

**DICKINSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**Monday, April 10, 2017 - 6:00 p.m.**  
**Courthouse - Circuit Courtroom**

1. The meeting was called to Order by Chairman Wender at 6:00 P.M.
2. 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 Stevens and Commissioners Degenaer, Kramer and Martin. (5).  
Absent: None  
Also Present: County Clerk Dolly Cook, Prosecutor Lisa Richards, Sheriff Scott Rutter, Equalization Director Sid Bray, Controller Brian Bousley and Admin Asst. Dianah Fayas.
4. Motion by Commissioner Martin supported by Commissioner Kramer to accept the agenda with the following additions:
  7. J. 1. Approve a six month contract with Trico Opportunities for the Janitorial services with a 30 day out clause.
  7. L.1. Approve the purchase of a commercial pull behind leaf blower from Riesterer and Schnell for \$4560.  
All Ayes, Motion Carried.
5. Motion by Commissioner Degenaer Jr., supported by Commissioner Martin to approve the following meeting minute as written: Regular meeting – Mar. 27<sup>th</sup>  
Degenaer Jr., Kramer, Martin, Wender Ayes, Stevens abstained because he was absent.  
Motion Carried.
6. **COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATION:**
  - A. Citizens' Time: (Limited to five minutes per person)  
Chairman Wender opened the floor to Citizens' Time and there was no participation.
    1. Address to the Board by State Representative Beau LaFave  
LaFave explained the various bills he is involved in and he has sponsored or co-sponsored.  
He talked about the Dark Store Issue, the 10 cent deposit bill, Library License fund raiser bill, a resolution about essential air, the indigent defense program and unfunded mandates and Sanctuary Cities, The Board had many questions that he answered or said he would get back to the Board when he received more information.  
Prosecutor Richards explained the indigent defense fund and how it is supposed to happen and how the State of Michigan will pay for this. She stated the funding must be available before the programs are instituted.  
Controller Bousley stated what happens if we are funded for a few years and they pull the funding. He stated he is more comfortable with the money in hand.  
LaFave stated he would suggest putting the funding in the statue.  
LaFave talked about Lansing becoming a Sanctuary City. He stated this was politics. He stated his bill would say Sanctuary Cities would be illegal and if they continued they would lose all funding from the State.  
Equalization Director Sid Bray asked about the Disable American Veterans exemption which allows them to not pay any property taxes. He (Sid) asked if the State of Michigan is talking about reimbursement for these taxes. He (LaFave) stated this bill is not going anywhere. He stated he believes they (State) should pay for this. He stated they may put a limit on the dollar amount of the home.
  - B. Resolutions and Legislation – Commissioner Stevens-None
7. **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**
  - A. **Finance Committee** – Finance Chairperson Martin
    1. Motion by Commissioner Martin supported by Commissioner Stevens to approve the request from Northpointe for distribution of their 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter appropriation in the amount of \$24,907.50. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:  
Degenaer Jr.,       Aye  
Kramer               Aye

Martin Aye  
Stevens Aye  
Wender Aye                      Motion Carried.

2. Motion by Commissioner Martin supported by Commissioner Kramer to approve change Order #1 to the BS&A contract for tax and financial software, reducing the cost by \$18,640, and authorizes the Chairman to sign the same. Roll Call Vote:

Commissioners:

Kramer Aye  
Martin Aye  
Stevens Aye  
Wender Aye  
Degenaer Jr., Aye                      Motion Carried.

Controller Bousley explained that two programs, Fixed Assets and Time Sheets were deducted from the total because we decided we did not need them at this time and they will be deducted from the last payment.

B. **A-95 Review** – Commissioner Kramer-None

C. **Six County Employment Alliance** – Commissioner Stevens-None

D. **Planning and Zoning Committee** – Commissioner Kramer-None

E. **DHHS / DICSA** – Commissioner Kramer

1. Department of Health and Human Services meeting minutes of February 27<sup>th</sup>.

F. **Dickinson-Iron Health Department** – Commissioner Stevens

1. Board of Health meeting minutes of February 27<sup>th</sup>.

G. **Northpointe** – Commissioner Martin

1. Northpointe meeting minutes of March 9<sup>th</sup>.

H. **Pinecrest** – Commissioner Degenaer

1. Pinecrest meeting minutes of Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>.

I. **Equalization Committee** – Commissioner Degenaer-None

J. **Building & Supply/Real Estate-Remodeling** – Commissioner Degenaer-None

1. Motion by Commissioner Degenaer Jr., supported by Commissioner Kramer to approve the 6 month trial contract with Trico Opportunities Inc., for janitorial services which will have a 30 day out. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

Martin Aye  
Stevens Aye  
Wender Aye  
Degenaer Jr., Aye  
Kramer Aye                      Motion Carried.

K. **Public Safety and Judiciary** – Commissioner Wender

1. Sheriff's Office monthly report for March 2017.

2. Motion by Commissioner Kramer supported by Commissioner Degenaer Jr., to approve the request of the Controller to develop and submit two Risk Avoidance Program (RAP) grants through Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority (MMRMA) for correctional center security and equipment upgrades. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

Stevens Aye  
Wender Aye  
Degenaer Jr., Aye  
Kramer Aye  
Martin Aye                      Motion Carried.

Controller Bousley stated one grant is for three new Tasers for \$1500 and upgrades to the camera system and the grant is \$35,000. And no money will come from the general fund.

L. **Parks Committee** – Commissioner Stevens-None

1. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Kramer to approve the purchase of a pull behind leaf blower from Riesterer and Schnell for \$4560. Roll Call

Vote: Commissioners:

Wender Aye

Stevens Aye

Martin Aye

Kramer Aye

Degenauer Jr., Aye Motion Carried.

