

**DICKINSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**Monday, May 14, 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 County Clerk Dolly Cook and a quorum was present.  
Present: Chairman Henry Wender, Vice Chairman Joe Stevens and Commissioners John Degenaer, Barb Kramer and Ann Martin. (5)  
Absent: None  
Also Present: County Clerk Dolly Cook, Prosecutor Lisa Richards, Sheriff Scott Rutter, Equalization Director Sid Bray and Controller Brian Bousley
4. Motion by Commissioner Degenaer Jr., seconded by Commissioner Kramer to accept the agenda with the following additions:  
7. Reports of Standing Committees:  
D. Planning and zoning Committees:  
1. Approve or deny the request from the Dickinson County Planning Commissioner to remove Ms. Christina Tews from the Dickinson County Planning Commission.  
2. Approve or deny the request from the Dickinson County Planning Commission to advertise to fill the vacancy A.S.A.P.  
All Ayes, Motion Carried.
5. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, seconded by Commissioner Degenaer Jr., to approve the following meeting minutes:   Finance – April 19<sup>th</sup>  
  Regular – April 23<sup>rd</sup>  
  Special – April 30<sup>th</sup>  
All Ayes, Except Commissioner Martin abstained from the April 30 meeting because she was not present.
6. **COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATION:**  
Commissioner Martin introduced and welcomed Nisa Wommack from Mr. Hogberg's Iron Mountain Government Class.
  - A. Citizens' Time: (Limited to five minutes per person)  
Chairman Wender opened the floor to Citizens Time and there was no participation.  
  
Motion by Commissioner Kramer, seconded by Commissioner Stevens to close the regular meeting and enter into a Public Hearing at 6:02 PM.   Roll call Vote: Commissioners:  
Degenaer Jr.,   Aye  
Kramer           Aye  
Martin          Aye  
Stevens         Aye  
Wender         Aye                    Motion Carried.
    1. Public Hearing to consider the levy of a new dedicated millage for the Pinecrest Medical Care Facility.  
Darlene Smith, Pinecrest Director, addressed the Board. Martin asked if there would be a problem if we held the election in November? She read from a prepared letter that is on file in the County Clerk's Office.  
Commissioner Stevens asked about the money they have on hand and how long it would last.  
Gerald McCole, Channing addressed the Board. He read a letter which is on file in the County Clerk's Office.  
He stated our protection is gone if we get Alzheimer's, He stated before the counties took over, Pinecrest would take these people, but not anymore. He asked that the county not put the question on the ballot.  
Motion by Commissioner Stevens, seconded by Commissioner Kramer to enter back into the regular meeting at 6:12 PM.   All Ayes, Motion Carried.
  - B. Resolutions and Legislation – Commissioner Kramer
    1. Motion by Commissioner Kramer, seconded by Commissioner Stevens to approve Resolution 2018-9, supporting Bike Month.   All Ayes, Motion Carried.

**DICKINSON COUNTY BIKE MONTH RESOLUTION NO. 2018-9**

Bike to Work Day is always the third Friday in May and Bike to Work Week is the week of Bike to Work Day. May is National Bicycle Month and Michigan Bicycle Month each year.

Whereas, the bicycle is a viable and environmentally sound form of transportation and an excellent form of recreation; and

Whereas, millions of Michiganders will experience the joys of bicycling during the month of May through educational programs, races, commuting events, trail work days, helmet promotion, charity events, or just getting out and going for a ride; and

Whereas, Michigan's road and trail system attracts hundreds of thousands of bicyclists each year from all 50 states and from across the globe, providing economic, health, and scenic benefits to citizens of Michigan and the world; and

Whereas, these bicycling activities and attractions have great potential to have a positive impact on Michigan's economy and tourism industry and to stimulate economic development by making the state attractive to businesses and citizens who enjoy the out of doors and healthy lifestyles; and

Whereas, creating bicycle-friendly communities has been shown to improve citizens' health, well-being, and quality of life, to boost community spirit, to improve traffic safety, and to reduce pollution and congestion; and

Whereas, May has been declared National Bike Month for each of the over 60 years, and is so again in 2018; and

Whereas, the League of American Bicyclists, the League of Michigan Bicyclists, bicycle clubs, schools, parks and recreation departments, police departments, hospitals, companies and civic groups throughout Michigan will be promoting bicycling as a leisure activity as well as an environmentally-friendly alternative to the automobile during the month of May 2018; and

Whereas, the education of bicyclists and motorists as to the proper and safe operation of bicycles is important to ensure the safety and comfort of all users; and

Whereas, the League of Michigan Bicyclists, the Dickinson County Bike Path, and other organizations across the state will promote bicycle safety during the month of May 2018:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the members of the Dickinson County Board of Commissioners concurring therein, hereby recognize the month of May 2018 as National Bike Month and Bicycle Safety Month, and the week of May 14-18, 2018, as Bike to Work Week; and Bike to Work Day on May 18 and

Be it further resolved that the Dickinson County Board of Commissioners urges all who support bicycling to participate in the events planned and urges all road users to share the road safely with bicyclists.

