

DICKINSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Monday, October 25, 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 County Clerk Carol Bronzyk 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, County Clerk Carol Bronzyk, Prosecutor Lisa Richards, Sheriff Scott Rutter and Equalization Director Matt Baumgartner.
4. Motion by Commissioner Kramer seconded by Commissioner Martin to accept the agenda with the following addition: 9. D. Approve/Deny 4th quarter payment to Felch Senior Citizen Center.
All Ayes, Motion Carried.
5. Motion by Commissioner Martin seconded by Commissioner Stevens to approve the following meeting minutes:
Regular – October 11th
Parks – October 21st
Finance – October 21st All Ayes, Motion Carried.

6. **COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATION:**

The Board welcomed the students from the Iron Mountain High School Government Class: Kyla Olson, Ruth Manier, Jack Henry Smith, Anika Cameron, Rediet Husing, Natalia Brown, Joey Colvecchi, Eric Mathis and Austen Guldswoog

- A. Citizens' Time: (Limited to five minutes per person)
Chairperson Wender opened the floor to Citizens Time and there was no participation.
- B. Resolutions and Legislation – Commissioner Degenauer
 1. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer seconded by Commissioner Stevens to approve Dickinson County Resolution 2021-19 Supporting American Rescue Plan State Match Program. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

Dickinson County Resolution 2021-19
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN STATE MATCH PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan has faced tremendous challenges as it dealt with a deadly pandemic for nearly a year and a half and is now presented with an opportunity to strategically invest in our residents, entrepreneurs, businesses and communities; and
WHEREAS, Michigan will receive more than \$10 billion in fiscal recovery aid, with 83 counties slated to get \$1.9 billion directly in American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds; and
WHEREAS, cities and larger townships will receive a total of \$1.8 billion and non-- entitlement communities (smaller units) approximately \$644 million, with the state of Michigan itself receiving more than \$6.5 billion; and
WHEREAS, eligible expenditures include revenue reimbursements, savings and growing interest on the funds, broadband infrastructure, economic development and individual assistance programs; and
WHEREAS, county leaders are already under pressure to announce spending decisions and elected officials at all levels of government will have to make decisions on where and how they will use the dollars within federal guidelines; and
WHEREAS, the Michigan Association of Counties is working on a match program to earmark close to \$4 billion in state ARP funds to leverage all levels of government to strategically invest the one-time dollars in area of greatest need for improvement; and
WHEREAS, the Michigan Association of counties has received positive feedback on the ideas put forth for match programs within the state; and
WHEREAS, Michigan has a chance to amplify investments with the influx of federal funding and a collaborative effort by all levels of government that will allow the dollars to be stretched to invest in common goals; and
WHEREAS, the comprehensive approach to leverage ARP dollars will provide Michigan the ability to amplify investment for our future by focusing resources in five key areas - water infrastructure and broadband, local capacity and fiscal stability, housing and community

development, comprehensive economic development and public health and safety; and WHEREAS, our future success is inextricably linked, and strategic investment of our available resources needs to support and strengthen these connections; THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Dickinson County Board of Commissioners supports American Rescue Plan State Match Programs and authorizes the Dickinson County Clerk to forward a copy of this resolution directly to all County Boards and the State legislative officials of the State of Michigan.

Henry Wender – Board Chair

Carol Bronzyk – County Clerk

Date

7. **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

A. **Finance Committee** – Finance Chairperson Kramer

1. Motion by Commissioner Kramer seconded by Commissioner Degenauer to approve the check register from October 6, 2021 to October 21, 2021 in the amount of \$482,994.21.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

Kramer Aye

Martin Aye

Stevens Aye

Wender Aye

Degenauer Aye Motion Carried.

2. Motion by Commissioner Kramer seconded by Commissioner Martin to approve the County Board to make the annual loan payment in the amount of \$22,000.00 for the Fair Building Loan. Payment to be made from the County's General Fund.

Controller Bousley stated that the memorandum of understanding states if the Fair cannot make their payment a \$1000.00 fine be added. As this was this Boards offer, not the Fair, asking for the payment to be made this motion will be restated.

