

**DICKINSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**Monday, February 13, 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.
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. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
5. Motion by commissioner Martin, supported by Commissioner Smith to approve the following meeting minutes as written:  
Regular Meetings – 1/23/12, 1/30/12  
Finance Committee – 1/19/12

All Ayes, Motion Carried.

6. **COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATION:**

- A. Citizens' Time: (Limited to five minutes per person)  
Commissioner Martin introduced the following students from Mr. Hogberg's Iron Mountain Government Class: Chris Jurrs and Hunter Ayers.  
Chairman Wender opened the floor to Citizens' Time Barb Kramer, Iron Mountain, addressed the Board. She asked if the Board could explain what Gerald McCole was saying. She stated it was very confusing to her.
- B. Resolutions and Legislation - Commissioner Smith - 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 2011 Interest on Investments & Taxes Report. All Ayes, Motion Carried. Commissioner Smith stated the delinquent taxes have increased by 18% since 2009 and Commissioner Martin stated interest on investments is down \$24,000 from 2010.
2. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Stevens to approve the January monthly bills in the amount of \$183,809.43.

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 accept the Treasurer's Trial Balance & Budget Status reports for year-end 2011. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

4. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Stevens to request from Judge Celello to pay the \$100 fee for his Court

Recorder to attend a mandatory pre-examination workshop for court recording certification.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

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

**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 12/8/11.

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

1. DHS Board meeting minutes of 12/19/11.

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

1. Board of Health meeting minutes of 12/28/11 and 1/25/12.  
Commissioner Smith stated the fund balance was very comfortable at the end of the year.

**H. Northpointe - Commissioner Ann Martin**

1. Northpointe Board meeting minutes of 1/19/12.

**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**

1. Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Martin to authorize the Chairman to sign an application for Federal assistance to procure partial funding through the USDA for the purchase of a police vehicle. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

2. Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Martin to authorize a public hearing concerning an application for Federal Assistance from the USDA Rural Development for the Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> Regular Board Meeting. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

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

1. Fumee Lake Commission meeting minutes of 1/12/12.

2. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., to approve the request from Habitat for Humanity for a 50% reduction in camping fees for car-a-vanners at Lake Antoine Park in August (6<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>) two week period only.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

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

1. Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Martin to authorize the Chairman to execute an easement with WE Energies which is required in order to provide service to the Oldenburg Group's building on Woodward Avenue. Degenauer Jr., Martin, Smith and Stevens Ayes, Wender Abstained because he is going to sign it.

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

1. Fair Board meeting minutes of 8/2/11 and 12/6/11. Commissioner Degenauer Jr., stated they must be done sooner.

**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 Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Stevens to authorize the Clerk to advertise for applicants to fill a full-time position.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

Degenauer Jr. Aye

Martin Nay

Smith Nay

Stevens Aye

Wender Aye Motion Carried.

Commissioner Smith stated the budget has an \$80,000 deficit and personnel costs are 75% of the budget. He stated they should consider the need in the office. He stated a person who worked ½ time for probate, went to the Probate Judge and we don't do passports anymore. He stated we would save \$32,214.00 a year if we went to part-time.

Commissioner Degenauer Jr. stated we had a Committee of the Whole meeting and this was discussed in length and decided by a 3-2 vote to recommend to the full Board to hire a full time person. He asked why do we have those meetings? He stated it was a waste of time. Commissioner Martin stated she agreed with Commissioner Smith but she did not want to hire full- time.

Chairman Wender stated he would like to save \$32,000 but he felt he could not determine what's needed in the Clerk's Office. They are Elected Officials and they have to stand behind their decisions.

County Clerk Dolly Cook explained she already lost a part-time position when Jeanne retired and the Board turned around and gave Judge Slagle a full-time position. She stated service to the public will suffer.

2. Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., to authorize the Treasurer not to advertise for applicants to fill a part-time position. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

Controller Pascoe stated the position has been filled by Chris who retired and will only fill the position for about 6 months. Commissioner Wender stated this should be looked at in the future.

Commissioner Martin stated most of the time she would be opposed but because the big turn over in the office and her experience will help.

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

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

1. Road Commission meeting minutes of 1/11/12 and 1/20/12.

**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. Mike Erdman, MSU Extension addressed the Board. He stated the 4-H educator (Rebecca) has been hired by Iron County

and they are looking at hiring another. He asked the Board to have a Board member help with the hiring. The Board agreed that John Degenauer Jr. would help with the hiring.

9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS & OLD BUSINESS:** - Commissioner Smith – None

10. **PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS:** - Commissioner Smith - 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. – None

13 Commissioners' Personal Privilege.

Commissioner Degenauer Jr., stated it is our duty to discuss these things in an open meeting but the Committee of the Whole is an open meeting and people can come to these meetings. He further stated if we are not going to follow the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and bring up everything again, why have a Committee of the Whole meeting? Commissioner Smith asked the Controller to look at the policy about advertising for part-time job and include and change the policy.

Commissioner Stevens thanked Mike Erdman for coming to the meeting and he also thanked everybody involved with the Ski Tournaments. He stated they had a bowling tournament at Recreation Lanes and Iron Mountain had three top bowlers out of 16 and his grandson was one of them.

Commissioner Wender stated he could not figure out what Gerald McCole is saying. He explained how Dickinson County splits the money and how Iron County does it. Chairman Wender appointed John Degenauer Jr. to be on the hiring committee for the 4H job.

14. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Smith to adjourn, Subject to Call of Chairman at 7:05P.M.

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Henry Wender, Chairman

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Dolly L. Cook, County Clerk

