

**DICKINSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Monday, January 11, 2021 - 6:00 p.m.
Via Zoom**

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 County Clerk Dolly Cook and a quorum was present.
Present: Chairman Henry Wender, Vice Chairman Barb Kramer and Commissioners John Degenauer, Joe Stevens and Ann Martin. (5)
Absent: None
Also Present: County Clerk Dolly Cook, Prosecutor Lisa Richards, Sheriff Scott Rutter, Emergency Director Pete Schlitt and Controller Brian Bousley
4. Motion by Commissioner Kramer, seconded by Commissioner Stevens 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:
 Parks – December 22nd
 Regular – December 28th
 Re-organizational – January 4th
Martin abstained from approving the Parks and Regular meetings. Degenauer Jr, Kramer, Stevens and Wender voted to approve all meetings.
6. **COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATION:**
 - A. Citizens' Time: (Limited to five minutes per person)
There were two students from Ms. Pietrantonio's Iron Mountain Government Class Alexis Tony and Taylor Recla.
Chairman Wender opened the floor to Citizens' Time and there was no participation.
 - B. Resolutions and Legislation – Commissioner Kramer
 1. Motion by Commissioner Kramer, seconded by Commissioner Martin to approve Resolution 2021-1 Dickinson County Board of Commissioners Resolution regarding potential conflict of interest. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

**Resolution 2021-1
Dickinson County Board of Commissioners
Resolution Regarding Potential Conflicts of Interest**

WHEREAS, the Dickinson County Board of Commissioners is comprised of qualified citizens elected by Dickinson County residents;

WHEREAS, the Dickinson County Board of Commissioners recognizes that many of its Commissioners are engaged in business activities in Dickinson County and its surrounding communities and those business activities may from time to time present actual or perceived conflicts of interest between the Commissioners' respective business activities and their fiduciary duties owed to Dickinson County;

WHEREAS, the Dickinson County Board of Commissioners recognize that possible purchases of goods and services from businesses which a Commissioner has an interest may, from time to time, be considered to be consistent with the best interest of Dickinson County despite the existence of an individual Commissioner's conflict of interest;

BE IT RESOLVED: Dickinson County recognizes potential conflicts of interest and allows Dickinson County to purchase goods or services from said businesses.

Henry Wender – Dickinson Co. Board Chair

Dolly Cook – Dickinson Co. Clerk

Date

2. Motion by Commissioner Kramer, seconded by Commissioner Degenae Jr to approve Resolution 2021-2 Declaration of State of Emergency for Dickinson County.

**Resolution 2021-2
DICKINSON COUNTY, MICHIGAN
DECLARATION OF A
"LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY"**

To: Commanding Officer – Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division,
Michigan State Police; District (8) Emergency Management and Homeland Security
Division Coordinator

On (January 11, 2021 and continuing) the (County of Dickinson, Michigan) because of (Corona Virus, COVID-19, The State of Emergency declared by the Governor of the State of Michigan and a National State of Emergency declared by the President of the United States), as a result of this situation, the following conditions exist:

(Dickinson County, including all cities and townships within this county, are experiencing high number of COVID-19 cases. The high number of COVID-19 case may result in limited access to first responder health and safety resources.

Additionally, there may be an impact on the elderly and students who are provided meals and others services. The uptick in COVID-19 case could place a hardship on those providers to get services to their clients and students.

Also, because of the monitoring requirements that is placed on the local health department personnel, additional staff may be needed if the current status of health concerns deteriorates. Dickinson County has limited resources to combat and respond to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Therefore, as (Chairperson, of the Board of Commissioners) of (Dickinson County), in accordance with Section 10 of 1976 PA 390, as amended, I hereby declare as approved by a unanimous vote of the Dickinson County Board of Commissioners that a "state of emergency" exists within our jurisdiction, that the response and recovery elements of our emergency operations plan have been activated, and that local resources are being utilized to the fullest possible extent. This declaration will remain in effect until terminated by the Dickinson County Board of Commissioners.

Authorized by:

Henry Wender, Chairperson

January 11, 2021
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All Ayes, Motion Carried.
Pete Schlitt explained why we needed to approve this again.