Motion by Commissioner Kramer seconded by Commissioner Martin to approve the County Board to make the 2021 loan payment in the amount of \$22,000.00 for the Fair building Loan, with the following stipulation that line items 4-5-6-7 be temporarily removed from the memorandum of understanding. Payment to be made from the County's General fund.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

Martin Aye

Stevens Aye

Wender Aye

Degenauer Aye

Kramer Aye Motion Carried.

Commissioner Stevens asked for this to be clarified for the record.

Controller Bousley stated that the fair had more expenditures this year with repairs that needed to be done. This Board wanted to help them out.

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 / DICSА** – Commissioner Kramer

1. DICSА meeting minutes of September 9th.

F. **Dickinson-Iron Health Department** – Commissioner Stevens-None

G. **Northpointe** – Commissioner Martin-None

H. **Pinecrest** – Commissioner Degenauer

1. Pinecrest meeting agenda for October 28th.

I. **Equalization Committee** – Commissioner Degenauer

1. 2021 Apportionment Report.

Equalization Director Matt Baumgartner went over the Apportionment agreement.

He stated that overall, the taxable value in the county gained \$17,805,592. He anticipates a higher rise next year as well.

Motion by Commissioner Degenauer seconded by Commissioner Stevens to approve the agreement. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

J. **Building & Supply/Real Estate-Remodeling** – Commissioner Degenauer-None

K. **Public Safety and Judiciary** – Commissioner Wender

1. Sheriff's office monthly report for September.

L. **Parks Committee** – Commissioner Stevens

1. Motion by Commissioner Stevens seconded by Commissioner Degenauer to approve the posting and hiring for the Lake Antoine Park Office Manager position. Position will be a seasonal position during the 2022 Camping Season. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
2. Motion by Commissioner Stevens seconded by Commissioner Kramer to approve the Dickinson County Lake Antoine 2022 Fee Schedule. Roll Call Vote:
Commissioners;
Stevens Aye
Wender Nay
Degenauer Aye
Kramer Aye Martin Aye Motion Carried.
Commissioner Stevens want to express his concern over the resident fee increase, but we have spent a considerable amount of money this past year out there. Commissioner Kramer stated that the increase does include electricity. Commissioner Wender wanted to state the reason he voted no on this. He is concerned that this is a 50% increase in one year, even though we have spent a half million dollars out there over the past year, the majority rules.
3. Motion by Commissioner Stevens seconded by Commissioner Kramer to approve the Dickinson County Lake Antoine 2022 Refund Policy. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

M. **Airport Committee** – Commissioner Wender-None

N. **Fair Board** – Commissioner Degenauer

Commissioner Degenauer stated he would like to thank the County Board for helping them out this year. They have done some major repairs out there this year, rewiring the caretakers house and exhibition building, new fence around the track, etc. We have gotten a lot accomplished this year. He stated they had 44,000 people attend the fair this year and they are still working on the financials.

O. **Library Board** – Commissioner Martin

1. Motion by Commissioner Martin seconded by Commissioner Stevens to approve the request from the Dickinson County Library Board to levy .90 mills for the Winter December 2021 tax levy.
Equalization Director Matt explained that they can only levy .8988 mills due to the millage reduction fraction, they had to roll back all the millages this year, and this is per State Statute.
Motion and support are rescinded by same. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
Motion by Commissioner Martin seconded by Commissioner Kramer to approve the request for the Dickinson County Library Board to levy .8988 mills for the Winter December 2021 tax levy. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:
Wender Aye
Degenauer Aye
Kramer Aye
Martin Aye
Stevens Aye Motion Carried.

P. **Employee Relations** - Commissioner Degenauer

1. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer seconded by Commissioner Kramer to approve that the Wage Studies be completed for the following County Departments: Courthouse & Grounds, Parks, Equalization and Controller's Office.
Commissioner Martin asked if by Controllers Office it includes the Admin. Asst and the Board, and yes it does.
Commissioner Stevens asked if this is everyone now, and yes, it is.
Commissioner Wender asked how long this takes? It was stated it all depends on how involved each department is, and we are still waiting on some results.
Controller Bousley stated he did not ask for himself to be included.
The Board stated that they wanted him included.
All Ayes, Motion Carried.

