

**DICKINSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**Monday, Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>, 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, Controller Sonya Pugh, Sheriff Scott Ceello and Equalization Director Sid Bray.
4. Motion by Commissioner Kramer, supported by Commissioner Stevens to accept the agenda with the following additions:
  7. C 3. The execution by the Chairman of the final lease documents as agreed upon by both parties legal counsel. \*Annual rent is \$34,320.56  
Monthly rent is \$2,860.05
  7. M 1. 2016 camping fees            All Ayes, Motion Carried.
5. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Martin to approve the following meeting minute with the following correction to the Finance Meeting minutes of December 17, 2015. John Degenauer Jr., was not present. :  
Committee of the Whole – 12/09/2015  
Committee of the Whole – 12/14/2015  
Regular Meeting – 12/14/2015  
Finance Meeting – 12/17/2015    All Ayes, Motion Carried.  
Commissioner Martin stated under other business there is more detail than is warranted. County Clerk stated she could listen to the tape. Commissioner Stevens asked Lisa to look into this.  
The County Clerk stated when there is a quorum of the Board they must have a clerk by statute.
6. **COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATION:**
  - A. Citizens' Time: (Limited to five minutes per person)  
Chairman Wender opened the floor to Citizens' Time. Sue Ellis Union Steward addressed the Board. She read a list of what Mike does at the Courthouse. She stated Eileen cleans all bathrooms in the Courthouse and the Sheriffs building. She does so much more and she can't see how the Board can justify a Parks position that is seasonal and lay these two people off to part-time.  
Amy Geronimi, Union Steward also addressed the two positions that will be cut to part-time. She also stated she cannot see why Eric is being kept full time. She stated the jailors removing snow is not wise and may be dangerous. She stated their retirement is gone and no benefits. She stated new gutters, roof and parking lot should not be the reason to cut two people to part-time.  
She stated you have very dedicated employees that work for Dickinson County.
    1. Public Hearing on proposed 2016 Budget.  
Motion by Commissioner Martin supported by Commissioner Kramer to recess the regular meeting and enter a Public Hearing at 6:47 P.M. Roll Call Vote:  
Commissioners:  
Degenauer Jr., Aye  
Kramer            Aye  
Martin            Aye  
Stevens           Aye  
Wender           Aye            Motion Carried.  
Dale Alessandrini asked why they are keeping a full time Park Supervisor when

the park is closed and laying off two people to part-time in the courthouse. Motion by Commissioner Martin, supported by Commissioner Kramer to close the public hearing at 6:49 P.M. and go back into regular session. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

B. Resolutions and Legislation –Commissioner Kramer

1. Motion by Commissioner Kramer supported by Commissioner Stevens to approve exempting Dickinson County from requirements of PA152 for the calendar year 2016, pursuant to the authority granted under Section 8 of PA152 of 2011. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

7. **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

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

1. Motion by Commissioner Martin supported by Commissioner Kramer to approve the 2016 Budget Adjustments. Kramer, Martin, Stevens, Wender Ayes, Degenaer Jr., Nay. Motion Carried.

Commissioner Degenaer Jr., stated we should have gotten this prior to the meeting.

Controller Pugh explained the amendments.

Commissioner Kramer asked if next year we can do this and have the information prior to the meeting.

2. Motion by Commissioner Martin supported by Commissioner Kramer to approve the adoption of the 2016 General Appropriations Act for fiscal year Jan. 1, 2016- Dec. 31, 2016 by Resolution #2015-22. The motion was amended by Commissioner Martin, supported by Commissioner Kramer to include the Departments to be held to line item amount. Roll Call Vote

Commissioners:

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

Commissioner Degenaer Jr., stated he is voting no because they are keeping the Parks manager full time with benefits when it is a seasonal job.

