

DICKINSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Monday, March 8, 2021 - 6:00 p.m.
Courthouse - Circuit Courtroom & Via Zoom

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 and Vice Chairperson Barb Kramer, Commissioners John Degenauer, Joe Stevens and Ann Martin. (5)
Absent: None
Also Present: Controller Brian Bousley, County Clerk Carol Bronzyk, Prosecutor Lisa Richards and Sheriff Scott Rutter.
4. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer seconded by Commissioner Stevens to accept the agenda as written.
All Ayes, Motion Carried.
5. Motion by Commissioner Kramer seconded by Commissioner Degenauer to approve the following meeting minutes.
Finance – February 18th
Regular – February 22nd All Ayes, Motion Carried.
Commissioner Martin stated a correction to the Feb 22nd minutes to show she had abstained from voting on the Feb 8th minutes as she was not there.
Commissioner Kramer stated a correction on the Feb 18th minutes the word hangar was spelt wrong.

6. **COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATION:**

- 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 Kramer
 1. Motion by Commissioner Kramer seconded by Commissioner Stevens to approve Resolution 2021-8 Honoring Dolly Cook. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
Dickinson County Resolution 2021-8
Honoring the Service of Dolly Cook
March 8, 2021

WHEREAS, Dolly Cook was elected as the Dickinson County Clerk in November of 1990 and assumed the duties of County Clerk on November 12th, 1990; and,

WHEREAS, Dolly has served loyally as the Dickinson County Clerk for over thirty (30) years; and,

WHEREAS, through the years in the position of County Clerk, she has had to manage many challenges and implement the everchanging mandated operational public services. Dolly has always held steadfast to a positive "We will get it done" attitude; and,

WHEREAS, Dolly has been a source of knowledge not only for the Dickinson County Courthouse, Board of Commissioners, the people of Dickinson County but also the Clerks throughout the Upper Peninsula. Her bountiful wisdom and experience of all things Clerk and Register of Deeds related is truly astonishing; and,

WHEREAS, she has dutifully served the citizens of Dickinson County for over 30 years, treating the public with respect and courtesy in a most exemplary manner; and

WHEREAS, she is well known not only throughout Dickinson County but the U.P. for her full smile and her honest "tell it how it is" demeanor.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Dickinson County Board of Commissioners recognizes and truly appreciates Mrs. Dolly Cook's thirty plus years of service for the betterment of Dickinson County and the citizens of Dickinson County. Thank you, Ms. Dolly, we will miss you.

Henry Wender-Chair

Barbara J. Kramer- Vice Chair

Joe Stevens –
Commissioner

John Degenauer, Jr-Commissioner Ann Martin – Commissioner Carol Bronzyk –
County Clerk

2. Motion by Commissioner Kramer seconded by Commissioner Martin to approve Resolution 2021-9 Use of E911 Surcharge Fees. All Ayes, Motion Carried. Controller Bousley explained we are in opposition to this bill along with the Sheriffs Association. It is a new ruling from the FCC stating that anything outside of the 4 walls of 911, like radios in patrol cars and the towers are not fundable.

**Dickinson County Resolution 2021-9
Use of E911 Surcharge Fees**

WHEREAS, The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is expected to approve a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) in regards to 911 fee (surcharge) diversion; and,

WHEREAS, On December 27, 2020, new federal legislation was signed into law that requires the FCC to take action to help address the diversion of 911 fees by states and other jurisdictions for purposes unrelated to 911; and,

WHEREAS, stated language within the NRPM carries concerns to 911 centers throughout Michigan. The U.P. 911 Centers have a strong, longstanding reputation for “NOT” diverting surcharge fees through maintaining an “allowable expense” list, as well as periodic compliance reviews; and,

WHEREAS, a conflict arises due to the way the FCC defines allowable use of 911 surcharge fees. The NPRM only identifies costs in the PSAP (911 Call Centers) as allowable; and,

WHEREAS, the allowable expenses would not include radio systems, in car computer systems, location service devices for first responders, tower infrastructure and handheld radios. These systems are critical for effective communication between the 911 Centers and first responders; and

WHEREAS, the failure to identify the same “allowable expenses” identified as critical communication systems outside the walls of the 911 Centers by the FCC would be identified as diverting funds by many 911 Centers.

