

DICKINSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Monday, December 14, 2015 - 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 Vice Chairman Degenauer and Commissioners Stevens, Kramer and Martin. (5)
Absent: None
Also Present: County Clerk Dolly Cook, Sheriff Scott Celello, Prosecutor Lisa Richards, Equalization Director Sid Bray and Controller Sonya Pugh,
4. Motion by Commissioner Kramer, supported by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., to accept the agenda with the following addition:
7. Reports of Standing Committee:
 C. Crystal Lake Center/YMCA
 1. Approve the revised three year lease agreement with the YMCA (rev.12/11/2015) and authorize the Chairman to sign same.
 All Ayes, Motion Carried
5. Motion by Commissioner Martin, supported by Commissioner Kramer to approve the following meeting minutes with the following correction:
The Committee of the Whole meeting dated December 2, 2015, under #5 Other Business it read as follows: Commissioner Martin stated they used an interspaced bargaining.....***It should have read: Commissioner Martin stated they used an interest based bargaining.....***
Commissioner Stevens stated in the Finance meeting minutes of November 19, 2015, 6th sentence up from #4 stated Mike Zanoni has worked for the County for 120 years. Commissioner Martin agreed. County Clerk Dolly Cook read from the minutes: "Mike Zanoni, Maintenance man, stated that there has been a full time man to do maintenance for 120 years." No change was made.
 Committee of the Whole – 11/10/15
 Committee of the Whole – 11/18/15
 Finance Meeting – 11/19/15
 Regular Meeting – 11/23/15
 Committee of the Whole – 12/02/15
All Ayes, Motion Carried.
6. **COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATION:**
Commissioner Martin introduced the following students from Mr. Hogberg's Iron Mountain Government Class: Aaron Bolo and Katie Hood.

A. Citizens' Time: (Limited to five minutes per person)
Chairman Wender opened the floor to citizens' Time. Stacy Welling Haughey, U.P. Regional Coordinator and Marc Miller, Regional Initiatives Deputy, from Michigan Department of Natural Resources addressed the Board. She stated the DNR is committed to working with the County. She stated we are working together for a better Michigan. She stated there are a few grants available. She stated Dickinson County has received 1.4 million dollars in grants. She stated they have talked about the Hardwood Dam with Sonya, and some possible costs may be paid in 2016 after applying for grants. She stated they will help in any way they can and they appreciate the working relationship they have with Dickinson County.
Chairman Wender asked about the Bridge in Felch. She stated she would look into it. They thanked the Board.
Amanda List addressed the Board. She stated she is a taxpayer and an employee of the County. She stated if we outsource Mike and Eileen's jobs, it would be a security issue.

She stated maybe the Board should reduce their salaries during these trying times. She stated we should lead by example and show we are willing to make sacrifices. Amy Geronimi, addressed the Board. She stated she is a County Employee and a Union Steward. She stated the Janitorial and Maintenance jobs are to be eliminated or cut to part time. She stated they work extremely hard to keep this Courthouse and Jail clean and safe and that is not an easy job because of the age of the building. She stated one is shy two years from retirement and the other is shy 1 ½ years from retirement. She stated Verso has settled and the cost to the County is approximately \$125,000 and we put \$390,000 in the budget. She stated that is a savings of approximately \$260,000. She stated it was irresponsible to sign a three year lease with the YMCA. She stated no other County in the U.P. appropriates money to the YMCA. She further stated it was irresponsible to fill the secretary's job in the Prosecutor's Office. She stated do the right thing and keep the two jobs.

Sue Ellis addressed the Board. She stated the Letter to Bargain has a time line. She stated a certified letter was also sent. She read the letter. She stated they have been more than patient.

There was no other participation.