**RESOLUTION # 2015 - 22**  
**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE DICKINSON COUNTY BUDGET**  
**GENERAL APPROPRIATION ACT**  
**FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JANUARY 1, 2016 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2016**

**WHEREAS**, The Dickinson County Board of Commissioners (“Board”) has examined the 2016 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 2016 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 2016 Dickinson County Recommended General Fund Budget dated December 28, 2015, which is herein incorporated by reference, is hereby adopted on a line item basis 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 \$9,162,782 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. 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 2016 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 2016; 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 2016 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 2015 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 adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Dickinson, Michigan, held on December 28, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

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Henry Wender, Chairman  
Dickinson County Board of Commissioners

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Dolly L. Cook  
County Clerk

3. Motion by Commissioner Martin supported by Commissioner Stevens to approve the request by DICSA to release payments from the Dickinson County Senior Millage on Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>, Mar. 11<sup>th</sup>, May 6<sup>th</sup> and July 8<sup>th</sup> 2016, for \$237,840.62. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

4. Motion by Commissioner Martin, supported by Commissioner Kramer to approve the contract with Constellation Energy Services – Natural Gas, LLC for the provision of natural gas at a variable rate of \$.75 per Mcf above NYMEX beginning January 2016 and authorizes the Chairman to sign the same. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners

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

5. Motion by Commissioner Martin, supported by Commissioner Kramer to approve the monthly bills for December in the amount of \$207,923.17.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

Degenauer Jr.,	Abstain (was not present)	
Kramer	Aye	
Martin	Aye	
Stevens	Aye	
Wender	Aye	Motion Carried.

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

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

1. Motion by Commissioner Kramer supported by Commissioner Martin to approve the increase in the rental rates by 2% for 2016. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

Commissioner Stevens asked if CCI is paying the 2% increase?

2. Motion by Commissioner Kramer supported by Commissioner Martin to approve the lease with CCI for the former DICSA space at Crystal Lake Center with the annual rent at \$34,320.56 and the monthly rent \$2,860.05 and authorizes the Chairman to sign the same. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

3. Motion by Commissioner Kramer supported by Commissioner Martin to approve the execution by the Chairman of the final lease documents as agreed upon by both parties legal counsel. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

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

E. **Planning and Zoning Committee** – Commissioner Kramer  
1. Dickinson Conservation District meeting minutes of 11/17/15.

F. **DHS / Community Services Agencies** – Commissioner Kramer-None

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

H. **Northpointe** – Commissioner Martin  
1. Northpointe Healthcare Systems meeting minutes of 11/19 and 12/10/2015.

I. **Pinecrest** – Commissioner Degenauer-None

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

K. **Building & Supply/Real Estate-Remodeling** – Commissioner Degenauer  
1. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Kramer to approve the low bid of \$6,925 from Carey Contracting to install bullet proof customer service windows in the Prosecutor's Office, Friend of the Court and Probation/Parole.  
Carey Contracting - \$6,925  
MBM Construction - \$8,433 Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:  
Martin Aye  
Stevens Aye  
Wender Aye  
Degenauer Jr., Aye  
Kramer Aye Motion Carried.

L. **Public Safety and Judiciary** – Commissioner Wender-None  
Sheriff Celeslo stated the Trane work had some glitches but they are fixed now. He stated he thought the money for the bullet proof glass was coming from the Friend of the Court.  
He stated the line item balance should have been discussed with Department heads.  
Prosecutor Richards stated they have wanted this glass for a few years and it was a donation from DICSA and it is essential.

M. **Parks Committee** – Commissioner Stevens  
1. Motion by Commissioner Stevens supported by Commissioner Kramer to discuss increasing the 2016 camping fees. All Ayes, Motion Carried.  
Commissioner Stevens stated they will eliminate the parking permits.  
The Board discussed a dollar a night but decided not to increase because of the condition the park is in.  
Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Martin to raise rates by one dollar the first night. Stevens rescinded his motion and Martin rescinded her support.  
Motion by Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Stevens to leave the rates the same for 2016. Roll Call Vote; Commissioners:  
Degenauer Jr., Aye  
Kramer Aye  
Martin Aye  
Stevens Aye  
Wender Nay Motion Carried.

