proud to be the liaison.

Commissioner Kramer asked that a miscellaneous category be put under #7 to put minutes of the different committees that the Board attends. She stated it is very important that the people know what the Board is doing.

Commissioner Degenauer Jr, stated there was a meeting set with Mr. Haakala and the information Judge Ninomiya is requesting could be a HIPA violation. He stated they have contacted a lawyer and when they get a response, they will set another meeting. He further stated the Fair Board wants to purchase hog pens and they will work with the vocational center, which is making them. He stated there will be an ad campaign and this will benefit the Fair.

14. Motion by Commissioner Kramer supported by Commissioner Martin to adjourn, Subject to the Call of the Chairman at 6:50 P.M.

Henry Wender, Chairman

Dolly L. Cook, County Clerk