**7. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

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

- 1. Motion by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Degenauer Jr. to approve the monthly bills for March in the amount of \$2,792,531.54. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:  
 Degenauer Jr, Aye  
 Kramer Aye  
 Martin Aye  
 Stevens Abstain (He was not present)  
 Wender 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**

- 1, Motion by Commissioner Kramer, seconded by Commissioner Degenauer Jr. to approve the request from the Dickinson County Planning Commissioner to remove Ms. Christine Tews from the Dickinson County Planning Commission. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

- 2. Motion by Commissioner Kramer, seconded by Commissioner Stevens to approve the request from the Dickinson County Planning Commissioner to advertise to fill the vacancy position A.S.A.P. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

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

- 1. DHHS meeting minutes of March 26<sup>th</sup>.

- F. **Dickinson-Iron Health Department** – Commissioner Stevens
  - 1. Board of Health meeting minutes of March 28<sup>th</sup>.
  
- G. **Northpointe** – Commissioner Martin
  - 1. Northpointe meeting minutes of April 12<sup>th</sup>.
  
- H. **Pinecrest** – Commissioner Degenauer
  - 1. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., seconded by Commissioner Kramer to approve Resolution 2018- 10, consideration of Pinecrest Medical Care Facility millage proposal.  
Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:
 

Kramer	Nay
Martin	Nay
Stevens	Nay
Wender	Nay
Degenauer Jr.,Aye	Motion Failed

**COUNTY OF DICKINSON  
STATE OF MICHIGAN  
RESOLUTION IN CONSIDERATION OF PINECREST MEDICAL  
CARE FACILITY MILLAGE PROPOSAL  
RESOLUTION NO. 2018-10**

A regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Dickinson (the “County”) was held at the Circuit Courtroom, County Courthouse, Iron Mountain, Michigan, on \_\_ , 2018, at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m., local time.

PRESENT: Commissioners:  
ABSENT: Commissioners:

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ and supported by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_:

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has determined that it is in the best interest of the County to provide funding for the operation and maintenance of the Pinecrest Medical Care Facility; and

WHEREAS, to provide for such funding, the Board of County Commissioners is considering the levy of a new dedicated millage for a five-year period; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the qualified electors of the County to approve such a millage by a majority vote; and

WHEREAS, the General Property Tax Act, Public Act 206 of 1893, as amended, requires that the form in which the proposed millage shall be submitted on the ballot to the County’s electors be determined by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, prior to its approval of such ballot language, it is necessary for the Board of County Commissioners to hold a public hearing to provide an opportunity for interested persons to be heard and to receive and consider communications in writing with reference to the proposed millage.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

- 1. The Board of County Commissioners proposes that a millage be placed on the ballot for consideration by the County’s electors to read as follows:

**PINECREST MEDICAL CARE FACILITY  
MILLAGE PROPOSAL**

Shall the County of Dickinson levy a total of .57 mills (\$0.57 per \$1,000.00 on taxable value of property) for a period of five (5) years, December 1, 2018, to November 30, 2023, inclusive, which will raise in the first year of such levy an estimated revenue of \$507,700.00, to be used for the purpose of operating, maintaining, renovating and repairing the Pinecrest Medical Care Facility, and for any other Pinecrest Medical Care Facility purpose authorized by law? If approved, this would be a new additional levied millage.

YES 0  
NO 0

- 2. The Board of County Commissioners shall hold a public hearing on \_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m. at \_\_\_\_\_, at which interested persons may be heard and shall have the right to submit communications in writing with reference to the proposed millage and the proposed ballot language above. The County Clerk shall provide notice of the public hearing not less than 6 days before the public hearing as required by law.
- 3. The County Clerk, the County Attorney and all other County officials are authorized and directed to take any and all actions necessary to seek voter approval of the proposed

millage.

4. All existing or previous resolutions and parts of resolutions, insofar as they may conflict with the provisions of this resolution, are hereby rescinded to the extent necessary to avoid such conflict.

