

**DICKINSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**Monday, January 9, 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: (0)

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

4. Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Martin to accept the agenda with the following additions:

6.B Resolution and Legislation

1. Amend the Dickinson County Park Ordinance - Article 1 to read:  
(It shall be unlawful) for a vehicle to be in a County Park between April 1<sup>st</sup> and November 30<sup>th</sup>, inclusive, without a current annual Park Permit.

L. Public Safety and Judiciary

1. Allow Judge Slagle to dispose of the 1994 Ford Super Wagon Van used for the Juvenile Work Program, as it is no longer repairable.  
All Ayes, Motion Carried.

5. Approval of meeting minutes:

The County Clerk explained there were no minutes because the Regular Meeting of December 29, 2011 and the Organizational Meeting of January 3, 2012 were completed on January 6, 2012 and the agenda was already done. She stated these minutes were done within the time allowed by law. She stated they are on the website.

6. **COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATION:**

A. Citizens' Time: (Limited to five minutes per person)

Chairman Wender opened the floor to Citizens' Time and there was no participation.

B. Resolutions and Legislation - Commissioner Smith

1. Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Stevens to amend the Dickinson County Park Ordinance - Article 1 to read: (It shall be unlawful) for a vehicle to be in a County Park between April 1<sup>st</sup> and November 30<sup>th</sup>, inclusive, without a current annual Park Permit.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

7. **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

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

1. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Smith to accept the Treasurer's Trial Balance and Budget Status Reports for the period ending 12/31/11.  
All Ayes, Motion Carried.

2. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Martin to release the 2012 senior citizens millage to DICSA in quarterly installments of \$69,250 as per their requested schedule. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

3. Motion by Commissioner Degenaer Jr., supported by Commissioner Stevens to release the 2012 appropriation to the Office of Veterans's Affairs in quarterly installments of \$20,500. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

4. Motion by Commissioner Degenaer Jr., supported by Commissioner Stevens to release the 2012 appropriation to the Sagola Senior Center in the amount of \$20,000.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

5. Motion by Commissioner Degenaer Jr., supported by Commissioner Smith to release the 2012 appropriation to the Norway-Vulcan Senior Center in the amount of \$19,000.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

Commissioner Degenaer Jr. Stated this amount is requested by the Centers and is not decided on by the Board of Commissioners.

6. Motion by Commissioner Degenaer Jr., supported by Commissioner Martin to authorize the purchase of a 2012 snowmobile and accessories from UP Cycle and Sport in the amount of \$7,715, including trade-in. This purchase is fully reimbursed by a FY12 Law Enforcement Snowmobile Grant. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

Commissioner Stevens asked how they determined they needed a new machine? Lt. Dixon stated they are trading in their old machine because the maintenance on the machine is no longer feasible to maintain because of cost. He stated this is a mountain sled also which they do not have now. Commissioner Smith asked if they had more than one quote? Lt. Dixon stated they had two bids but the other was higher and they wanted both of their machines as trade-ins. Commissioner Wender stated in the future they would like both or as many bids as there were.

7. Motion by Commissioner Degenaer Jr., supported by Commissioner Martin to authorize the possible purchase of goods and services from Stevens Decorating and acknowledge that Commissioner Stevens is the owner of Stevens Decorating. Degenaer Jr., Martin, Smith, Wender Ayes, Stevens Abstained. Motion Carried.

8. Motion by Commissioner Degenaer Jr., supported by Commissioner Stevens to authorize the possible purchase of goods and services from Smith Steel and acknowledge that Commissioner Smith is the owner of Smith Steel. Martin, Degenaer Jr., Stevens, Wender Ayes, Smith Abstained. Motion Carried.

9. Motion by Commissioner Degenaer Jr., supported by Commissioner Smith to approve adding Mountain Engineering, Inc. & Surveying to the Dickinson County Remonumentation Program, with the stipulation that all participants in the program must meet the State of Michigan requirements. Degenaer Jr., Martin, Smith, Wender Ayes, Stevens Abstained

because his son Zach would be doing the work as surveyor. Motion Carried.

