

DICKINSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Monday, July 25, 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, Assistant Prosecutor Carl Downing, Sheriff Scott Celello and Controller Kay Pascoe.

4. Motion by Commissioner Martin, supported by Commissioner Smith to accept the agenda as written. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

5. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Stevens to approve the following meeting minutes as written:
Committee of the Whole
7/6/11
Regular Meeting 7/11/11

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. Rob Langsford, Iron Mountain, addressed the Board. He stated he is in support of naming the bridge. He stated they are working with Casperson and McBroom for legislation to name the bridge. He stated this is a small thing to do to honor our veterans. He further stated the difficulty is because we are dealing with two states. He asked the Board to pass the resolution. He thanked the Board. There was no other participation.

B. Resolutions and Legislation - Commissioner Smith

1. Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Stevens to support a Resolution to name the US141 bridge on the MI/WI border the "Veterans' Memorial Bridge" and that the Dickinson County Board of Commissioners also supports the Dickinson Area Partnership as the lead group to implement this proposal and gain support from all those applicable to the case. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

Commissioner Stevens asked about the signage? MDOT stated the signs will cost about \$3,000 and Mr. Langsford stated he has the money donated for the signs. He stated any money left over will be spent for maintenance for the bridge.

7. **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

A. **Finance Committee** - Finance Chairman John Degenauer, Jr.

1. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Smith to consider a request from the Kiwanis Ski Club for \$15,000 for improvements to the landing for the guard rail at the Pine Mountain ski jump at a Committee of the Whole meeting Monday, August 1, 2011 at 6:30 at the Sheriffs Conference Room. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

Butch Hiatt, Kingsford, Kiwanis Ski Club, addressed the Board. He stated the sideboards need to be added to the hill. He stated in the past they have used netting. He stated if they sideboards are not complete, we will not be able to have the Continental Cup.

Commissioner Stevens stated this should have come to the Board earlier. He stated the loss of this tournament would be a black eye to this community. He stated they should have more fundraisers in the future to help pay for these kinds of things. He stated our budget is tight like everybody else.

Commissioner Smith stated we should schedule a Committee of the Whole meeting.

Commissioner Martin asked if this was a fence? Hiatt explained it is a metal barrier and he went to 5 contractors for bids and only received one from Danielson's Greenhouse.

Commissioner Martin asked if they contacted the Tourism Association?

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. Dickinson Conservation District Board meeting minutes of 6/21/11

F. DHS/Community Services Agencies - Commissioner Smith

2. DHS Board meeting minutes of 5/23/11.

Commissioner Smith stated there is a 4 year lifetime limit on cash assistance and 7 people in our area will not receive any further benefits although there are some exceptions. He stated 1/7 of our County Population are receiving medical assistance which he thought was disturbing.

G. Dickinson-Iron Health Department - Commissioner Smith

3. Health Dept. Board meeting minutes of 6/29/11.

H. Northpointe - Commissioner Ann Martin - No Report

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 Celeslo stated the heating and cooling is just about completely online. He stated it is a lot more comfortable. He stated he will arrange a walk through.

M. Parks Committee - Commissioner Joe Stevens - No Report

N. Airport Committee - Commissioner Henry Wender

Commissioner Wender stated Delta will be our carrier until we get a new one.

O. Fair Board - Commissioner John Degenauer, Jr.

4. Fair Board meeting minutes of 5/5 and 6/7/11.

P. Library Board - Commissioner Ann Martin

5. Library Board meeting minutes of 7/12/11.

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

R. Employee Relations Committee - Commissioner Frank Smith - No Report

S. Dickinson County Hospital Committee - Commissioner Joe Stevens

6. Hospital Board meeting minutes of 6/13/11.

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 and there was no participation.

9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS & OLD BUSINESS:** - Commissioner Smith

1. Motion by Commissioner Martin, supported by Commissioner Stevens to appoint Larry Rusch to the Planning Commission. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

Larry Rusch was appointed to the Planning Commission.

Commissioner Smith stated because of the letter with added information, he will vote for him.

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

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

12. Controller's Report. - None

13. Commissioners' Personal Privilege.

Commissioner Stevens stated they have to look at the electrical increase request. He stated a lot of our citizens cannot afford these increases.

Commissioner Degenauer Jr. stated he would like to congratulate the Little League Teams in the area that went down state. He stated the Norway senior girls softball team also are commended.

14. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Degenauer Jr. to adjourn, Subject to Call of Chairman at 6:59 P.M.

Henry Wender, Chairman

Dolly L. Cook, County Clerk

