

**DICKINSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**Monday, December 9, 2019 - 6:00 p.m.**  
**Courthouse - Circuit Courtroom**

Tape 417

1. The meeting was called to Order by Chairman Wender at 6:00 PM.
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United State 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 Barb Kramer, John Degenaer and Kevin Pirlot. (5)  
Absent: None  
Also, Present: County Clerk Dolly Cook, Assistant Prosecutor Carl Downing, Sheriff Scott Rutter, Judge Mary Barglind and Controller Brian Bousley
4. Motion by Commissioner Kramer, seconded by Commissioner Pirlot 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 as written:  
Finance – November 21<sup>st</sup>  
Regular – November 25<sup>th</sup>  
COW – December 4<sup>th</sup>                      All Ayes, Motion Carried.

6. **COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATION:**

Commissioner Kramer introduced the following students from Ms. Pietrantonio’s Iron Mountain Government Class: Kiara Sheldon, Dominic Schinderle, Alyssa Mendini and Nelayajah Kimbrough.

- A. Citizens’ Time: (Limited to five minutes per person)  
Chairman Wender opened the floor to Citizens’ Time and there was no participation.
- B. Resolutions and Legislation – Commissioner Pirlot
  1. Motion by Commissioner Pirlot, seconded by Commissioner Degenaer Jr., to approve Resolution 2019-29 Compliance with Public Act 152 of 2011.  
All Ayes, Motion Carried

**RESOLUTION 2019-29**  
**COMPLIANCE WITH PUBLIC ACT 152 OF 2011**

The Dickinson County Board of Commissioners respectfully submits the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the Dickinson County board of Commissioners will abide by the set of laws described in P.A. 152; and

**WHEREAS**, these limitations will go into effect on January 1, 2020 for Dickinson County non-union employees, elected officials and collective bargaining as specified in P.A. 152; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 4 of P.A. 152 allows a public employer to elect to pay not more than 80% of the total annual cost of all of the medical benefit plans it offers or contributes to for its employees and elected public officials; now

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Dickinson County board of Commissioners, acting pursuant to the authority granted a county under Section 4 of P.A. 152 of 2011, hereby elects that Dickinson County pay not more than 80% of the total annual costs of all the medical benefit plans it offers or contributes to for its employees and elected public officials commencing January 1, 2020.

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**Henry Wender, Chairman**

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**Date**

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**Dolly Cook, County Clerk**

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**Date**

7. **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

- A. **Finance Committee** – Finance Chairperson Kramer
1. Motion by Commissioner Kramer, seconded by Commissioner Stevens to approve the monthly bills for October in the amount of \$1,830,983.79. Roll Call Vote:  
Commissioners:  
Degenaer Jr., Aye  
Kramer Aye  
Pirlot Aye  
Stevens Aye  
Wender Aye Motion Carried.
- 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 October 24<sup>th</sup>.
  2. DHHS meeting agenda of December 19<sup>th</sup>.
  3. DHHS Board 2020 meeting dates.
- F. **Dickinson-Iron Health Department** – Commissioner Stevens-None
- G. **Northpointe** – Commissioner Pirlot-None  
Commissioner Pirlot stated Northpointe adopted a priority list including Medicaid people but outside Medicaid there is a shortfall so they decide by the need.
- H. **Pinecrest** – Commissioner Degenaer
1. Pinecrest meeting minutes of September 26<sup>th</sup>.
  2. Pinecrest meeting minutes of October 24<sup>th</sup>.
- I. **Equalization Committee** – Commissioner Degenaer-None
- J. **Building & Supply/Real Estate-Remodeling** – Commissioner Degenaer-None
- K. **Public Safety and Judiciary** – Commissioner Wender
1. Sheriff's office monthly report for November.  
Sheriff Rutter stated the Undersheriff met with Delta County regarding the dive team and they are happy with the seven candidates they have for Dickinson County and they will be trained in January.
- L. **Parks Committee** – Commissioner Stevens-None  
Commissioner Stevens stated they met with Brooks Electric, Commissioner Degenaer Jr., and Eric to discuss the electrical needs at the park and they should have a meeting in January to discuss the needs.
- M. **Airport Committee** – Commissioner Wender-None
- N. **Fair Board** – Commissioner Degenaer
1. Fair Board special meeting minutes of August 30<sup>th</sup>.
  2. Fair Board special meeting minutes of August 31<sup>st</sup>.
  3. Fair Board special meeting minutes of September 1<sup>st</sup>.
  4. Fair Board special meeting minutes of September 2<sup>nd</sup>.
  5. Fair Board meeting minutes of October 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Commissioner Degenaer Jr., stated they are working on a grant to remodel the bathrooms on the midway.
- O. **Library Board** – Commissioner Pirlot-None
- P. **Employee Relations** - Commissioner Degenaer
1. Motion by Commissioner Degenaer Jr., seconded by Commissioner Stevens to approve the request from Heidi VanSlooten to post and fill a full-time position with the Friend of the Court's Office due to an upcoming employee retirement. This would be an overlapping position for training purposes. Funding for this position during the overlapping time period will be paid from a discretionary fund within the Friend of the