**B. A-95 Review - Commissioner Joe Stevens - No Report**

**C. Crystal Lake Center/YMCA - Commissioner Frank Smith**

1. Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Degenauer Jr. To authorize the YMCA to proceed with duct cleaning at the Crystal Lake Center at an approximate cost of \$2,865. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

Wender Aye

Stevens Nay

Smith Aye

Martin Aye

Degenauer Jr. Aye Motion Carried.

Commissioner Smith stated it has been 8 years since it was done. He stated they had a tenant meeting and they stated some seem to have more allergies lately. He further stated this was the only bid. Commissioner Wender didn't like that the amount was approximate. He asked that the motion include not to exceed \$2,865. Commissioner Stevens didn't like approximate either. Commissioner Smith would not amend the motion to say not to exceed. Commissioner Stevens voted no because of the word approximate.

Commissioner Smith stated there are two programs that will be joint with the hospital concerning counseling, exercise and weight control.

**D. Six County Employment Alliance - Commissioner Frank Smith - No Report**

**E. Planning and Zoning Committee - Commissioner Joe Stevens**

1. Dickinson Conservation District meeting minutes - 11/15 & 11/20/11.

**F. DHS/Community Services Agencies - Commissioner Smith**

Commissioner Smith stated a total of \$277,000 will be released to DICSA. He stated this has worked very well for years because the Senior Centers decide what they will need. He stated DICSA also receives grants from the Department of Agriculture and this is for food that they distribute to people. Upcap also helps. He stated it works well.

**G. Dickinson-Iron Health Department - Commissioner Smith - No Report**

**H. Northpointe - Commissioner Ann Martin - No Report**

**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**

1. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Degenauer Jr. To allow Judge Slagle to dispose of the 1994 Ford Super Wagon Van used for the Juvenile Work Program, as it is no longer repairable. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

**M. Parks Committee - Commissioner Joe Stevens**

1. Fumee Lake Commission meeting minutes of 11/10/11.

**N. Airport Committee - Commissioner Henry Wender - No Report**

**O. Fair Board - Commissioner John Degenauer, Jr. - No Report**

**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 - No Report**

**T. Dickinson County Road Commission - Commissioner Henry Wender - No Report**

**U. Construction Code Commission - Commissioner John Degenauer, Jr.**

Commissioner Degenauer stated their fund balance was much better than in the past. Commissioner Smith stated a letter was sent and they have not received a factual letter yet explaining the fees and the work spent for fees. Commissioner Wender stated they are based on square footage but that he asked Kay to get a hold of the Construction Code and ask for the information in writing again.

**V Bay West Advisory Committee - Ann Martin**

Commissioner Martin stated they had their quarterly meeting and a very impressive demonstration of the ITV classroom was given. She stated the professor could interact with the students. She stated it was state of the art and they are offering Calculus 1 & 2 and Chemistry 1 & 2 and the students no longer have to drive to Escanaba.

8. Citizens' Time: (Limited to five minutes per person):

Chairman Wender opened the floor to Citizens' Time. Gerald McCole, Channing, addressed the Board. He read a letter which is on file in the County Clerk's Office. The letter was in reference to obeying Michigan Complied Laws.

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 authorize the Clerk to advertise for 2012 vacancies on Boards and Commissions as needed. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

County Clerk Dolly Cook explained the procedure to advertise for Committee vacancies. She stated they are doing it by quarter now. She stated the Committees are as follows: Fair Board, terms expiring for Bedard, Gendron and Larson., Northpointe, terms expiring are Erickson and Plumbly., Planning Commission, terms expiring are McCole and Pietrantonio., and Substance Abuse Board has one opening. She stated she will supply the Board with the openings prior to advertising. She stated the incumbents will be notified. Commissioner Stevens asked about the Hospital? She stated she will call and ask who was appointed. Prosecutor Brule stated the Board can block the appointment after they are appointed. Commissioner Martin asked that the ad states it will only run once. County Clerk Dolly Cook stated she will ad that to the ad.

11. Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., to accept Committee Reports and Correspondence and Place on File. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

12. Controller's Report. - None

13. Commissioners' Personal Privilege.

Commissioner Stevens stated he wanted to congratulate VERSO on getting their project completed. He stated he appreciated them being in our community.

14. Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Wender to adjourn, Subject to Call of Chairman at 6:59 P.M.

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Henry Wender, Chairman

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Dolly L. Cook, County Clerk



