

**DICKINSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Monday, July 26, 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, Prosecutor Lisa Richards and Sheriff Scott Rutter.
4. Motion by Commissioner Kramer seconded by Commissioner Martin to accept the agenda as written.
All Ayes, Motion Carried.
5. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer seconded by Commissioner Kramer to approve the following meeting minutes: Commissioner Stevens abstained as he was not there.
Regular – July 12th
Finance – July 15th All Ayes, Motion Carried.

6. **COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATION:**

- A. Citizens' Time: (Limited to five minutes per person)
Chairperson Wender opened the floor to Citizens Time, Melissa Rigoni-Breitung Township addressed the Board. She is a concerned citizen/mother and was wondering what this Board plans to do when the Governor puts the mandates back in place as she does not want her 6-year-old to have to wear a mask at school.
- B. Resolutions and Legislation – Commissioner Degenauer
1. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer seconded by Commissioner Stevens to approve Resolution 2021-14 approval of MDOT Contract 2021-0769. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION 2021-14

APPROVAL OF MDOT CONTRACT NO. 2021-0769 – FORD AIRPORT DICKINSON COUNTY, MICHIGAN

WHEREAS, Dickinson County has been offered a Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) contract for a federal/state/local airport project grant contract for capital improvements;

WHEREAS, Dickinson County Board of Commissioners has reviewed the terms and conditions of said grant contract offer and determined its acceptance is in the best interest of Dickinson County.

RESOLVED, that Dickinson County Board of Commissioners hereby approves MDOT Airport Contract No. 2021-0769 for a federal/state/local airport project and agrees to abide by the terms and conditions stipulated therein, said project.

RESOLVED, that Dickinson County Board of Commissioners authorizes its Dickinson County Controller to execute any and all documents related to said project.

Brian Bousley – Dickinson County Controller Date

Brenda Buchner – Dickinson County Deputy Clerk Date

7. **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

- A. **Finance Committee** – Finance Chairperson Kramer
1. Motion by Commissioner Kramer seconded by Commissioner Degenauer to approve the check register from July 8, 2021 to July 22, 2021 in the amount of \$1,158,499.32. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

2. Motion by Commissioner Kramer seconded by Commissioner Stevens to approve the amendment to the investment policy of the Dickinson County Retiree Healthcare Fund Trust to lower the cash on hand minimum to 1% of total fund amount. Commissioner Stevens would like clarification on if the balance on this fund would be brought down to zero once all the retirees are gone.
All Ayes, Motion Carried

3. Motion by Commissioner Kramer seconded by Commissioner Martin to approve a \$3,000 allocation to the Dickinson County Landbank Authority. Roll Call Vote;

Commissioners:

Stevens	Aye	
Wender	Aye	
Degenauer	Aye	
Kramer	Aye	
Martin	Aye	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-None

E. **DHHS / DICSA** – Commissioner Kramer-None

F. **Dickinson-Iron Health Department** – Commissioner Stevens

1. Board of Health meeting minutes of November 25, 2020.

2. Board of Health meeting minutes of April 28th.

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

H. **Pinecrest** – Commissioner Degenauer

Commissioner Degenauer stated the new administrator is working out well, the staff really likes her.

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 June.

L. **Parks Committee** – Commissioner Stevens

Commissioner Stevens stated that it is starting to look like a campground again, things are getting done. We are still waiting to hear from Kleiman and Coleman on the well.

M. **Airport Committee** – Commissioner Wender

1. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer seconded by Commissioner Stevens to approve the request from Tim Howen, Ford Airport Manager, to attend the 2021 Annual MAAE Conference in Thompson, MI from September 13th – September 17th.

All Ayes, Motion Carried.

2. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer seconded by Commissioner Kramer to approve a six-year tractor lease agreement from Vanderloop Equipment for a Fendt Model 714S4

Tractor. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

Wender	Aye	
Degenauer	Aye	
Kramer	Aye	
Martin	Aye	
Stevens	Aye	All Ayes, Motion Carried.