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Dolly Cook, Clerk  
County of Dickinson

**CERTIFICATION**

The undersigned, duly qualified and acting Clerk of the County of Dickinson, State of Michigan, hereby certifies that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by said Board of County Commissioners at a regular meeting held on \_\_, 2018, the original of which is part of the Board of County Commissioners' minutes. The undersigned further certifies that notice of the meeting was given to the public pursuant to the provisions of the Act 267 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1976, as amended.

Dolly Cook, Clerk  
County of Dickinson

- I. **Equalization Committee** – Commissioner Degenauer-None  
Equalization Director Sid Bray stated there are new rules that may be coming for Assessors and this would cost the Counties and Municipalities much more money and their assessors would have to go to school more. Bray stated he would keep the Board updated on where this may go.
- J. **Building & Supply/Real Estate-Remodeling** – Commissioner Degenauer-None
- K. **Public Safety and Judiciary** – Commissioner Wender
  1. Sheriff's office monthly report of April 2018.  
Sheriff Rutter stated it was National Correction Workers week and he thanked his correctional workers for a job well done.
- L. **Parks Committee** – Commissioner Stevens
  1. Motion by Commissioner Stevens seconded by Commissioner Kramer to approve a contribution request of \$1,000 from the Lake Antoine Association toward the efforts to combat the spread of Eurasian Water Milfoil in Lake Antoine. Roll Call Vote:  
Commissioners;  
Martin                      Nay  
Stevens              Aye  
Wender                      Nay  
Degenauer Jr.,              Nay  
Kramer              Aye                      Motion Failed  
The three Nay votes stated we cannot give to just Lake Antoine when the problem is in the whole County. It was not budgeted and we just do not have the money for all.
- M. **Airport Committee** – Commissioner Wender
  1. Motion by Commissioner Kramer, seconded by Commissioner Martin to approve the request from M.J. Electric LLC to proceed with the planning process with regards to the construction of a new hangar at the Ford Airport. 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 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  
Commissioner Stevens stated Larry will be leaving soon.

8. Citizens' Time: (Limited to five minutes per person)  
Chairman Wender opened the floor to Citizens Time. Lucy Shampo addressed the Board. She stated she still serves since 1984 on a committee at Pinecrest. She asked that the County reconsider their vote for the millage. She stated it is a wonderful facility.

9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS & OLD BUSINESS:** Commissioner Kramer -None

10. **PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS:** - Commissioner Kramer

1. Heidi Van Slooten, Friend of the Court – update regarding the Friend of the Court cost effectiveness findings for FY 2017.

Heidi Van Slooten gave her accomplishments during the year. She handed out a worksheet that is on file in the County Clerk's Office.

Commissioner Stevens congratulated Heidi on a job well done.

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

1. Planning Commission meeting minutes of March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

12. Controller's Report.

Controller Bousley stated the airport is complete and they did a great job.

He stated there will be a work bee on Saturday at Lake Antoine.

He stated the opioid Litigation people will be here soon.

He stated the audit is wrapped up without any red flags.

He stated the actuarial Audit by Mers is done and we are 60% funded in our retirement.

He thanked Larry for his great work at the Dickinson County Veteran's Office.

He stated RSVP for the roof of the Courthouse will go out this fall.

13. Commissioners' Personal Privilege.

Chairman Wender offered a moment of silence for the Death of Joann Johnson who was the Dickinson County Treasurer for 34 years.

Commissioner Degenauer Jr., was very disturbed that we would not let the people decide about Pinecrest.

Commissioner Kramer stated she would support Pinecrest in November.

Commissioner Stevens thought it would have a better chance in November (Pinecrest).

He further stated that Linda Zanon is retiring and he would like a resolution and thanked her for a job well done.

Chairman Wender thanked Tim Howen for the wonderful job he is doing at the Airport

Motion by Commissioner Kramer, supported by Commissioner Stevens to change the meeting from Memorial Day to Tuesday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00P.M. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

A. Motion by Commissioner Kramer, seconded by Commissioner Stevens to enter into a closed session at 6:45 PM. to discuss the purchase or lease of real property, pursuant to Open Meeting Act 15.268, Sec. 8(d). *(Closed session requires 2/3 vote)* Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

Stevens Aye

Wender Aye

Degenauer Jr., Nay

Kramer Aye

Martin Aye Motion Carried

John Degenauer Jr., did not attend the closed session and left at 6:45P.M.

Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Kramer to use the tape as the minutes. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

Motion by Commissioner Martin seconded by Commissioner Kramer to enter back into the regular meeting at 7:25 PM. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

14. Motion by Commissioner Stevens seconded by Commissioner Kramer to adjourn, Subject to Call of Chairman at 7:27 PM.

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Henry Wender, Chairman

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Dolly L. Cook, County Clerk

