

**DICKINSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**Monday, January 25, 2021 - 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 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, Sheriff Scott Rutter, Prosecutor Lisa Richards and Controller Brian Bousley
4. Motion by Commissioner Kramer seconded by Commissioner Martin to accept the agenda with the following addition: 6. B. 3 Resolution 2021-5.  
All Ayes, Motion Carried.
5. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., seconded by Commissioner Martin to approve the following meeting minutes:  
Regular – January 11<sup>th</sup>  
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. Commissioner Kramer introduced Jamie Warren from the Iron Mountain Government Class.  
Kathy Tomassoni, Recreation Lanes Owner, addressed the Board. She explained how hard it was to operate with the Governors regulations. She thanked the Board.
- B. Resolutions and Legislation – Commissioner Degenauer
  1. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., seconded by Commissioner Kramer to approve Resolution 2021-3, Deficit Elimination Plan Resubmit  
All Ayes, Motion Carried.

**Resolution 2021-3**  
**Multiyear Deficit Elimination Plan Resubmit**

WHEREAS, The Airport Fund has a \$204,141.00 deficit fund balance as of December 31, 2019; and

WHEREAS, PA 140 of 1971 requires that a Deficit Elimination Plan be formulated by the local unit of government and filed with the Michigan Department of Treasury; and

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED, The Dickinson County Board of Commissioners adopts the attached as the Airport Fund Deficit Elimination Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Dickinson County Board of Commissioners submits the Deficit Elimination Plan to the Michigan Department of Treasury for certification.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Henry Wender – Board Chair

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Barbra J. Kramer - Vice Chair

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John P. Degenauer, Jr. Commissioner

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Joe Stevens - Commissioner

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Ann Martin - Commissioner

2. See 7-M-3 below – Airport Committee

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 / DICSA** – Commissioner Kramer
  - 1. DICSA meeting minutes of December 10<sup>th</sup>.
- F. **Dickinson-Iron Health Department** – Commissioner Stevens-None
- G. **Northpointe** – Commissioner Martin-None
- H. **Pinecrest** – Commissioner Degenauer-None
- I. **Equalization Committee** – Commissioner Degenauer-None
- J. **Building & Supply/Real Estate-Remodeling** – Commissioner Degenauer-None
- K. **Public Safety and Judiciary** – Commissioner Wender-None
- L. **Parks Committee** – Commissioner Stevens-None
- M. **Airport Committee** – Commissioner Wender
  - 1. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., seconded by Commissioner Martin to approve MDOT Contract 2021-0150 for reimbursement of Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) training expenses up to \$2,000.00, and authorize Controller/Administrator, Brian Bousley to sign documents by Resolution 2021-4. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:  
 Degenauer Jr.,Aye  
 Kramer       Aye  
 Martin       Aye  
 Stevens     Aye  
 Wender       Aye                    Motion Carried.
  - 2. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr. seconded by Commissioner Kramer to approve the proposal from Woolpert in the amount of \$3,900.00 to perform an Independent Fee Estimate (IFE) with regards to the land acquisition for the Ford Airport. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:  
 Kramer       Aye  
 Martin       Aye  
 Stevens     Aye  
 Wender       Aye  
 Degenauer Jr. Aye                Motion Carried
  - 3. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., seconded by Commissioner Stevens to approve resolution 2021-4 All Ayes, Motion Carried.

**DICKINSON COUNTY RESOLUTION  
 No. 2021-4  
 January 25, 2021**

The Dickinson County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes Controller/Administrator, Brian Bousley to execute documents relative to MDOT Contract No. 2021-0150 whereby MDOT will provide up to \$2,000.00 for Aircraft and Rescue Fire Fighting (ARFF) training.

Resolution approved at the Regular Board Meeting of January 25, 2021

Moved by: Commissioner Degenauer

Supported by: Commissioner Martin

Vote on Motion: 5 ayes, 0 nays;

Certification

I, Daniel Miller, the duly appointed, qualified and acting Chief Deputy Clerk of the County of Dickinson, Michigan, do hereby certify that the above extract from the minutes of a Regular meeting of the County Board of Commissioners of Dickinson County, Michigan held on January 25, 2021 is a true and correct excerpt of original minutes related to the matters set forth.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the County of Dickinson, Michigan, this 25th day of January 25, 2021.

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Chief Deputy Clerk, Daniel Miller

N. **Fair Board**-Commissioner Degenauer

1., Motion by Commissioner Stevens, seconded by Commissioner Martin to appoint Paul Bujold to the Dickinson County Health Care System Board of Trustees. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

2. Motion by Commissioner Stevens seconded by Commissioner Kramer to approve the appointment of Ms. Alyssa Hartwig to the Dickinson County Health Care System Board of Trustees. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

She stated she is looking forward to serving as a hospital trustee!