Court's fund. All Ayes, Motion Carried.  
 VanSlooten explained the need to bring someone in for 2 months prior to Kim Ketchum's retirement and they would be paid from the Medical Support Incentive fund.  
 Judge Mary Barglind is in favor of this request.

- Q. **Dickinson County Hospital Committee** – Commissioner Stevens-None  
 Commissioner Stevens stated the USDA Loan is still being held up for quite a few months. He stated the hospital is doing better.
- R. **Dickinson County Road Commission** – Commissioner Wender-None
- S. **Construction Code Commission** – Commissioner Degenaeer-None
- T. **Bay West Advisory Committee** - Commissioner Degenaeer-None
- U. **Veterans' Affairs Committee** – Commissioner Stevens-None  
 Commissioner Stevens stated it has been a good year.

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

9. **PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS:** - Commissioner Pirlot-None

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

11. Controller's Report.  
 Controller Bousley stated they are working on the inside of the hangar at the Airport. He stated the Budget hearing is on December 23, 2019. He stated all the vetoes for the County that the Governor put in place are now lifted. He stated they are working on a census committee. He stated we have to return \$17,000 for the veteran's grant because we did not ask for it and did not need it. He stated the Tourism Round Table is Friday 10:00 to 11:30 and the Constellation is Wednesday at Bay College at 8:45 to 11:45.

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.  
 Motion by Commissioner Pirlot, supported by Commissioner Degenaeer Jr., to give MSU Extension \$20,000 and add that to the budget. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

Kramer		Nay
Pirlot	Aye	
Stevens		Nay
Wender		Nay
Degenaeer Jr.,	Aye	Motion Failed

Commissioner Stevens stated this should have been discussed at Finance to see what the \$20,000 was going to be used for.  
 Commissioner Pirlot stated UP Energy meets in Marquette about the Enbridge line 5 and the Governor is working on an alternative solution. Commissioner Stevens stated he supports Enbridge and Line 5 because if that fails propane could cost the U.P. \$5.00 a gallon.  
 Motion by Commissioner Stevens, seconded by Commissioner Kramer to write a resolution to the Governor and Legislature to give back state land for development. Degenaeer Jr., Kramer, Stevens, Wender Ayes, Pirlot Nay. Motion Passed  
 Commissioner Kramer stated foreclosure could have started because of the non-payment of PLT Taxes.  
 Commissioner Stevens thanked the Governor.  
 Commissioner Degenaeer Jr., stated the Board should get the DICSA distribution amounts before the meeting. He stated Norway should get what it wants to do what they want. He stated the under-sheriff gets a stipend for emergency preparedness and why are we paying someone who is retired to do that job? He stated he is still getting letters about how poorly the CEO (Jeanne Goche) was dismissed. He is uncomfortable with the two past trustees being placed on the Board again and we have to watch what is going on.

14. Motion by Commissioner Kramer, seconded by Commissioner Pirlot to adjourn, Subject to the Call of the Chairman at 6:30 PM.

Chairman Henry Wender

County Clerk Dolly L. Cook