THEREFORE, BE It RESOLVED, the Dickinson County Board of Commissioners wishes to make their comments known as to disagrees with the definition of diverting fee and asks the FCC to reconsider and include communication systems and communication infrastructure as allowable expenses.

Henry Wender-Chair Barbara J. Kramer- Vice Chair Joe Stevens – Commissioner

John Degenauer, Jr-Commissioner Ann Martin – Commissioner Carol Bronzyk –
County Clerk

7. **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

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

1. Motion by Commissioner Kramer seconded by Commissioner Degenauer to approve the monthly bills from February 18 in the amount of \$1,440,533.64. Roll Call Vote:

Commissioners:

Degenauer Aye

Kramer Aye

Martin Abstain

Stevens Aye

Wender Aye Motion Carried.

2. Motion by Commissioner Kramer seconded by Commissioner Martin to remove Dolly Cook from the Clerk’s First National Bank and Trust credit card and to add Carol Bronzyk as an authorized user. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. **A-95 Review** – Commissioner Kramer-None

- C. **Six County Employment Alliance** – Commissioner Stevens-None
- D. **Planning and Zoning Committee** – Commissioner Kramer
1. Planning Commission meeting minutes of December 8, 2020.
- E. **DHHS / DICSА** – Commissioner Kramer
1. Motion by Commissioner Kramer seconded by Commissioner Stevens to approve the first quarter payment request from DICSА in the amount of \$69,066.00. Roll Call Vote:
Commissioners:
Degenauer Aye
Kramer Aye
Martin Aye
Stevens Aye
Wender Aye Motion Carried.
- F. **Dickinson-Iron Health Department** – Commissioner Stevens-None
- G. **Northpointe** – Commissioner Martin
Commissioner Martin explained a new program by Christie Harvey. She is going to the schools and helping students that need assistance. She will look into whether it will be available during the summer as well.
- H. **Pinecrest** – Commissioner Degenauer
Commissioner Degenauer stated they met with the employees and administrator. There are 5 goals the administrator needs to achieve and it is very attainable. Something had to be done, and he was disappointed this did not come before the entire Board but that will change for the future.
- 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
1. Schedule Parks Committee Meeting.
- M. **Airport Committee** – Commissioner Wender
1. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer seconded by Commissioner Kramer to approve the agreement for professional consultant services with Prein & Newhoff regarding MDOT No. 210329 in the amount of \$24,783.00. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:
Kramer Aye
Martin Aye
Stevens Aye
Wender Aye
Degenauer Aye Motion Carried
2. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer seconded by Commissioner Stevens to approve the agreement for professional engineering service (P&N# 2210282) regarding the ARFF Truck Acquisition for the Ford Airport in the amount of \$18,177.69. Roll Call Vote:
Commissioners:
Martin Aye
Stevens Aye
Wender Aye
Degenauer Aye
Kramer Aye Motion Carried.
3. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer seconded by Commissioner Kramer to approve the operating agreement with International Air Charters, Inc. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
4. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer seconded by Commissioner Stevens to approve the operating agreement with Classic Aero Maintenance, LLC. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
- N. **Fair Board** – Commissioner Degenauer
Commissioner Degenauer stated all things look good to holding the fair this year!
- O. **Library Board** – Commissioner Martin-None
- P. **Employee Relations** - Commissioner Degenauer
1. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer seconded by Commissioner Kramer to approve

the County Clerk to fill the vacancy of the Circuit Court Clerk position. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

