

DICKINSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Monday, October 10, 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 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, Undersheriff Scott Rutter, Equalization Director Larry Swartout, Controller Kay Pascoe and Administrative Assistant Sonya Pugh.

4. Motion by Commissioner Martin, supported by Commissioner Stevens to accept the agenda as written with no additions. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
5. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Smith to approve the following meeting minutes with one correction to the regular meeting minutes of 9/26/2011:

Regular Meeting - 9/26/11

Budget Hearings - 10/3/11

Correction: V. Bay West Advisory Committee, Discussion, third sentence read as follows: "She stated enrollment is down 7% and" It should have read: "She stated contact hours are down 7% and the head count was down 5%."

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. Ken Davis, Iron Mountain, addressed the Board. He stated he heard that the Veterans Affairs Office funding may be changed. He stated there are so many young men that need help and he has worked with Chuck Lantz for two years and there is no better service officer in the State of Michigan. He stated he would like to see the Veterans' get the full 1/10 of a mill. He stated we have to help these veterans. He thanked the Board.

Darcy Wahlstrom, Iron Mountain, addressed the Board. She stated she is also concerned about the Veteran's receiving a cut in funding. She stated she is a widow and Chuck helped her get her survivor benefits. She stated she had no where else to turn. She thanked the Board.

Chuck Lantz, Veteran's Affairs Director, addressed the Board. He stated he does not work in any other County. He stated when they consider changing the language regarding the 1/10 of a mill, please keep in mind the veteran's who will be using this money. He stated the veteran cannot do the process himself, he must have an advocate. He stated it takes 12 to 14 months with an advocate to get through all the paperwork. He stated some veteran's are losing their homes because it is taking so long.

Lucy Shampo, Iron Mountain, addressed the Board. She stated she hoped the County would consider MSU and 4-H because they are so important for this County. She thanked the Board.

B. Resolutions and Legislation - Commissioner Degenauer - 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 Treasurer's Trial Balance and Budget Status reports for period ending 9/30/11. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

2. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Stevens to approve release of the 2011 appropriation to the Breen Center in the amount of \$12,000. 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 approve release of the 2011 appropriation to the Jake Menghini Museum in the amount of \$1,000. 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 Martin to approve release of the 2011 appropriation to the Dickinson Area Partnership in the amount of \$6,000. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

5. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Smith to renew the NACO membership in the amount of \$587. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

Stevens Aye
Wender Nay
Degenauer Jr. Aye
Martin Nay
Smith Nay Motion Failed

6. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Smith to approve Change Order No. 3 to the HVAC contract with Valley Mechanical in the amount of \$23,515 as recommended by the Engineer. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

Commissioner Stevens asked why some of this was not on the original bid? He stated this is USDA money and not ours. Commissioner Wender stated the Sheriff brought up the fence. Commissioner Stevens stated this is taxpayers money. Controller Pascoe stated why this ran over the funds bid. Commissioner Stevens stated when an engineering firm gives us a quote, these things should have been thought about. He stated we are always paying extra dollars for something and he does not feel this should be done.

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

C. Crystal Lake Center/YMCA - Commissioner Frank Smith

Commissioner Smith stated there were 200 people at the Pumpkin Run and they collected \$3,000 and this is one of twelve new programs the YMCA is about to introduce.

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

E. Planning and Zoning Committee - Commissioner Joe Stevens

1. RC & D Council meeting minutes of 7/5/11.

F. DHS/Community Services Agencies - Commissioner Smith - No Report

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

H. Northpointe - Commissioner Ann Martin

2. Northpointe Board meeting minutes of 9/22/11.

Commission Martin stated longevity for the Northpointe employees was \$42,000 and she supported this

because this is a non-union situation and there were dollars in the budget to pay for this and the employees were expecting this. She stated some of the things that have been done in the past may not be done in the future, including longevity. Commissioner Smith stated they have so much more money than anyone else and we have talked about cutting our appropriation. He stated we should meet with the other County Board members.

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

1. Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Stevens to authorize Brad VanOss to conduct a timber assessment on a county-owned forty on the Foster City Road. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

Chairman Wender stated he talked to Parks Manager, Terry Johnson and this will not be a detailed assessment. Commissioner Smith asked about the Solid Waste Property but that property is owned by the Solid Waste Authority.

