

**DICKINSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**Monday, August 23, 2021 - 6:00 p.m.**  
**Courthouse - Circuit Courtroom**

1. The meeting was called to Order by Chairperson 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 Brenda Buchner and a quorum was present.  
Present: Chairperson Henry Wender, Vice Chair Barb Kramer and Commissioners John Degenauer, Joe Stevens and Ann Martin. (5)  
Absent: None  
Also, Present: Controller Brian Bousley, Chief Deputy Clerk Brenda Buchner and Sheriff Scott Rutter.
4. Motion by Commissioner Stevens seconded by Commissioner Kramer to accept the agenda with the following addition:  
6. B. 1. Resolution 2021-15-Deficit Elimination Plan.  
All Ayes, Motion Carried.
5. Motion by Commissioner Martin seconded by Commissioner Stevens to approve the following meeting minutes:  
Regular – August 9<sup>th</sup> All Ayes, Commissioner Stevens abstained as he was not present, Motion Carried.
6. **COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATION:**
  - A. Citizens’ Time (Limited to five minutes per person)  
Chairperson Wender opened the floor to Citizen’s Time and there was no participation.
  - B. Resolutions and Legislation – Commissioner Stevens  
Motion by Commissioner Stevens seconded by Commissioner Degenauer to approve resolution 2021-15 Deficit Elimination Plan. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

**Resolution 2021-15**  
**Deficit Elimination Plan**

WHEREAS The Airport’s Fund has a \$13,074.00 deficit fund balance on December 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, 1971 PA 140 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 that the Dickinson County Board of Commissioners adopts the attached as the Airport Fund Deficit Elimination Plan; and

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

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Henry Wender – Board Chairman

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Date

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Brenda Buchner – Chief Deputy Clerk

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Date

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  
Commissioner Stevens stated they only use Michigan Works.
  - D. **Planning and Zoning Committee** – Commissioner Kramer-None
  - E. **DHHS / DICS**A – Commissioner Kramer-None

- F. **Dickinson-Iron Health Department** – Commissioner Stevens  
Commissioner Steven stated they are having a meeting Wednesday, a lot of what ifs, it should be interesting.
- G. **Northpointe** – Commissioner Martin  
1. Northpointe meeting minutes of July 22<sup>nd</sup>.  
Commissioner Martin stated the Board has voted, along with the recommendation of the CEO to issue retention payments to the employees as there is a surplus in Medicaid dollars all across the UP and they can only retain a certain amount, this was due to services down due to the pandemic. This was allocated to maintaining staff, longevity, \$49,000 retention \$4,000 for full time, \$2,000 for part-time, \$1,000 for special part-time, \$2,000 for contract employees. Totals \$858,000, \$105,000. Contract employees. And \$382,000 to MERS defined unfunded liability.
- H. **Pinecrest** – Commissioner Degenauer  
Commissioner Degenauer stated there have been some administration changes all to the good, things are going well.
- 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 July.  
Sheriff Rutter stated they are ready for the fair next week. He wanted to inform us of Deputies from downstate-one in Kalamazoo shot and killed and one from Branch passed away from Covid exposure. Our thoughts are with them.
- L. **Parks Committee** – Commissioner Stevens  
Commissioner Stevens stated the Veteran picnic at the park was very well put together and very well attended.  
Lake Antoine Park looking good. Waiting for results on the water testing. Eric has been working hard getting everything moving forward quickly. Should be all set for the Crafty Flea Market. The park has been very busy all summer.  
Commissioner Wender stated D&L Plumbing has 7 hydrants left to finish then they will be done.
- M. **Airport Committee** – Commissioner Wender-None
- N. **Fair Board** – Commissioner Degenauer  
Commissioner Degenauer stated they have been working everyday out there. They are going to finish without a full-time secretary and will interview after the fair, they have 5 applicants. They found more old wiring in the exhibition building, that has been replaced and the new entrance at front gate. Hope to see you all at the Fair!
- O. **Library Board** – Commissioner Martin-None
- P. **Employee Relations** - Commissioner Degenauer-None
- Q. **Dickinson County Hospital Committee** – Commissioner Stevens  
1. DCHS meeting minutes of May 27<sup>th</sup>.  
2. DCHS meeting minutes June 24<sup>th</sup>.
- R. **Dickinson County Road Commission** – Commissioner Wender
- 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 Stevens-None
9. **PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS:** - Commissioner Stevens  
A. Motion by Commissioner Stevens seconded by Commissioner Kramer to approve the processing of fingerprints in the Clerk's Office. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

10. Motion by Commissioner Kramer seconded by Commissioner Martin to accept the Committee Reports and Correspondence and place on file. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
11. Controller's Report.  
 Brian stated he closed on the 40 acres at the airport this morning. He had to submit a check and the State will reimburse us. The new employee entrance door should be in and replaced in the next couple of weeks. There is a gametime grant 100% of 1 piece of playground equipment or up to a certain amount, we will be looking into that. We just got back the prelims on the wage studies, so once we resubmit them and get them back, then we can go into union negotiations. We received an airport TSA cleaning grant of \$82,000.00 and a \$700.00 VSO training grant thru the State. The airport is in need of about 10 radios, a little over \$20,000.00. The Veterans Grant for \$71,000.00 will be resubmitted, needed a little clean up done on it. Commissioner Wender stated he would like a motion for the airport radios tonight. Commissioner Degenauer moved to purchase radios for the airport not to exceed \$25,000.00, seconded by Kramer. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:  
 Degenauer Aye  
 Kramer Aye  
 Martin Aye  
 Stevens Aye  
 Wender Aye Motion Carried.
12. Citizen's Time (Limited to five minutes per person)  
 Chairperson Wender opened the floor to Citizens Time and there was no participation.
13. Commissioners' Personal Privilege.  
 Commissioner Kramer stated the Dept of Health and Human Services meeting has been changed to Powers due to Pinecrest being under quarantine due to an employee testing positive. Commissioner Degenauer asked about the status of the women's restrooms remodel here at the courthouse? Brian stated they are working on it, they just finished up on the probate court flooring.
14. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer seconded by Commissioner Stevens to adjourn, Subject to the Call of the Chairman at 6:21 PM.

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Chairperson Henry Wender

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Chief Deputy Clerk Brenda Buchner