B. Resolutions and Legislation – Commissioner Stevens-None

7. **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

A. **Finance Committee** – Finance Chairperson Martin

1. Motion by Commissioner Martin, supported by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., to accept the Trial Balance & Budget Status Report from the Treasurer for the period ending 11/30/2105. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. **A-95 Review** – Commissioner Kramer-None

C. **Crystal Lake Center/YMCA** – Commissioner Kramer

1. Motion by Commissioner Kramer supported by Commissioner Stevens to approve the revised 3 year lease agreement with the YMCA (rev 12-11-15) and authorizes the Chairman to sign the same. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

Mike Fornetti addressed the Board. He stated the maintenance responsibilities are the most difficult. He stated they have 16 employees and they are taxpayers too.

D. **Six County Employment Alliance** – Commissioner Stevens-None

E. **Planning and Zoning Committee** – Commissioner Kramer

1. Dickinson County Planning Commission meeting minutes of 11/24/15.

F. **DHS / Community Services Agencies** – Commissioner Kramer

1. Department of Health and Human Services meeting minutes of 11/26/15.
2. Dickinson County Community Collaborative meeting minutes of 10/21/15.

G. **Dickinson-Iron Health Department** – Commissioner Stevens-None

H. **Northpointe** – Commissioner Martin

1. Northpointe Healthcare Systems regular meeting minutes of 11/12/15.

I. **Pinecrest** – Commissioner Degenauer

1. Pinecrest meeting minutes of 10/22/15.

J. **Equalization Committee** – Commissioner Degenauer-None

K. **Building & Supply/Real Estate-Remodeling** – Commissioner Degenauer-None

- L. **Public Safety and Judiciary** – Commissioner Wender-None
- M. **Parks Committee** – Commissioner Stevens
 1. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Kramer to approve the Quit claim deed for Stromberg Park, transferring ownership to Breen Township and authorizes the Chairman to execute the same. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
 2. Motion by Commissioner Stevens supported by Commissioner Martin to approve Resolution 2015-20 and associated documents relative to the transfer of Norway Lake Park to Felch Township and authorizes the Chairman to execute the same. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

DICKINSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
 RESOLUTION 2015 - 20
 MICHIGAN LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND AMENDMENT
 12/14/15

WHEREAS, Amendment No. 1 to Michigan Land and Water Conservation Fund Project No. 26-00035, entered into between the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (“Department”) and the County of Dickinson (“Grantee”) and the Township of Felch in the county of Dickinson (“Receiving Public Entity”) is to authorize a transfer of ownership of a grant-assisted site to the Receiving Public Entity, at the Project Location in the Township of Felch; and

WHEREAS, the Department, the Grantee, and the Receiving Public Entity mutually agree to amend the agreement as follows:

The Transfer Area is described in Appendix A of Amendment No. 1 referenced above. This amendment transfers grant obligations, as stipulated in the original Agreement, over the 15-acre Transfer Area from the Grantee to the Receiving Public Entity. The Receiving Public Entity agrees to assume all grant obligations, as stipulated in the original Agreement for the 15-acre Transfer Area. All other provisions of the original Agreement, provided in Appendix B, shall continue in full force and effect.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Dickinson County Board of Commissioners, by this Resolution, approves Michigan Land and Water Conservation Fund Amendment No. 1, which modifies the original Agreement between the DNR and Dickinson County.

DICKINSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Henry Wender, Chairman

I, Dolly Cook, the duly appointed, qualified and Acting Clerk of the County of Dickinson, Michigan, do hereby certify that the above extract from the minutes of a Regular meeting of the County Board of Commissioners of Dickinson County, Michigan held on December 14, 2015 is a true and correct excerpt of original minutes related to the matters set forth.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the County of Dickinson, Michigan, December 14, 2015.

