

**DICKINSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**Monday, Dec. 22, 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 Kramer, Martin and Stevens. (5)  
Absent: None (0)  
Also Present: County Clerk Dolly Cook, Prosecutor Lisa Richards, Sheriff Scott Ceello, Controller Sonya Pugh, Administrative Assistant Dianah Fayas, and Equalization Director Sid Bray.
4. Motion by Commissioner Kramer supported by Commissioner Martin to accept the agenda with the following additions:
  7. a. Finance Committee
    2. Deleted, already paid.
    4. Approve the request to release the 2014 appropriations to Jake Menghini Historical Museum in the amount of \$1,000.
  10. Petitions and New Business:
    3. Swearing in of Dickinson County Board of Commissioners for 2015.  
All Ayes, Motion Carried.
5. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Martin to approve the following meeting minutes as written:

Regular Meeting – 12/8/14    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. Lisa Hartwig addressed the Board. She stated she was working on her MBA in accounting. She did a report for her class and handed it out to all the Board. It was very informative and is on file in the County Clerk's Office.  
She stated these types of reports help citizens' get educated and it is easy to follow.  
  
Commissioner Martin introduced the following students from Mr. Hogberg's Iron Mountain Government Class: Devin Farragh, Mykaela Cayenberg and Anjelica Armbrust.  
Meredith Imler, 4-H Coordinator addressed the Board. She stated the 4-H camp was the whole month of July for 195 children. She stated 4-H alumni are destined for college. She stated Nancy Hackel was instrumental in helping with the 4-H program.  
Paul Putnam, MSU, addressed the Board. He explained the history of MSU. He stated all counties fund MSU. He stated Iron and Gogebic have increased their pay to MSU. He stated MSU agreed to the \$20,000, no rent and no employees. He stated they want a presence here.  
Chairman Wender asked about the lease and the employee, Nancy Hackel. He stated MSU will cover the costs but he does not know how yet. He stated they will not come to the County for more money in 2015. He stated he thinks he can make things work. He thanked the Board.  
Commissioner Stevens stated this is good news, but now we have to figure out how we will pay for this. He stated we will worry about 2016 and 2017 at a later date.  
Jennifer Thomas, Niagara, Wisconsin, addressed the Board. She stated Night Riders 4-H Club has helped her in many ways. She stated she is going to college to be a vet.  
Andrea Mashak, Camp Molinaire Director, stated now that MSU has lowered their bill

she hoped the County would pay the insurance and 12 hours a week for Nancy Hackel.

**B. Resolutions and Legislation – Commissioner Degenauer**

1. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Kramer to approve exempting Dickinson County from the requirements of PA152 for the calendar year 2015, pursuant to the authority granted under Section 8 of PA152 of 2011. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

7. **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

**A. Finance Committee – Finance Chairman Stevens**

1. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., to approve the payment of the second \$30,000 invoice from Superior Steele for cement work done in the construction of the T-hangars. Roll Call Vote:

Commissioners:

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

2. (Deleted because this was already paid.) Motion by Commissioner supported by Commissioner to approve the request to release the 2014 appropriation to the Sawyer Lake Association in the amount of \$2,500.

3. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Kramer to approve the adoption of the 2015 General Appropriations Act for the fiscal year 1/1/15-12/31/15, by Resolution #14-20. Roll Call Vote:

Commissioners:

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

Commissioner Stevens stated he did not like a lot of the things about this budget. He stated we are not going to fund the Planning Commission, UPCAP, Dickinson Area Band, Humane Society and many others. He stated it is disturbing. He stated we do not have the money. He stated we have to have a balanced budget by law. He stated he should have seen this coming. He stated he does not take this lightly. He stated we will figure this out.

Commissioner Kramer asked if the line items could remain. She stated if or when the budget gets better, we can possibly give these organizations some money. She stated she is not happy either.

Commissioner Wender stated the MSU proposal still has to be worked into the budget. He stated the present budget does not include MSU.

4. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Martin to approve the request to release the 2014 appropriation to the Jake Menghini Historical Museum in the amount of \$1,000. Roll Call Vote; Commissioners:

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

**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
  - 1. Planning Commission minutes from 10/23/14.
- F. DHS / Community Services Agencies** – Commissioner Kramer-None
- G. Dickinson-Iron Health Department** – Commissioner Kramer
  - 1. Board of Health minutes for 11/26/14.
- H. Northpointe** – Commissioner Martin-None
- I. Pinecrest** – Commissioner Degenauer-None
- 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 receive and place on file correspondence from Lullskull Ltd. and “A” Street Films, LLC regarding a January 2015 film shoot at Lake Antoine Park. All Ayes, Motion Carried
- N. Airport Committee** – Commissioner Wender-None
- O. Fair Board** – Commissioner Degenauer
  - 1. Fair Board minutes of 12/02/14.
- P. Library Board** – Commissioner Martin
  - 1. Library Board minutes from 12/09/14.
- Q. Dickinson Partnership/Economic Dev.** – Commissioner Stevens-None
- R. Employee Relations Committee** - Commissioner Degenauer
  - 1. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Kramer to approve the ratification of the tentative agreement between the Dickinson County Board of Commissioners and the Police Officers Labor Council representing the Command Officers for 2015-2017. Members of the bargaining unit will receive a 1%/\$500 minimum wage increase in 2015 and 1% wage increases in 2016 and 2017.  
 Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:  
 Wender           Aye  
 Stevens        Aye  
 Martin         Aye  
 Kramer         Aye  
 Degenauer Jr., Aye                    Motion Carried.
  - 2. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Martin to approve the ratification of the tentative agreement between the Dickinson County Board of Commissioners and the Police Officers Labor Council representing the Correctional Officers for 2015-2017. Members of the bargaining unit will receive a 1%/\$500 minimum wage increase in 2015 and 1% wage increases in 2016 and 2017. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:  
 Degenauer Jr.,    Aye  
 Kramer            Aye  
 Martin            Aye  
 Stevens          Aye

Wender                      Aye                      Motion Carried.

3. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Kramer to approve the ratification of the tentative agreement between the Dickinson County Board of Commissioners and the Police Officers Labor Council representing Road Patrol and Dispatch for 2015-2017. Members of the bargaining unit will receive a 1%/\$500 minimum wage increase in 2015 and 1% wage increases in 2016 and 2017. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

4. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Martin to approve the ratification of the tentative agreement between the Dickinson County Board of Commissioners and the Government Employees Labor Council for 2015-2017. Members of the bargaining unit will receive a 1%/\$500 minimum wage increase in 2015 and 1% wage increases in 2016 and 2017. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

5. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Kramer to approve the wage, insurance and retirement structure as described in the tentative agreements for the exempt staff, with the stipulation that elected officials and their successors are to be bound by the starting rate and salary progressions contained in the 2015 salary schedules and in conformity with Michigan law. Exempt staff will receive a 1%/\$500 minimum wage increase in 2015 and 1% wage increases in 2016 and 2017. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

Commissioner Degenauer Jr. thanked Barbara and Sonya for all the long hours to get these ratified. He is very pleased.  
Chairman Wender thanked everyone on behalf of the County Board.

**S. Dickinson County Hospital Committee** – Commissioner Stevens-none  
Commissioner Stevens asked to have a letter sent to Alice Lemieux for her time served with the Dickinson County Healthcare Board of Trustees.

**T. Dickinson County Road Commission** – Commissioner Wender-None

**U. Construction Code Commission** – Commissioner Degenauer  
1. Construction Code meeting minutes of 10/21/14.

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

8. Citizens' Time: (Limited to five minutes per person)  
Chairman Wender opened the floor to Citizens' Time. Sharon Maahs addressed the Board. She stated she hopes her great grandkids will have 4-H in the future. She has been a 4-H leader for 15 years. She thanked the Board.  
Sue Ellis, GELC Union Representative addressed the Board. She thanked the Board for ratification of the union contracts. She stated it was a long and sometimes difficult process. She thanked John, Barb, Sonya and Dianah.

9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS & OLD BUSINESS:** Commissioner Degenauer-none
10. **PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS:** - Commissioner Degenauer
1. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Kramer to approve the request to close the Courthouse to public business on December 26, 2014 (employees shall use leave time). All Ayes, Motion Carried.
  2. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Kramer to approve setting the Organizational Meeting of the Board for January 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8:00 a.m. All Ayes, Motion Carried
  3. County Clerk Dolly Cook gave the County Board their Oath of Office for 2015.
11. Motion by Commissioner Martin, supported by Commissioner Stevens to accept the Committee Reports and Correspondence and place on file. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
12. Controller's Report.  
Controller Pugh thanked Mrs. Hartwig for the beautiful report.
13. Commissioners' Personal Privilege.  
Commissioner Degenauer Jr., wanted a meeting set up for MSU. Motion by Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Kramer to set a Special Meeting for Monday, December 29, 2014 at 2:00 P.M.  
Commissioner Kramer stated the alumni should step up and help Camp Molinaire. Commissioner Stevens stated we should recognize what a good job our police officers do. He stated our flag was not half-mast on Pearl Harbor Day. He further stated he did not like how the indirect fees were handled. He thought it was handled poorly.  
Chairman Wender stated to be a good Commissioner you have to say no. You cannot spend what you do not have.
14. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Kramer to adjourn, Subject to the Call of the Chairman at 7:15 P.M.

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Henry Wender, Chairman

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Dolly L. Cook, County Clerk