N. **Airport Committee** – Commissioner Wender-None

- O. **Fair Board** – Commissioner Degenauer
1. Dickinson County Fair Board meeting minutes of:
 

Aug. 4 <sup>th</sup>	Nov. 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Sept. 4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> & 15 <sup>th</sup>	Dec. 1 <sup>st</sup>
Oct. 6 <sup>th</sup>	
- P. **Library Board** – Commissioner Martin
1. Dickinson County Library Board meeting minutes of 12/08/15.
  2. Motion by Commissioner Martin supported by Commissioner Kramer to approve the request from the Library Board to sponsor the MERS 457 Supplemental Retirement Program to institute a Deferred Compensation Plan and authorizes the Chairman to sign the resolution and documents relative to the same. All Ayes, Motion Carried, Commissioner Degenauer Jr, left the meeting at 7:20 P.M. Megan Buck explained this is employee money for their retirement. She stated the Library will pay no money for this.
  3. Motion by Commissioner Martin supported by Commissioner Kramer to approve the request from the Library Board to approve the MERS Defined Contribution resolution and MERS Defined Contribution Plan Adoption Agreement for the Dickinson County Library effective Jan. 1, 2016 and authorizes the Chairman to sign the same. All Ayes, Motion Carried. Megan Buck stated this replaces our current plan. She stated future employees would go to this plan.
- Q. **Dickinson Partnership/Economic Dev.** – Commissioner Stevens-None  
This should be removed.
- 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 12/08/15.
- U. **Construction Code Commission** – Commissioner Degenauer
1. Construction Code Commission meeting minutes of 10/13/15.
- 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. Amy Geronimi asked for the Board to acknowledge the two employees who will go part time and justify the Parks Manager.  
Barb Gerhardt addressed the Board. She supports the positions that are being cut and she does think there are other options. She stated raising park rates would not be good for the millage. She asked if the front entrance could be more secure.  
Sid Bray stated when he was on the Township Board the line item budget was very difficult.  
County Clerk stated there are so many line items that will be out of balance the last six months.  
Controller Pugh stated this should not create more problems. She stated it gives the Board more control. She stated they won't be doing any adjustments if the Board doesn't approve them.
9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS & OLD BUSINESS:** Commissioner Kramer –None
10. **PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS:** - Commissioner Kramer
- A. Swearing in of Dickinson County Board of Commissioners for 2016.  
County Clerk Dolly Cook swore in the Board.

B. Motion by Commissioner Kramer supported by Commissioner Martin to set the Organizational Meeting of the Board for Jan. 4, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Board Room. All Ayes, Motion Carried.  
Commissioner Stevens asked why so late because we usually have it in the morning?  
County Clerk Dolly Cook stated because Commissioner Degenauer Jr., works all day.

11. Motion by Commissioner Kramer 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 thanked the Library for what they are doing. She stated the County will need to do this in the future.

13. Commissioners' Personal Privilege.  
Commissioner Martin stated it is difficult to limit hours of the employees. She stated we had to cut out everything. We had to incorporate indirect costs. She regrets deeply that she had to do this. She stated to keep the Park manager full time, she has reservations. She stated they can adjust as they go.  
Commissioner Stevens stated the City of Iron Mountain did everything right with their park. He stated that is what we have to do. He stated it is difficult and he has had to lay people off and it is difficult. He stated no one has said they don't appreciate the quality of work it just the money. He stated if the millage passes we can discuss it again. He stated the Board has to campaign for the millage. He stated it is the right thing to do at this time. Commissioner Kramer stated she appreciates what Mike and Eileen have done. She stated it is difficult to do. She hopes March will change things. She mentions SB 571 that says we can't talk about any millage 60 days before the election. She stated contact your legislatures.  
Commissioner Wender stated if it doesn't work in six months we can revert back. He stated one of the girls from the Clerk's office will be gone after March too and we failed to mention her. He stated he hopes 2016 will be better.  
Commissioner Stevens stated they all have their own agendas at times and he was disappointed with the amount of money for the veterans. He stated we must have a balanced budget.

14. Motion by Commissioner Martin supported by Commissioner Kramer to adjourn, Subject to Call of Chairman at 7:39 P.M.

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Henry Wender, Chairman

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Dolly L Cook, County Clerk