

DICKINSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Monday, August 27, 2018 - 6:00 p.m.
Courthouse - Circuit Courtroom

1. The meeting was called to Order by Chairman Wender at 6:00 PM.
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was said by all.
3. Roll Call was taken by Chief Deputy Clerk Daniel Miller and a quorum was present.
Present: Chairman Henry Wender, Vice Chairman Joe Stevens and Commissioners John Degenauer, Barb Kramer and Ann Martin. (5)
Absent: None
Also Present: Chief Deputy Clerk Daniel Miller, Controller Brian Bousley
4. Motion by Commissioner Martin seconded by Commissioner Degenauer to accept the agenda as written.
All Ayes, Motion Carried.
5. Motion by Commissioner Stevens seconded by Commissioner Kramer to approve the following meeting minutes:

Regular – August 13th
Finance – August 16th 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. Dale Alessandrini, Iron Mountain addressed the Board. He stated Commissioner Kramer stated he does this for personal gain. He stated he does not. He stated he does a lot of volunteering at the tune of 200-300 hours a year.
Doug Stock asked if Commissioner Stevens is building a house in Arizona and if he is planning to move there and if he is, why is he running? Commissioner Stevens stated he will answer this during Commissioner Personal Privilege.
- B. Resolutions and Legislation – Commissioner Stevens
 1. Motion by Commissioner Stevens seconded by Commissioner Kramer to approve resolution 2018-18, opposing senate bill 1031.A to amend 1893 PA 206, entitled "THE GENERAL PROPERTY TAX ACT" (MCL 211.1 to 211.155 BY ADDING SECTION 9p).
All Ayes, Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-18
OPPOSING SENATE BILL 1031, A BILL TO AMEND 1893 PA 206, ENTITLED
"THE GENERAL PROPERTY TAX ACT" (MCL 211.1 TO 211.155 BY ADDING SECTION 9P)

WHEREAS, Senate Bill (SB) 1031 seeks to amend the General Property Tax Act to exempt qualified utility personal property from the collection of taxes under the Act; and

WHEREAS, "Qualified utility personal property" under the Act would include the following: electric transmission and distribution systems, substation equipment, spare parts, gas distribution systems, water transmission and distribution systems, gas storage equipment, and transmission lines of gas or oil transporting companies that were initially installed in the State after December 31, 2017; and

WHEREAS, SB 1031 in its present form as introduced on May 29, 2018, will impose a financial burden on Dickinson County and its local units, as it will not only reduce personal property tax revenue in 2019, but every year thereafter those annual losses will continue to increase; and

WHEREAS, SB 1031 was reported favorably by the Senate Committee on Finance without amendment for immediate effect to the Committee of the Whole on June 6, 2018.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dickinson County Board of Commissioners does hereby OPPOSE SB 1031.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED this resolution will be forwarded to all counties in Michigan, State Representative Beau LaFave, State Senator Tom Casperson, Governor Rick Snyder, the Michigan Townships Association, the Michigan Municipal League and the Michigan Association of Counties.

A VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSTAINED:

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Henry Wender, Chairman, Dickinson County Board of Commissioners

Dolly Cook, Dickinson County Clerk

2. Motion by Commissioner Stevens seconded by Commissioner Kramer to approve resolution 2018-19, Dickinson County Board of Commissioners Honoring Lake Shore Systems, Inc. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

**Resolution 2018-19
Dickinson County Board of Commissioners Honoring
Lake Shore Systems, Inc.**

Whereas, Lake Shore Systems, Inc. has been in the business of maritime and mining equipment designing and manufacturing since 1858; and

Whereas, Lake Shore Systems, Inc. has been in operation in Dickinson County for 160 continuous years; and

Whereas, Lake Shore Systems, Inc. has been a vital economic component for Dickinson County by providing a strong employment record throughout the years employing over 400 people primarily in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan and Northern Wisconsin; and

Whereas, Lake Shore Systems, Inc. has been an industry leader nationwide and embraces the Upper Peninsula's hard work ethic and collaboration to become a stalwart company with a great presence in Dickinson County;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, the Dickinson County Board of Commissioners extends their gratitude and compliments to Lake Shore Systems, Inc. for their continuous 160 years of operations and employment of Dickinson County residents.

Henry Wender – Dickinson County Chair

Date

Dolly Cook – Dickinson County Clerk

Date

Commissioner Stevens stated it is an honor to have Lake Shore in our Community.

7. **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

A. **Finance Committee** – Finance Chairperson Martin

1. Motion by Commissioner Martin seconded by Commissioner Kramer to approve the monthly bills for July in the amount of \$2,211,791.00. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:
Wender Aye
Degenaer Aye
Kramer Aye
Martin Aye
Stevens Aye Motion Carried.

