

**DICKINSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**Monday, November 14, 2011 - 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 Dolly Cook, County Clerk and a quorum was present.

Present: Chairman Wender, Vice Chairman Smith and Commissioners Degenauer Jr., Martin and Stevens.

Absent: (0)

Also Present: County Clerk Dolly Cook, Prosecutor Stephanie Brule, Sheriff Scott Ceello, Equalization Director Larry Swartout and Controller Kay Pascoe.

4. Motion by Commissioner Martin, supported by Commissioner Smith to accept the agenda as written with no additions. All Ayes, Motion Carried
5. Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Martin to approve the following meeting minutes as written: Regular Meeting - 10/24/11 All Ayes, Motion Carried.

6. **COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATION:**

Commissioner Martin introduced the following student from Mr. Hogbergs' Iron Mountain Government Class: Sarah Girard.

- 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 Martin - None

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 10/31/11. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

2. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Smith to approve the GASB Administrative Services Agreement with Burnham and Flowers at a cost of \$2,900. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

3. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Stevens to release 50% of the Convention and Tourism Tax to the Western U.P. Substance Abuse Agency in the amount of \$7,925. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

4. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Stevens to accept the 2012 Draft Budget to be reviewed at a meeting of the Board on 11/22/11 at 6:30 p.m. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

5. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Smith to release the 2011 appropriation to the Jake Menghini Museum in the amount of \$1,000. 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 regarding the City of Kingsford's application to purchase a new squad 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 9/22/11

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

1. Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Martin to authorize placing the renewals of .25 and .15 mills for the operation and maintenance of senior citizens centers and programs on the 2/28/12 ballot. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

County Clerk Dolly emphasized the fact that the Board is not approving the language, they are approving the language to go on the ballot. She explained this is going on because there will no election in 2013 and there is no charge in this election.

2. Dept. Human Services Board meeting minutes of 9/26/11.

**G. Dickinson-Iron Health Department - Commissioner Smith**

1. Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Stevens to approve submitting to the voters of Dickinson County on the February 28, 2012 ballot, a proposed levy of .42 mills for four years for the operation of the Dickinson-Iron Health Department. All Ayes, Motion Carried. Commissioner Smith explained this is an increase from .35 mills and there are two reasons to support this millage because the Health Department has done an excellent job in controlling their costs and there are so many cuts to very beneficial programs and we should try and preserve these programs. Commissioner Martin stated this is a tax increase of .07 and we would not approve their (Library) increase. Commissioner Smith explained the programs that might be at risk. Chairman Wender also explained the fund balance of the Health Department is much lower than that of the Library. Commissioner Stevens stated there were some on the Health Board that wanted a bigger increase because so many more people are using the Health Department because of the shape of the economy. He stated this should be increased. Commissioner Martin stated it should be stated in the language that it is a tax increase.

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

Commissioner Smith was very impressed with the amount of Committee work they do and how prepared they are.

**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**

Sheriff Ceello stated the fence is complete around the Heating and Air Conditioner Units and it looks nice. He stated the stand alone system was installed along with the heat booster in the Kitchen.

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

2. Fumee Lake Commission meeting minutes of 10/13/11.

**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

Commissioner Stevens stated the bridge dedication was a great event. He thanked everyone involved.

**R. Employee Relations Committee** - Commissioner Frank Smith

Commissioner Smith stated negotiations are proceeding. He stated the next meeting is next week.

**S. Dickinson County Hospital Committee** - Commissioner Joe Stevens

Prosecutor Brule explained the new way in which Board of Trustees will be appointed in the future. She stated the County Board will no longer appoint, they will appoint their own but the County Board can block or prevent an appointment made by the Board of Trustees within 60 days of appointment. She stated they (Commissioners and Board of Trustees) should work together on this. We should suggest that they provide the names to the County Board prior to appointment. Commissioner Stevens opposes this and thinks the checks and balances are missing. Prosecutor Brule says they should talk about it ahead of time. Commissioner Smith stated the Board should be aware of who they are going to appoint.

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

3. Road Commission meeting minutes of 10/12/11.

2. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Stevens to approve submitting to the voters of Dickinson County on the February 28, 2012 ballot, a proposed levy of .5 mills for five years for road operation, maintenance, and improvements by the Dickinson County Road Commission. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

Wender Aye

Stevens Aye

Smith Nay

Martin Nay

Degenauer Jr. Aye Motion Carried.

Commissioner Wender explained the Road Commission and Cities will receive the money. He stated the Road Commission will withdraw if the Cities don't agree or support. Commissioner Smith stated Road Commissions are in terrible shape and he believes things will be done such as increase of registrations. He stated this is just another tax and a little here and a little there adds up. He stated he is not sure how the money will be spent. Commissioner Wender stated all we are doing tonight is allowing them to put it on the ballot. Commissioner Martin stated this is an increase and will be decided in a Presidential Primary with very little turnout. She stated these tax increases should go on a bigger election and not decided by a minority. Commissioner Degenauer Jr., stated this is government in process and let the voters decide what they want. Commissioner Smith stated the process is fatally flawed when it is done at these primary elections and nobody shows up.

**U. Construction Code Commission** - Commissioner John Degenauer, Jr. - No Report

**V. Bay West Advisory Committee** - Ann Martin - No Report

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

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

9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS & OLD BUSINESS:** - Commissioner Martin - No Report

10. **PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS:** - Commissioner Martin - No Report

11. Motion by Commissioner Martin, supported by Commissioner Smith 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 he was concerned about the Planning Commissions's minutes because it stated a Commissioner chastised the Kiwanis for not going through the Budget process for the guardrails at Pine Mountain. He stated he wanted them to follow the budget process he did not chastise them and he wanted to know why it was in their minutes?

Commissioner Stevens stated Santi finished the tuckpointing and it looks great. He stated the building needs work on the eaves and windows. He stated the roof looks good yet. He stated there is a seminar on the medical marijuana in Travers City and should we go? Sheriff Celello said he didn't know about it. Commissioner Martin stated a citizen called her about a dangerous situation on Bass Lake Road and she called the Road Commission and it was fixed and the Citizens was so happy that something was done. She stated she went to the 4-H banquet and it was a wonderful affair and you see why it is so important. Chairman Wender stated there is a bill that will be voted on this week that will have the County take over the Road Commission. He stated our Board has talked about this and it was the consensus of this Board to not take over the Road Commission.

14. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Stevens to adjourn, Subject to Call of Chairman at 7:09 P.M.

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Henry Wender, Chairman

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Dolly L. Cook, County Clerk