

DICKINSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Monday, October 24, 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, Sheriff Scott Celello, Lt. Derek Dixon, Equalization Director Larry Swartout and Controller Kay Pascoe.

4. Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., to accept the agenda as written.
All Ayes, Motion Carried.
5. Motion by Commissioner Martin, supported by Commissioner Stevens to approve the following meeting minutes as written:
Regular Meeting - 10/10/11
Committee of the Whole - 10/17/11
Finance - 10/20/11

All Ayes, Motion Carried.

6. **COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATION:**

Commissioner Martin introduced the following students from Mr. Hogberg's Iron Mountain Government Class: Nick Brule, Ronald Liu, Derek Protzman, Dallas Dantes, Ron Paul Axberg, Sarah Pirkola, Gerry Pirkola, Max Frenza and Marcus Celello.

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 Degenauer

1. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Smith to adopt a resolution recommended by the Lake States Lumber Association relative to managing federal forest land.
All Ayes, Motion Carried.

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 monthly bills for October in the amount of \$176,646.43. 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 approve a request from the County Clerk to increase the vital records search fee for a ten year search from \$5 to \$10 effective Nov. 1st. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

County Clerk Dolly Cook explained this fee is for people who do not know what year the vital record was created and is for one name and a 10 year span. She explained if they look it up, it is \$5.00 and they can look up as many names as they choose. She further explained this fee has not been raised in 15 years.

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

C. **Crystal Lake Center/YMCA** - Commissioner Frank Smith
Controller Pascoe stated that Harriet Goodchild, former Administrator of the Crystal Lake Community Center, passed away. Chairman Wender asked for a moment of silence in her memory.

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

E. Planning and Zoning Committee - Commissioner Joe Stevens

1. Conservation District Board meeting minutes of 9/20/11.

F. DHS/Community Services Agencies - Commissioner Smith

Commissioner Smith stated the office is fully staffed now. He stated they are going to hire additional people for fraud investigation. He stated they are also taking 4 furlough days in 2012.

G. Dickinson-Iron Health Department - Commissioner Smith

2. Health Dept. Board meeting minutes - 9/28/11 & 10/12/11

Commissioner Smith reported a cash balance of \$627,659.00, which is pretty good shape.

H. Northpointe - Commissioner Ann Martin - No Report

I. Pinecrest - Commissioner John Degenauer, Jr. - No Report

J. Equalization Committee - Commissioner John Degenauer, Jr.

1. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Smith to accept the Equalization Director's 2011 Apportionment Report. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
Larry Swartout, Equalization Director stated total taxes levied in Dickinson County for 2011 was \$36,757,505.00 which is an increase of \$450,000 or a little over 1%.

K. Building & Supply/Real Estate-Remodeling- Commissioner Smith - No Report

L. Public Safety and Judiciary - Commissioner Henry Wender - No Report

M. Parks Committee - Commissioner Joe Stevens - No Report

N. Airport Committee - Commissioner Henry Wender

Chairman Wender stated we will hit our 10,000 enplanements, which will mean more federal funding.

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

P. Library Board - Commissioner Ann Martin

3. Library Board meeting minutes of 10/11/11.

Q. Dickinson Partnership/Economic Dev. - Commissioner Joe Stevens

Commissioner Stevens stated the dedication for the new bridge will be on Veteran's Day, November 11, 2011.

R. Employee Relations Committee - Commissioner Frank Smith

Commissioner Smith stated there will be a Committee of the Whole meeting on November 1, 2011 at 5:00 P.M. in the Correctional Center to discuss negotiations.

S. Dickinson County Hospital Committee - Commissioner Joe Stevens - No Report

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

Chairman Wender stated they will receive \$1,000,000 less than this year for roads.

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

Commissioner Degenauer Jr. explained their finances will be in the black this year.

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 Degenauer

1. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., to nominate the following applicants for one appointment to the DHS Board for a three year term to expire 11/1/14: Katy Driscoll, Gerald McCole and Robert Robarge. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

Degenauer Jr.	Driscoll
Martin	Driscoll
Smith	Driscoll
Stevens	McCole
Wender	Driscoll

Katy Driscoll was appointed to a three year term to expire 11/1/14.

2. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Martin to appointment William Cummings to the Library Board for a five year term to expire 12/31/16. All Ayes, Motion Carried

3. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Smith to appoint Pete Schlitt as the Republican applicant to the Canvass Board for a four year term to expire 11/01/2015. All Ayes, Motion Carried

Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., to nominate the following Democratic applicants for a four year term to the Canvass Board to expire November 1, 2015: Dennis Baldinelli, John Oman and Doug Stock. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

Martin		Stock
Smith	Baldinelli	
Stevens	Baldinelli	
Wender	Baldinelli	
Degenauer Jr.	Baldinelli	

Dennis Baldinelli was appointed as the Democratic applicant for a four year term to the Canvass Board to expire November 1, 2015.

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

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

12. Controller's Report.

Pascoe stated the tuckpointing is almost complete. She stated it should be done in about a week. She stated he wanted people to know they should not climb the scaffolding. Chairman Wender stated he was here on Saturday and there was nothing there to prohibit people from climbing the scaffolding and he felt we had a liability there. He stated Commissioner Degenauer Jr., stated there was tape there to deter people from climbing.

13 Commissioners' Personal Privilege.

Commissioner Martin stated we should pursue GAD to have better recycling hours. She stated Lucy Shampo has stated we need people there for those who want to recycle because it is so important.

Controller Pascoe stated she brought this up at the last meeting and the representative from GAD was not the regular one. She stated they suggested doing an ad with the phone number to set up an appointment at the peoples convenience to bring their recyclables. Commissioner Martin stated the Authority has a lot of money and she didn't think these people should have to make an appointment to do a good thing. She requested them to have Saturday hours at least monthly so people can take care of this. She stated we should do this for Lucy Shampo, who has done so much for this community. Pascoe was asked to follow this up.

Commissioner Stevens stated Governor Snyder signed Hospital Board Legislation Bill 374 that in the future the Hospital Board will appoint their own members to the Hospital Board. He stated he would like the Prosecutor to look over the legislation and let the Board know how this will effect them.

Commissioner Stevens also stated there will be a meeting at the Kingsford High School on Wednesday about the possible closing of the Kingsford Postal Processing Plant. He stated 58 employees may lose their jobs. He would like the Board to respond in writing. He stated they are going to talk about how they came to these figures. He stated he would like to see it continue as it is.

Commissioner Wender stated the Bellin groundbreaking will be 3 o'clock on Wednesday.

14. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Stevens to adjourn, Subject to Call of Chairman at 7:12 P.M.

Henry Wender, Chairman

Dolly L. Cook, County Clerk