Controller Bousley stated the Airport can also use this to blow sand off the runway and the unit sells retail for \$6,000 and we received the government rate.

M. **Airport Committee** – Commissioner Wender-None

N. **Fair Board** – Commissioner Degenauer

1. Presentation by the Fair Board.

Commissioner Degenauer Jr., explained the loan for the erection of the building at the Fair Grounds. He stated Community Federal Credit Union was 3.54% for 10 years and a \$12,500 loan fee. Northern Michigan Bank was 4.00% for 10 years or 4.5 for 15 years with a 5 year balloon plus costs and Upper Peninsula State Bank was 3.328 for 15 years with no loan costs based on the tax exempt status. He went on to explain all the losses that have occurred over the years from State money and grants and the County. He explained all the loans they have had in the past and that they were paid off early. He stated this is to have the fair grow and accept more vendors which will bring in more people. He explained the type of building this would be. He stated they would put one year of payments in the bank in case they have a problem with a payment.

Motion by Commissioner Kramer, supported by Commissioner Stevens to have a special meeting on Monday, April 17, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. to discuss this further. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

O. **Library Board** – Commissioner Martin-None

P. **Employee Relations** - Commissioner Degenauer-None

Q. **Dickinson County Hospital Committee** – Commissioner Stevens-None

R. **Dickinson County Road Commission** – Commissioner Wender-None

S. **Construction Code Commission** – Commissioner Degenauer-None

T. **Bay West Advisory Committee** - Commissioner Degenauer-None

Commissioner Degenauer Jr., stated enrollments are down but the dual enrollments are up.

U. **Veterans' Affairs Committee** – Commissioner Stevens-None

Commissioner Stevens stated they hired James Brown as the new VSO.

8. Citizens' Time: (Limited to five minutes per person)

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

Representative LaFave stated he has entered a bill to follow the FOIA and he will follow it also for his constituents. He stated he has also entered a bill that the Road Commission should be able to use any DNR gravel pits for free.

Commissioner Stevens asked about Pure Michigan and he asked if they could advertise for the ski events that are in the U.P. too. Representative LaFave stated he would work on this.

9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS & OLD BUSINESS:** Commissioner Stevens

A. Motion by Commissioner Stevens to nominate the following applicants:

**JURY BOARD –**

One six year term to expire 4/30/2023

Applicants: Mary Girard  
Barb Oliver

Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

Degenauer Jr, Girard

Kramer Girard

Martin Oliver

Stevens Oliver

Wender Girard.

Mary Girard was appointed to the Jury Board for a 6 year term to expire 4/30/2023.

**ROAD COMMISSION --**

Two three year terms to expire 4/30/2020

Applicants: Dave Brisson

Ron Milbrath

Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., to appoint Dave Brisson and Ron Milbrath to the Road Commission for three year terms to expire 4/30/2020. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

**PLANNING COMMISSION -**

Three year partial terms to expire 2/28/2020 Applicants: Sarah Bietila  
Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Kramer to appoint Sarah Bietila to the planning Commission for a partial term to expire 2/28/2020.

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

11. Motion by Commissioner Kramer supported by Commissioner Martin to accept the Committee Reports and Correspondence and place on file. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

12. Controller's Report.  
Controller Brian Bousley stated he has hired someone for the Lake Antoine Camp Host. He stated he will start Memorial Day week-end and work all summer. He stated Tim Howen stated they had 1,000 more passengers this month than last. He stated 1712 on and 1585 off. He stated this is the most he has ever seen. He stated they are sending a letter about the essential air money and are working together with all the U.P. Airports. He stated James Brown has been hired as the VSO of the Veteran's Office and he will be trained at the end of the month. He stated the DNR grant has been submitted and is under review and they will visit in July. He stated Commissioner Kramer is doing a CUPPAD grant for playground equipment for 2-5 year olds. He stated the RAP grants went out on Thursday.  
He stated he is working on the Torro Grant for the Park for equipment. He stated he will meet with the unions on the 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 A.M. He stated he is working with the Prosecutor and Judges on the Indigent Defense Program which must be completed in 180 days. He stated he is going to an FOIA and Opens Meeting Act training in Escanaba next Friday. He stated Van Oss will have the contracts signed in a week or so.  
He stated he attended a CDBG webinar and we will have approximately \$20,000 by July.

13. Commissioners' Personal Privilege.

A. Closed session to discuss negotiations with the collective bargaining units, pursuant to Open Meetings Act 15.268, Sec. 8 (c). (Closed Session requires 2/3 vote) Motion by Commissioner Kramer, supported by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., to go into closed session for negotiations at 6:48 P.M. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

Motion by Commissioner Kramer, supported by Commissioner Martin to go back into regular session at 7:25 P.M. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

Commissioner Stevens stated the tailgate party was very nice. He stated it raised a lot of money. He thanked Barb for all her work on the Friends of Lake Antoine. He stated he will be working with the Sheriff on a NACO Program called Stepping up and it deals with mental illness in the jails.  
Commissioner Kramer stated she likes the mail she is receiving from NACO. She stated someone complained to her about when people remove their ice shacks from Lake Antoine a lot of garbage goes into the lake. She would like to see an ordinance regulating this or stop the ice fishing.  
Sheriff Rutter explained this is a DNR problem and they already have laws governing lakes and ice shacks and garbage. There was no other participation.

14. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Martin to adjourn, Subject to Call of Chairman at 7:27 P.M.

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Henry Wender, Chairman

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Dolly L. Cook, County Clerk