

**DICKINSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2012 – 6:30 P.M.
COURTHOUSE – CIRCUIT COURTROOM**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Wender at 6:30 P.M.

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, Equalization Director Larry Swartout and Controller Kay Pascoe.

4. Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., to accept the agenda as written with no additions. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

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

Regular - 2/13/2012

Finance Committee – 2/16/2012

All Ayes, Motion Carried. Commissioner Smith stated he was not present at the Finance Committee Meeting.

6. COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATION:

A. Citizens' Time:

1. Chairman Wender opened the Public Hearing at 6:37 P.M on the USDA application for assistance with the purchase of a police vehicle and accessories. Sheriff Celello stated the USDA portion would be about \$9,000. There were no public comments. Chairman Wender closed the public hearing at 6:40 P.M.

Chairman Wender opened the floor to Citizens' Time. Joe Komblevicz, Iron Mountain, addressed the Board. He explained that a tree fell on his fence and the Sheriff and the Board would not help him. He explained since that time the problem has been solved. He asked why do we pay insurance premiums when the company will not help? He stated the laws should be changed. He stated the Board did nothing when WE Energies was going to raise their rates. Commissioner Stevens stated he is wrong about that and will explain during Commissioners' Personal Privilege. Mr. Komblevicz stated Charter Communications are raising their rates. He asked why do you have to take a two year commitment on cell phones? He stated he has a dish antennae and sometimes it's there and most of the time it is not. He thanked the Board.

B. Resolutions and Legislation – None

7. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

A. FINANCE COMMITTEE:

1. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Stevens to approve the February monthly bills in the amount of \$237,323.30. 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 Stevens to accept the Treasurer's January Financial Reports. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

3. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Smith to approve the payment in the amount of \$3,432 to West Bend Insurance for Camp Molinaire. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

Commissioner Stevens asked if we got bids. Pascoe stated they did get bids a few years ago and this company was the lowest.

4. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Smith to release the 1st quarter payment of the 2012 appropriation to the Spring Lake Animal Shelter in the amount of \$6,250. 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 Stevens to release the 2012 appropriation to UPCAP in the amount of \$1,000. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

6. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Smith to release the 2012 senior millage appropriation to the Dickinson County Senior Center in the amount of \$31,000. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

B. A-95 Review – Commissioner Degenauer Jr. - No Report

C. Crystal Lake Center/YMCA – Commissioner Smith - No Report

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

E. Planning and Zoning Committee – Commissioner Stevens

1. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of 1/26/12

2. Conservation District Meeting Minutes of 1/17/2012

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

Commissioner Smith stated because of the lawsuit against the State Department of Human Services, many things have changed. He stated Dickinson County is now fully manned and their work load is less.

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

H. Northpointe – Commissioner Martin - No Report

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

J. Equalization – Commissioner Degenauer Jr. – No Report

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

L. Public Safety and Judiciary – Commissioner Wender – No Report

M. Parks Committee – Commissioner Stevens

Commissioner Stevens stated they received the harvest report for the Foster City Road. He stated it will begin in late March. Commissioner Wender stated 18 bids went out.

N. Airport Committee – Commissioner Wender

Commissioner Stevens stated the security system at the airport is complete. He stated they are just about done with all work from the storm.

O. Fair Board – Commissioner Degenauer Jr.

1. Fair Board Meeting Minutes of 1/17/2012

P. Library Board – Commissioner Martin

1. Library Board Meeting Minutes of 2/14/2012

Q. Dickinson Partnership/Economic Dev. – Commissioner Stevens – No Report

R. Employee Relations Committee – Commissioner Smith – No Report

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

Commissioner Stevens stated Marquette General has been sold but did not know who bought it. He stated the Hospital wants to have a joint meeting to discuss strategy in the near future.

T. Dickinson County Road Commission – Commissioner Wender

1. Road Commission Meeting Minutes of 2/08/2012

U. Construction Code Commission – Commissioner Degenauer Jr. – No Report

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

8. Citizens' Time

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

Commissioner Martin introduced the following students from Mr. Hogbergs' Iron Mountain Government Class: Drew Erickson, Zach Black, Nathan Gerhart, Jim Balzola, Zach Haber, Gage Redding, Clayton Qually, Al Tomasoski, Luke Carey, Kari Sanford, Samantha Gerber, Nick Saline, Jason Borntreger, Davy Jones, Allison Edwards, Alyssa Hood, Jordan Applekamp and Paul Brooks.

9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS & OLD BUSINESS:** - Commissioner Degenauer Jr.

1. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Martin to appoint Barbara Bedard, Diann Gendron and Joseph Larson to the Fair Board for a 3 year term to expire 3/1/2015. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

2. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Smith to appoint Peggy Erickson to the Northpointe Board for a 3 year term to expire 3/31/2015 and to re-advertise for the second position. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

3. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Martin to appoint John Pietrantonio to the Planning Commission for a 3 year term to expire 2/28/2015 and to re-advertise for the second position. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

10. **PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS:** Commissioner Degenauer Jr.

1. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Smith to accept the resignation of Gerald McCole from the Planning Commission. All Ayes, Motion Carried
Commissioner Stevens stated he has been a good member, attended regularly and has participated and has served our community well.

2. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Smith to authorize the Chairman to sign the request of the North Dickinson School District for the delegation of school inspection authority to a local unit of government enforcing agency. All Ayes, Motion Carried. Commissioner Wender stated all the schools do it this way.

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 Martin stated she gets a big envelope with a very fancy report for the Six County Alliance that must be so expensive to produce and it is such a waste of money. Commissioner Smith agreed and that expense is minor compared to the \$400,000 they spend each month on other expenses. Commissioner Martin stated she heard Mr. Komblevich and agrees about everything going up.

Commissioner Stevens stated the Board did contact WE Energies in protest of raising their fees and he even went to the meeting in Manistique. He agrees with the frustration of raising fees. He thanked him for coming to the Board meeting.

He also congratulated the sports teams on their great accomplishments. He stated the Iron Mountain Bowling team came in 2nd and are going back down state. He gave cudos to all the schools and all the sports.

14. Motion by Commissioner Wender, supported by Commissioner Stevens to adjourn, subject to the call of the Chairman at 7:02 P.M.

Henry Wender, Chairman

Dolly L. Cook, County Clerk