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

C. **Upward Talent Council** – Commissioner Stevens-None

- D. **Planning and Zoning Committee** – Commissioner Kramer-None
 - E. **DHHS / DICSA** – Commissioner Kramer-None
 - F. **Dickinson-Iron Health Department** – Commissioner Stevens-None
He read from a needs assessment report.
 - G. **Northpointe** – Commissioner Martin
 - 1. Northpointe meeting minutes of July 26th.
 - H. **Pinecrest** – Commissioner Degenaer-None
 - I. **Equalization Committee** – Commissioner Degenaer-None
 - J. **Building & Supply/Real Estate-Remodeling** – Commissioner Degenaer-None
 - K. **Public Safety and Judiciary** – Commissioner Wender
 - 1. Motion by Commissioner Martin seconded by Commissioner Kramer to approve the Sheriff to fill one vacant Dispatcher position within the Dickinson County E911 Center.
All Ayes, Motion Carried.
 - 2. Motion by Commissioner Martin seconded by Commissioner Kramer to approve the Sheriff's Department to trade in their existing ORV for a new model at a cost of \$8,800.00. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
 - L. **Parks Committee** – Commissioner Stevens-None
 - M. **Airport Committee** – Commissioner Wender-None
 - N. **Fair Board** – Commissioner Degenaer
Commissioner Degenaer praised the fair volunteers.
 - 1. Fair Board meeting minutes of July 10th.
 - O. **Library Board** – Commissioner Martin-None
 - P. **Employee Relations** - Commissioner Degenaer-None
 - Q. **Dickinson County Hospital Committee** – Commissioner Stevens-None
Commissioner Stevens stated the Hospital is still moving forward with negotiations.
 - R. **Dickinson County Road Commission** – Commissioner Wender-None
 - S. **Construction Code Commission** – Commissioner Degenaer-None
 - T. **Bay West Advisory Committee** - Commissioner Degenaer-None
 - U. **Veterans' Affairs Committee** – Commissioner Stevens
 - 1. Motion by Commissioner Stevens seconded by Commissioner Martin to approve the Controller to hire Denise Formolo as the second VSO for Dickinson County.
All Ayes, Motion Carried.
8. Citizens' Time: (Limited to five minutes per person)
Chairman Wender opened the floor to Citizens' Time, Dale Alessandrini, Iron Mountain addressed the Board. He stated Denise is a good choice for the VSO. Alessandrini stated he was at the Hospital meeting and Chairman Wender praised the Board for a good job and he was surprised. He stated there are 2 positions to be filled and he asked when they would be filled and if the Board would advertise. He also asked about Joe moving to Arizona.
- 9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS & OLD BUSINESS:** Commissioner Stevens-None
 - 10. **PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS:** - Commissioner Stevens-None
 - 11. Motion by Commissioner Martin seconded by Commissioner Kramer to accept the Committee reports and correspondence and place on file. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

12. **Controller's Report.**
Controller Bousley reminded everyone of the Airport meeting tomorrow at 1:00 PM.
He stated the budget information is in for the department heads.
He stated that the Fumee Lake Commission and the Fair Board are under our insurance and our Hold Harmless Clause.
He stated Lisa, Lorna and Derek Dixon were in a meeting with the opioid Lawyers discussing the amount of work to be done for the case.
He stated the new web site will start this weekend and the Departments have to do their new pages.
He stated he is working on Park Policies and online reservations and Board Policies.
13. **Commissioners' Personal Privilege.**
Commissioners Stevens stated he is not moving to Arizona. He loves Kingsford.
He stated the Fair Board has done a wonderful job at the fair again and they deserve kudos for all of their work.
He stated the Hospital should fill the 2 positions vacated on the Board.
Commissioner Kramer stated the Health Department will begin a new program called Universal Caseload.
She stated the Fair is this week-end and on September 8th there will be a Flea Market at Lake Antoine with 34 vendors and room for many more. She stated admission is \$2.00 for adults and kids 14 and under are free.
Commissioner Degenauer Jr., stated we are failing by not getting involved with the hospital. He stated the hospital is not being honest with us.
Commissioner Stevens stated our negotiations are about pensions. He stated some information is under confidentiality. He stated we should be positive.
Commissioner Degenauer Jr., stated he does not understand the confidentiality when this is a public hospital.
Commissioner Stevens stated this is a fine line.
Commissioner Wender stated the Airport meeting is a Special Meeting and we can act.
14. **Motion by Commissioner Kramer seconded by Commissioner Degenauer to adjourn, Subject to Call of Chairman at 6:30 PM.**

Henry Wender, Chairman

Daniel Miller, Chief Deputy Clerk