Q. **Dickinson County Hospital Committee** – Commissioner Stevens

1. DCHS meeting minutes of July 22nd.

2. DCHS meeting minutes of August 23rd.

R. **Dickinson County Road Commission** – Commissioner Wender-None

S. **Construction Code Commission** – Commissioner Degenauer

1. DCCCC agenda for October 19th.
2. DCCCC meeting minutes of September 21st.

T. **Bay West Advisory Committee** - Commissioner Degenauer

Commissioner Stevens wanted the students present to know how wonderful the programs are at Bay West.

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

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

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

A. Discussion regarding the design for a Dickinson County Flag.

Commissioner Degenauer would like us to have a County Flag. Other counties that have one have their courthouse in the middle. He would like to get some ideas and see what we can come up with. The Board agreed for Commissioner Degenauer to get some ideas/prototypes.

B. Tri-County Snowmobile Club discussion regarding the use of Dickinson County property.

Mike Harper, representative from the tri county snow mobile club, presented the Board with a map of the small part of the trail they would like to utilize. They have a waiver for any liability. This would only be for snow mobiles.

Motion by Commissioner Martin seconded by Commissioner Stevens to approve the Tri County Snow Mobile club proposal. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

C. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer seconded by Commissioner Kramer to make the following appointment:

1. DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES – Applicants: Winnie Fornetti
One three-year term to expire 10/31/2024
All Ayes, Motion Carried Winnie Fornetti is appointed to the Department of Human Services for a term to expire 10/31/2024

Motion by Commissioner Degenauer seconded by Commissioner Kramer to appoint William Cummings to the Library Board for a term to expire 12/31/2026.

2. LIBRARY BOARD - Applicants: William Cummings
One five-year term to expire 12/31/2026
All Ayes, Motion Carried.

Motion by Commissioner Degenauer to appoint the following:

3. VETERAN AFFAIRS BOARD - Applicants: Kim Mainville
One four-year term to expire 12/31/2025 Alan Perla

Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

Degenauer Perla
Kramer Mainville
Martin Perla
Stevens Perla
Wender Mainville

Alan Perla is appointed to the Veteran Affairs Board for a term to expire 12/31/2025.

D. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer seconded by Commissioner Kramer to approve the fourth quarter payment to the Felch senior Citizen Center in the amount of \$2,500 to be dispersed from account 275-673-962-700. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

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

11. Controller's Report.

The Consultant they decided on, is the one that we use for audits. We contacted them to today to get moving on this and it is a pay as you go, of which the funds can be taken out of the money we

received.

We interviewed a person for the Mine Inspector position, Mike Greer. He will go with Steve for his final inspections. He will have to run in the 2022 election.

Dewatering project at the airport is almost completed. Enplanements are 10,931 thru the end of September, so we more than met our goal. The dirt work for the new hanger has also started.

He did talk to the engineer in re the 2nd round of the cares act funds.

There will be a department head meeting next Monday at 4:30 PM in the Sheriff conference room.

Monday is the due date for the Senior Centers financial requests to be in. We will have meeting with them on Wednesday Nov 10th at 1 PM.

A new house bill S3001 might be passed loosening up the restrictions on the ARP funds, giving us more leeway.

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 Degenauer stated GO BLUE!
Commissioner Kramer asked for a moment of silence for Dan Benishek who recently passed.
Commissioner Stevens asked for the Board to do a resolution for Steve Smith, the Mine Inspector, who has done an outstanding job. Also, the blue lights will be going back up in front of the Courthouse to honor all our police, fire, 1st responders.
Commissioner Wender asked the County Clerk if the part-time position in her office is still vacant and yes, it is.
14. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer seconded by Commissioner Kramer to adjourn, Subject to the Call of the Chairman at 6:38 PM.

Henry Wender, Chairperson

Carol Bronzyk County Clerk