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

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

8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS & OLD BUSINESS:** Commissioner Degenauer-None

9. **PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS:** - Commissioner Degenauer

A. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer seconded by Commissioner Kramer to approve the first quarter payment request from the Sagola Senior Center in the amount of \$6,250.00. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

Stevens Aye

Wender Aye

Degenauer Jr.,Aye

Kramer Aye

Martin Aye

Motion Carried

B. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., seconded by Commissioner Stevens to approve the general cleaning service contract with TRICO Opportunities, Inc. to provide cleaning services at the Dickinson County Ford Airport at a fee of \$60.00 per day. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

Degenauer Jr.,Aye

Kramer Aye

Martin Aye

Stevens Aye

Wender Aye

Motion Carried.

C. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., seconded by Commissioner Stevens to approve the general cleaning service contract with TRICO Opportunities, Inc. to provide cleaning services at the Dickinson County Courthouse and Correctional Center at a fee of \$60.00 per day. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

Kramer Aye

Martin Aye

Stevens Aye

Wender Aye

Degenauer Jr. Aye

Motion Carried.

Commissioner Stevens stated they do great work!

D. Motion by Commissioner Kramer, seconded by Commissioner Martin to approve Resolution #2021-05. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

A long discussion ensued.

**Resolution 2021- 05**  
**Dickinson County Resolution in Support of Businesses and Organizations in Dickinson County**

WHEREAS, the Dickinson County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on \_\_\_\_\_ to review and vote to approve and distribute the following, which is specified as the “Dickinson County Resolution in Support of the Businesses and Organizations in Dickinson County”;

WHEREAS, the members of the Dickinson County Commission stand in support of the businesses and organizations of Dickinson County, Michigan;

WHEREAS, Dickinson County is now entering into the second year of a pandemic caused by the SARS-CoV-2 Virus (COVID 19) which has significantly and negatively impacted Dickinson County residents and businesses;

WHEREAS, the threat from COVID 19, though serious, has resulted in a thwarting of personal freedoms without sufficient regard for ongoing and potentially irreparable economic, emotional, educational and other societal impacts;

WHEREAS, the Michigan Supreme Court has ruled that the COVID 19 business shut-downs are unconstitutional and the orders of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) have disallowed any degree of personal accountability, eroded constitutional rights of citizens, and have placed undue burdens and restrictions on local businesses and local employees;

WHEREAS, the owners of restaurants, bars, taverns, businesses and other establishments have been forced to shut down because of directives issued by MDHHS;

WHEREAS, MDHHS has issued these orders without providing funding or sufficient guidance for the enforcement of such orders;

WHEREAS, it is the right and responsibility of individuals to self-determine what is best for their own health, liberty and pursuit of happiness; and they cannot be compelled to either avoid or patronize business establishments in Dickinson County;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Dickinson County Commission shall support no endeavor financially or through ordinance that will in any way single out, harm or discriminate against any business owner who operates their establishment with proper sanitizing, PPE and social distancing measures in place;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Dickinson County Board of Commissioners calls upon the citizens of Dickinson County to act responsibly with regard to the safety and well-being of others while determining what is best for themselves, for their families and loved ones, and while contending with the ongoing risks associated with COVID 19;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that it is incumbent upon businesses and other establishments to use best practices to operate in a manner that minimizes risk to patrons, their employees and the community, while protecting the success and sustainability of their businesses;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the members of the Dickinson County Board of Commissioners advise and warn local businesses that all businesses and organizations shall assume full liability for their decisions and actions and this resolution does not supersede the authority of Michigan Compiled Law, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and Michigan Liquor Control Commission;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Dickinson County shall be held harmless in all matters related to this resolution;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Dickinson County Commission directs that this resolution shall be sent to all 83 Michigan counties, the State of Michigan House, The State of Michigan Senate, and the Office of Governor Gretchen Whitmer.

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Henry Wender, Chairman  
On behalf of the Dickinson County Board of Commissioners

I, Dolly Cook, Dickinson County Clerk and Clerk of the Dickinson County Board of Commissioners, do hereby certify this to be a true and exact copy from the minutes of the regular meeting of the Dickinson County Board of Commissioners held on \_\_\_\_\_.

I, Dolly Cook, Dickinson County Clerk, do hereby set my hand and seal this [Date] \_\_\_\_\_.

10. Motion by Commissioner Martin seconded by Commissioner Martin to accept the Committee Reports and Correspondence and place on file. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
11. Controller's Report.  
Controller Bousley explained the Police Grants. He stated technology is helping with Covid reports. He stated the web site is down because updates are needed. He stated an agreement has been reached with the VA regarding autopsies and funeral homes. He stated the senior center purchase is on its way and there will be an airport meeting in a few weeks.
12. Citizens' Time  
Chairman Wender opened the floor to Citizens' Time and there was no participation.
13. Commissioners' Personal Privilege.  
Commissioner Martin stated she's glad to be back!  
Commissioner Kramer thanked everyone for following the COVID rules on masking and social distancing.  
Motion by Commissioner Stevens seconded by Commissioner Kramer to approve sending a letter about line five to legislators and counties. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
14. Motion by Commissioner Kramer, seconded by Commissioner Martin to adjourn, Subject to the Call of the Chairman at 6:55 PM.

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Henry Wender, Chairman

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Dolly L. Cook, County Clerk