- N. **Fair Board** – Commissioner Degenauer
 Commissioner Degenauer stated that the fair books are available on-line dickinsoncountyfair.com and the fence is up around the race track and it looks like a new place. Lots of positive comments.
- O. **Library Board** – Commissioner Martin-None
- P. **Employee Relations** - Commissioner Degenauer
 1. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer seconded by Commissioner Kramer to approve the request from the Airport Manager to conduct a wage study for the airport employees.
 All Ayes, Motion Carried.
2. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer seconded by Commissioner Martin to approve Judge LaCost to fill a full-time vacancy in the District Court Office. All Ayes, Motion Carried
- Q. **Dickinson County Hospital Committee** – Commissioner Stevens
 Commissioner Stevens stated they are in a good spot now, financials are good. The Covid debt has been forgiven. They do need more inpatient patients and the ER remodel is on track.
- R. **Dickinson County Road Commission** – Commissioner Wender-None
- S. **Construction Code Commission** – Commissioner Degenauer
 1. Construction Code agenda for July 20th.
 2. Construction Code meeting minutes of May 18th.
- T. **Bay West Advisory Committee** - Commissioner Degenauer-None
- U. **Veterans' Affairs Committee** – Commissioner Stevens-None
8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS & OLD BUSINESS:** Commissioner Degenauer-None
9. **PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS:** - Commissioner Degenauer
 A. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer seconded by Commissioner Stevens to approve the third quarter payment request from the Breen Senior Center in the amount of \$6,125.00.
 Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:
 Degenauer Aye
 Kramer Aye
 Martin Aye
 Stevens Aye
 Wender Aye All Ayes, Motion Carried.
- B. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer seconded by Commissioner Kramer to approve the third quarter payment request from DICSA in the amount of \$69,066.00.
 Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:
 Kramer Aye
 Martin Aye
 Stevens Aye
 Wender Aye
 Degenauer Aye All Ayes, Motion Carried.
- C. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer seconded by Commissioner Stevens to approve the second and third quarter payment request from Felch Senior Center in the total amount of \$5,000.00.
 Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:
 Martin Aye
 Stevens Aye
 Wender Aye
 Degenauer Aye
 Kramer Aye All Ayes, Motion Carried.
10. Motion by Commissioner Martin seconded by Commissioner Stevens to accept the Committee Reports and Correspondence and place on file. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
- A. Land Bank meeting minutes of July 14th. B. Land Bank meeting minutes of July 21st.

11. **Controller's Report.**
Brian stated they had a tabletop exercise at the airport this morning. We had 5696 enplanements and 1413 flew out in June, so we are still looking good for that. Sewer and water hookups need to be done before September; we will get with Bacco for that. We attended at MAC conference this morning-Commissioners Martin, Kramer and Stevens, it was very informative about the ARPA money for infrastructure- water/sewer/broadband, we are going to wait and see what happens before we spend money on a consultant. Another issue we found out about, MMRAA have upped the camera cost so we spend \$100,000 to get \$200,000 worth of stuff.
We should hear about the \$70,000 Veterans Grant that was submitted next week.
Commissioner Stevens stated this community needs to seriously look at affordable housing in the area.
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 he has the letter for Senator McBroom to be signed thanking him for his honesty and representation. Norway is hosting the little league tournaments, all the hotels are full, Norway is still in it and we are very proud of them.
Commissioner Kramer asked Commissioner Degenauer about the construction code at lake Antoine he was going to look into. Commissioner Degenauer stated the fittings used were not the correct ones that is why they wanted it dug up to inspect. Eric has replaced the fittings; everything is up to code now. Commissioner Kramer stated the movies at the park are going well and it has helped fund some small projects, there are 2 more nights left. It is her opinion that Governor Whitmer cannot put any restrictions in place anymore.
Commissioner Martin stated in re the MAC meeting about the rescue funds, we need to plan carefully there is a lot of gray areas. I believe a consultant is a good idea, save us some work and help in the management and controlling of minimizing risk.
Commissioner Stevens stated the park is busy, busy, busy. The beach is being well used in this heat. He understands your concerns and he is worried about the future as well; he has grandkids, we need to put pressure on our legislators. He doesn't want to go back into a lockdown, but we need to pay attention and listen to our medical advisors and if this Board needs to take a stand, we should.
14. **Motion by Commissioner Kramer seconded by Commissioner Degenauer to adjourn, Subject to the Call of the Chairman at 6:27 PM.**

Chairperson Henry Wender

Chief Deputy Clerk Brenda Buchner