L. Public Safety and Judiciary - Commissioner Henry Wender

1. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Stevens to authorize the Sheriff to sign a lease with UPCAP Services - Community Corrections, leasing three slots on the Sheriff's work van from 10/1/11 - 9/30/12, with the County to be reimbursed \$200 per eligible enrollee up to \$5,000. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

M. Parks Committee - Commissioner Joe Stevens

1. Fumee Lake Commission meeting minutes of 9/8/11.

2. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Smith to approve the request of Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Bay Area to hold an Ice Fishing event at Lake Antoine on January 12, 2012, subject to the execution of an indemnification agreement and proof of insurance. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

N. Airport Committee - Commissioner Henry Wender

1. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., to approve purchasing six (6) 275 gallon totes of sand substitute from Seneca Mineral Company in the amount of \$6,900, for winter use at the airport. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

Pascoe stated the price is comparable to sand.

O. Fair Board - Commissioner John Degenauer, Jr.

Commissioner Degenauer Jr., gave a report on the Fair. He stated admissions for last year was \$62,231, this year it was \$57,464, Beverage sales last year was \$11,655 and this year it was \$6,912, Carnival paid the fair last year \$38,960 and this year it was \$37,477, Demolition Derby last year took in \$4,138 and this year it took in \$6,450, Races last year took in \$38,036 and this year it took in \$15,040, Youth Auction last year took in \$57,533.10 and this year it took in \$58,610.95. He stated they saved \$20,000 in expenditures due to cutbacks and he felt they were in the black. He stated there were two more bond payments left.

P. Library Board - Commissioner Ann Martin

1. Library Board meeting minutes of 9/13/11.

Q. Dickinson Partnership/Economic Dev. - Commissioner Joe Stevens - No Report

R. Employee Relations Committee - Commissioner Frank Smith

Commissioner Smith stated the Board will meet for pre-negotiating strategy and they will be going into closed session next Monday at 5:30 in the Sheriffs Conference room.

S. Dickinson County Hospital Committee - Commissioner Joe Stevens

2. Hospital Board meeting minutes of 8/8/11.

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

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. Gerald McCole, Channing, addressed the Board. He read a letter that is on file in the County Clerk's Office. He stated the Board has changed the way of advertising for Committee vacancies. He stated the Board does not authorize advertising for these committees. He stated citizens' are unhappy about this.

County Clerk stated they did put an ad in the paper, and she contacted all incumbents about their term being up and when the deadline to apply was. She stated she does not pick and choose who gets a letter.

Lucy Shampo, Iron Mountain, addressed the Board. She stated they will be doing their major recycling on October 22, 2011. She stated they have added tv's, couches and recliners and mattresses. She stated from 9:00 till Noon.

Chairman Wender stated she did a good job on recycling.

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

10. **PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS:** - Commissioner Degenauer - None

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

12. Controller's Report.

Controller Pascoe stated EAS request for proposals should be in by October 12th but there might be a delay. She did call Benishek about the funding. She stated the main area of adjustment is for funding for airports close to large airports or who have a very high subsidy and the Ford Airport does not have either. Commissioner Wender stated some airports are funded up to \$3,000 per passenger. Pascoe stated our flights have been full.

13. Commissioners' Personal Privilege.

Commissioner Stevens stated Sawyer Lake revenues were down 12% this year and that was surprising but he is sure the economy had something to do with it. He assured the Vets that they would discuss the language soon. He stated there are always people at the memorial on Pine Mountain. Commissioner Stevens explained the process for the Hospital Board. He explained they supply us with three names for each position and we choose from them.

Commissioner Smith asked the County Clerk if we had to put all correspondence in the file or can we not put his (McColes' Letter) in the file? She stated we should put all correspondence in the file, but it does not go in the minutes.

Commissioner Wender stated he took a two hour horse back ride at Lake Fumee and where the timber has been cut it is beautiful but the rest is so overrun with dead timber and fallen trees and it looks awful.

14. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Martin to adjourn, Subject to Call of Chairman at 7:20 P.M.

