

**DICKINSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**MONDAY, March 26, 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.

a. Moment of silence was observed in memory of Elroy "Red" Mattson.

Chairman Wender stated Red Mattson passed away on Sunday March 18<sup>th</sup> at 84 years of age. Wender stated he served his Community, Country and County. He stated he served 18 years in law enforcement for the City of Iron Mountain, He stated he was the Dickinson County Sheriff for 12 years and retired in 1988. He stated our deepest sympathy goes out to his wife Dee and his three children.

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, Sheriff Scott Celello, Equalization Director Larry Swartout and Controller Kay Pascoe.

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

**7. M. PARKS**

3. Accept the bid of Morin Excavating in the amount of \$3,300 to do the Spring leaf clean up at Lake Antoine Park.

All Ayes, Motion Carried.

5. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Smith to approve the following meeting minutes as written:

Regular meetings- 3/12/12

Finance meetings- 3/15/12

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 and there was no participation.

The Students from Mr. Hogbergs' Iron Mountain Government Class introduced themselves as follows:

Kara Sadona, Amanda Etzel, Al Tomassoni, Adam Web, Amber Perron, Morin Pirkila, Liz Plumley, Abby Gerhard, Katie Lusardi, John Englund, Dustin Johnson, Fellicia Lane.

B. Resolutions and Legislation – None

**7. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

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

1. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Stevens to approve the March monthly bills in the amount of \$175,818.93. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

Degenauer Jr., Aye

Martin Aye

Smith Aye

Stevens Aye

Wender Aye

Motion Carried.

2. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Smith to release the Conservation District's 2012 appropriation in the amount of \$2,500. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

Martin Aye

Smith Aye

Stevens Aye

Wender Aye

Degenauer Jr., Aye

Motion Carried.

3. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Stevens to release the Civil Air Patrol's 2012 appropriation in the amount of \$250. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

**B. A-95 Review** – Commissioner Joe Stevens

1. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., to give favorable comment to the A-95 Review for City of Norway's purchase of a new police car. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

**C. Crystal Lake Center/YMCA** – Commissioner Frank Smith – No report

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

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

1. Planning Commission meeting minutes of 2/23/12.
2. Township Association meeting minutes of 3/19/12.

**F. DHS/Community Services Agency** – Commissioner Frank Smith –No Report

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

Commissioner Stevens commented on a report from the Medical Director. He stated the report stated that 22.1% of the children in Dickinson County were receiving food assistance, in Iron County it was 32.3%, 2 out of 5 children depended on Medicare for healthcare, 6.7% of babies born are under weight and 7 out 100 children's families were investigated for alleged abuse or neglect, and he found that figure frightening.

**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 Frank Smith –No Report

**L. Public Safety and Judiciary** – Commissioner Henry Wender

1. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Smith to authorize the Sheriff to purchase a 2012 Dodge Charger police package through the State of Michigan purchasing program at a purchase price of \$22,598, subject to the concurrence of the USDA. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

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

1. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Stevens to table a request from the Lake Antoine Association for a \$5,000 donation toward their effort to combat invasive species. All Ayes, Motion Carried. (No date yet.)

2. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Smith to accept the bid of Miller's Building and Remodeling, Inc. for the replacement of the Bathroom roofs at Newberg Park in the amount of \$1,750 (no other bids were received). Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

3. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., to accept the bid of Morin Excavating in the amount of \$3,300 to do the Spring Leaf Clean Up at Lake Antoine Park. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

Commissioner Smith stated it is \$300.00 cheaper than last year.

**N. Airport Committee** – Commissioner Henry Wender

1. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., to authorize payment to Nationair for Airport General Liability Insurance in the amount of \$5,850. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

Pascoe stated it is the same price but better deductible.

**O. Fair Board** – Commissioner John Degenauer, Jr.

1. Fair Board meeting minutes of 2/6/12.

**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

1. Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Martin to authorize retaining Attorney Richard W. Fanning, Jr. of Keller Thoma to contest a duty disability retirement sought by a former employee.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

Commissioner Stevens stated this is something we have to do to do our due diligence.

**S. Dickinson County Hospital Committee** – Commissioner Joe Stevens – No Report

**T. Dickinson County Road Commission** – Commissioner Henry Wender

1. Road Commission meeting minutes of 3/14/12.

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

1. Construction Code Commission meeting minutes of 1/25/12.

**V. Bay West Advisory Committee** – Commissioner Ann Martin – No Report

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

Chairman Wender opened the floor to Citizens' Time. Barb Kramer, Iron Mountain, addressed the Board. She stated the Friends of the Braumart have launched their "Bring Back the Braumart campaign for 2012." She stated the calendar of events are:

March 31, Local Live Concert – three bands  
June 7, Bob Milne, Ragtime and Boogie Woogie Pianist  
August 16, Andy LoRusso, the singing Chef  
October, Robert Miller, Classical and Contemporary Piano  
Additional Events to be announced.

She stated they have been an economic impact on this community. She stated they will generate \$4,366 in local Government Revenue, 2.9 jobs, and a total industry impact of \$110,432. There was no other participation.

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

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

A. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Martin to authorize the Chairman to sign a letter regarding an application for SHOP funds by Habitat for Humanity Menominee River. All Ayes, Motion Carried. Commissioner Smith asked if the City of Norway was in favor of this? Commissioner Stevens said yes.

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

**12.** Controller's Report – None

**13.** Commissioners' Personal Privilege.

Commissioner Degenauer Jr., stated last Friday they interviewed five people for the 4-H position. He stated the candidates were very impressive. He stated they recommended their choice and he did not know where it stood at this time.

Commissioner Stevens talked about a report in the packet and the States receiving a poor report, an "F". He stated he would look into it further. (This report is on file in clerk's office.) He further stated the students are our future and he stated he hoped they would get involved. He challenged the students.

Commissioner Martin commended Joe for bringing up all this information.

Commissioner Wender asked if we received the mine inspectors report yet? The clerk reported we did not. She stated she has called and left messages but has not heard anything yet. He stated the North End of Chapin pit does not have a fence. He asked for the report by the next meeting. Commissioner Wender stated the Board should look at his salary. Commissioner Stevens stated he is supposed to turn in his mileage quarterly and has not done so.

**14.** Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., to adjourn, subject to the call of the Chairman at 6:59 P.M.

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Henry Wender, Chairman

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Dolly L. Cook, County Clerk