7. **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**
 - A. **Finance Committee** – Finance Chairperson Kramer-None
 - 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 / DICS**A – Commissioner Kramer
 1. DHHS meeting minutes of November 19th.
 - F. **Dickinson-Iron Health Department** – Commissioner Stevens-None
 - G. **Northpointe** – Commissioner Martin-None
 - H. **Pinecrest** – Commissioner Degenae-None

Commissioner Degenauer Jr. stated all staff and clients are vaccinated.

- I. **Equalization Committee** – Commissioner Degenauer-None
- J. **Building & Supply/Real Estate-Remodeling** – Commissioner Degenauer-None
- K. **Public Safety and Judiciary** – Commissioner Wender
 - 1. Sheriff's office monthly report for December.
- L. **Parks Committee** – Commissioner Stevens-None
- M. **Airport Committee** – Commissioner Wender
 - 1. Motion by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Stevens to approve the Lease agreement between the Dickinson County Ford Airport and the Michigan Wing Civil Air Patrol United States Auxiliary. The purpose for the lease agreement is the placement of a radio networking system within the terminal building. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
- N. **Fair Board** – Commissioner Degenauer-None
- O. **Library Board** – Commissioner Martin-None
- P. **Employee Relations** - Commissioner Degenauer-None
- Q. **Dickinson County Hospital Committee** – Commissioner Steven-None
- R. **Dickinson County Road Commission** – Commissioner Wender-None
- S. **Construction Code Commission** – Commissionner Degenauer
 - 1. DCCCC meeting minutes of October 20th.
 - 2. DCCCC meeting dates for 2021.
- T. **Bay West Advisory Committee** - Commissioner Degenauer-None
- U. **Veterans' Affairs Committee** – Commissioner Stevens-None
- 8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS & OLD BUSINESS:** Commissioner Kramer -None
- 9. **PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS:** - Commissioner Kramer
 - A. Motion by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Degenauer Jr. to approve the 1st quarter payment request to Norway-Vulcan Senior Center in the amount of \$10,000.00. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:
 - Degenauer Jr. Aye
 - Kramer Aye
 - Martin Aye
 - Stevens Aye
 - Wender AyeMotion Carried
 - B. Motion by Commissioner Kramer seconded by Commissioner Stevens to approve the 1st quarter payment request to Breen Senior Center in the amount of \$6,125.00. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:
 - Kramer Aye
 - Martin Aye
 - Stevens Aye
 - Wender Aye
 - Degenauer Jr. AyeMotion Carried.
 - C. Motion by Commissioner Kramer, seconded by Commissioner Degenauer Jr. to approve the appointment of Senator Ed McBroom to the U.P. State Fair Authority for a two-year term. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
- 10. Motion by Commissioner Martin seconded by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., to accept the Committee Reports and Correspondence and place on file. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
 - A. Mine Inspector's report of December 31st. (The Mine Inspectors Report is on File in the County Clerk's Office!)

11. **Controller's Report.**
Controller Bousley explained the new hangars will be 100' wide and 160' deep and the prep work is being done. He explained the Cares Act reimbursement. He explained homeland security grants, Veterans grant and the CBG grant. He met with the seniors about the Senior Center. He stated the 2020 audit will start today. He stated the finance meeting will be January 19 at 4:30 instead of the 21st at 6:00.
He stated the new Airport Hangars will be ready for bids in the spring.
12. **Citizens' Time: (Limited to five minutes per person)**
Chairman Wender opened the floor to Citizens' Time and there was no participation.
13. **Commissioners' Personal Privilege.**
Commissioner Stevens stated he would like to meet with the hospital trustee candidates. He would also like resumes and would like to be able to ask them questions. He stated Tony Edlebeck retired. He stated he was a strong leader for Kingsford.
Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Kramer to draft a resolution for Tony Edlebeck. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
Commissioner Martin stated she was glad to be back.
Commissioner Degenauer Jr, asked about appointments. The County Clerk explained the process and that an ad was prepared for the paper.
Commissioner Kramer stated the Lake Antoine Partners received a donation for the Kayak Launch.
14. **Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr seconded by Commissioner Martin to adjourn, Subject to the Call of Chairman at 6:30 PM.**

Henry Wender Chairman

Dolly L. Cook County Clerk