Dolly Cook, Clerk

3. Motion by Commissioner Stevens supported by Commissioner Degenaer Jr., to approve Resolution 2015-21 and associated documents relative to the transfer of Gust Newberg Park to Sagola Township and authorizes the Chairman to execute the same. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

DICKINSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION 2015 - 21
MICHIGAN LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND AMENDMENT
12/14/15

WHEREAS, Amendment No. 1 to Michigan Land and Water Conservation Fund Project No. 26-00037, entered into between the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (“Department”) and the County of Dickinson (“Grantee”) and the Township of Sagola in the county of Dickinson (“Receiving Public Entity”) is to authorize a transfer of ownership of a grant-assisted site to the Receiving Public Entity, at the Project Location in the Township of Sagola; and

WHEREAS, the Department, the Grantee, and the Receiving Public Entity mutually agree to amend the agreement as follows:

The Transfer Area is described in Appendix A of Amendment No. 1 referenced above. This amendment transfers grant obligations, as stipulated in the original Agreement, over the 24.6-acre Transfer Area from the Grantee to the Receiving Public Entity. The Receiving Public Entity agrees to assume all grant obligations, as stipulated in the original Agreement for the 24.6-acre Transfer Area. All other provisions of the original Agreement, provided in Appendix B, shall continue in full force and effect.

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- N. **Airport Committee** – Commissioner Wender
 - 1. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Kramer to approve the request from T-Hangar tenant Richard Craig to terminate his existing lease.
All Ayes, Motion Carried.
- 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
 - 1. Dickinson County Road Commission meeting minutes of 11/10/15.

U. **Construction Code Commission** – Commissioner Degenauer-None

V. **Bay West Advisory Committee** - Commissioner Degenauer-None

8. Citizens' Time: (Limited to five minutes per person)
Chairman Wender opened the floor to Citizens' Time. Katie Maxon thanked the Board. She stated they will work hard to keep the jobs and they will help in any way they can. She stated they will work hard to promote the millage.

9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS & OLD BUSINESS:** Commissioner Stevens - None

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

A. Motion by Commissioner Stevens supported by Commissioner Kramer to appoint Susan Khoury to the Dickinson County Library Board for one five-year term to expire Dec. 31, 2020.

Applicants:

Susan Khoury

All Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. Motion by Commissioner Stevens supported by Commissioner Kramer to appoint Henry Wender to the 2016 U.P. State Fair Authority. Degenauer Jr., Kramer, Martin, Stevens Aye, Wender Abstained. Motion Carried.

C. Motion by Commissioner Stevens supported by Commissioner Kramer to approve the request from Kiwanis for a quarter page ad in the 2016 Pine Mountain Ski Jumps Program for \$90. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

Kramer	Nay	
Martin	Nay	
Stevens	Aye	
Wender	Nay	
Degenauer Jr.,	Nay	Motion Failed

11. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Martin to accept the Committee reports and correspondence and place on file. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

12. Controller's Report.

Controller Pugh stated the Verso taxes are for two years and that leaves a balance of \$130,000.

She further stated the labor attorney should get back to us in a few days or the end of the week.

Commissioner Martin asked about the variation of footage at Verso? Equalization

Director Sid Bray stated this still has to be resolved and has become less of an issue.

13. Commissioners' Personal Privilege.

Commissioner Martin thanked the YMCA and she is glad they have reached an agreement.

She stated the Board has given three parks back to the Townships and that is a good thing and that is a goal that was set earlier. She stated these budget pressures have been 2 years in the making.

Commissioner Stevens agrees with Ann about the Parks. He further stated he has given back 10% of his pay in the last three years. He stated the Board takes this job seriously. He stated they (Board) tries to lead by example.

Commissioner Kramer agrees.

Commissioner Degenauer Jr., asked about the t-hangar lease. Controller Pugh explained the situation with the waiting list.

Chairman Wender stated 6 out of county residents are renting the t-hangars. Controller Pugh stated we get Federal and State grants and that allows us rent to anyone.

Commissioner Degenauer Jr., stated he thought long and hard about supporting the YMCA and has decided to support them.

Chairman Wender stated now we have to get down to brass tacks about the budget. He stated with the amount of time he spends on the work done by the Board he will not cut his pay and the Board has been conservative over the years.

14. Motion by Commissioner Martin, supported by Commissioner Kramer to adjourn, subject to the call of Chairman at 7:14 P.M.

Henry Wender, Chairman

Dolly L Cook, County Clerk