- Q. **Dickinson County Hospital Committee** – Commissioner Stevens
Commissioner Stevens stated the Hospital had a ground breaking this morning for the re-construction of the emergency room and it was well attended.
- 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
1. Motion by Commissioner Stevens seconded by Commissioner Degenauer to approve the addition of two additional committee members to serve on the Veterans' Affairs Committee. This would increase the committee members to 7 from 5 members. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
 2. Motion by Commissioner Stevens seconded by Commissioner Degenauer to approve the amendments to the Veterans' Committee bylaws. The changes are as follows under "Members":
 1. The committee shall consist of ~~five (5)~~ seven (7) members appointed by the County Board (Terms will Expire 12/31).
 2. Members appointed to the committee shall be residents of the county who have served honorably on active duty in the United States Armed Forces. Members shall have knowledge of veterans' services and issues, and shall demonstrate dedication to public interest and service.
 3. Committee members appointed under subsection (2) shall include the following:
 - At least 1 member representing a congressionally chartered veteran' organization with the county, to be appointed upon the recommendation of the posts of each chartered veterans' organization within the county.
 - At least 1 independent member who may or may not be a member of a congressionally chartered veterans' organization within the county.
 - Each committee member appointed under this section shall have demonstrated knowledge, skill, and experience in public service, business, or finance.

All Ayes, Motion Carried.

8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS & OLD BUSINESS:** Commissioner Kramer
- A. Motion by Commissioner Kramer seconded by Commissioner Stevens to approve the Contract between the Dickinson County Board of Commissioners and the Medical Care Coalition & Prescription Assistance of Dickinson & Iron Counties. The contract is to perform the services outlined in the Healthcare Benefits Assistance Millage passed in November of 2020.
All Ayes, Motion Carried.
9. **PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS:** - Commissioner Kramer
- A. Motion by Commissioner Kramer seconded by Commissioner Martin to make the following Appointments.
 1. PLANNING COMMISSION - Applicants: Gene Carollo
Two – partial terms to expire 2/28/2023
Gene Carollo was appointed.
 - B. Motion by Commissioner Kramer seconded by Commissioner Martin to allow the Dickinson Trail Network scout the land parcel to the west of the Pine Mountain Ski Jump for potential trails.
All Ayes, Motion Carried.
 - C. Motion by Commissioner Kramer seconded by Commissioner Martin to approve updating of the Dickinson County Remonumentation Committee. Jeremy Pipp as County Representative and Shannon Juneau as Grant Administrator. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
 - D. Motion by Commissioner Kramer seconded by Commissioner Martin to amend the COVID-19 screening procedure for individuals entering the Dickinson County Courthouse. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

- E. Motion by Commissioner Kramer seconded by Commissioner Stevens to approve the temporary Personnel Policy for COVID Related Leave. All Ayes, Motion Carried. Controller Bousley stated it will extend it until June 30th, this is not required but we would like to continue it.

Commissioner Degenauer left at 6:35 PM.

- F. Motion by Commissioner Kramer seconded by Commissioner Stevens to approve the 2021 Upper Peninsula RC & D Council dues in the amount of \$350.00. Roll Call Vote:

Commissioners:

Stevens	Aye	
Wender	Aye	
Kramer	Aye	
Martin	Aye	Motion Carried.

- G. Motion by Commissioner Kramer seconded by Commissioner Martin to approve the re-appointment of Dr. Martin Cristanelli as the Dickinson County Medical Examiner. This appointment will expire March 21, 2023. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

Commissioner Martin asked if there is a contract? Controller Bousley stated that there is and he will have Dr. Cristanelli sign it when he come in.

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

A. UP RC& D meeting agenda of March 5th.

B. UP RC&D meeting minutes of December 4, 2020.

11. Controller's Report.

Brian and Tim met with the Financial appraiser, and they will be meeting again one the bids are back.

Received a email from Missy at the Road Commission that someone had resigned immediately from their Board, he will be sending in a letter. We will advertise for this immediately along with all the other openings.

The senior center is ready to sign, we just need a title search.

I am working on grants.

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 Martin stated that it was good to be meeting in person once again.

Everyone welcomed Carol Bronzyk as the new County Clerk.

14. Motion by Commissioner Kramer seconded by Commissioner Martin to adjourn, Subject to Call of the Chairman at 6:47 PM.

Henry Wender, Chairperson

Carol K. Bronzyk County Clerk