

DICKINSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Monday, October 24, 2022 – 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, Commissioners John Degenauer, Joe Stevens and Ann Martin. (5)
Absent: None
Also, Present: Controller Brian Bousley, County Clerk Carol Bronzyk, Sheriff Scott Rutter, Equalization Director Matt Baumgartner.
4. Motion by Commissioner Martin seconded by Commissioner Stevens to accept the agenda with the following addition: 9.B. Approve/Deny The removal of Natalie Rossi from the County's six accounts at the Northern Interstate Bank and the addition of Nancy McCole as a new signer.
All Ayes, Motion Carried.
5. Motion by Commissioner Kramer seconded by Commissioner Degenauer to approve the following meeting minutes:
Regular – October 10th
Finance – October 20th All Ayes, Motion Carried.

Commissioner Kramer introduced the following students from the Iron Mountain Government Class: Matthew Colavecchi, Fulton Stroud, Shawn McGuire, Alex Wilson, Jack Lundholm, Micah Treiber, Tyler Winch, Shanyna Hruska, Mallory Maracini, Lindsey Sorenson, Abram Gingrass, Hailey Greenleaf.

6. **COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATION:**

- A. Citizens' Time: (Limited to five minutes per person)
Chairperson Wender opened the floor to Citizens' time, William Stewart, Chairman of the Hamilton Lakes Board addressed the Board. He handed out a copy of how the money was spent at the lakes for treatment. He is here to request some funding for the milfoil treatment at Hamilton Lakes. He believes they are just as deserving as Lake Antoine, that this Board has donated to in the past. Commissioner Degenauer asked about some concerns he has about the Lake Board not having open meetings as required. Commissioner Wender stated that this Board had turned down Lake Antoine's request this year. Commissioner Stevens stated this Board needs to discuss at this budget time whether we are going to donate money to the lakes for milfoil treatment and come to a decision. Commissioner Martin asked about them submitting a formal request for funding.
Mary Dierkens-Clark, Hamilton Lake, addressed the Board, she had a suggestion that the Board could alternate funding for treatment between Lake Antoine and Hamilton Lakes. The Board informed her that there are other Lake Associations asking for funding, Sawyer Lake and Carney Lake.

- B. Resolutions and Legislation – Commissioner Kramer
1. Motion by Commissioner Kramer seconded by Commissioner Degenauer to approve Resolution 2022-12 Multiyear Deficit Elimination Plan for FY2021 Amended. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

**Resolution 2022-12
Multiyear Deficit Elimination Plan Amended**

WHEREAS, The Airport Fund has a \$283,110.00 deficit fund balance as of December 31, 2021; and
 WHEREAS, PA 140 of 1971 requires that a Deficit Elimination Plan be formulated by the local unit of government and filed with the Michigan Department of Treasury; and
 NOW THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED, The Dickinson County Board of Commissioners adopts the attached as the Airport Fund Deficit Elimination Plan; and
 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Dickinson County Board of Commissioners submits the Deficit Elimination Plan to the Michigan Department of Treasury for certification.

Date: _____

Henry Wender – Board Chair

Barbara J. Kramer - Vice Chair

John P. Degenauer, Jr. Commissioner

Joe Stevens, 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 check register from October 7, 2022 to October 20, 2022 in the amount of \$2,384,754.50.
 Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:
 Kramer Aye
 Martin Aye
 Stevens Aye
 Wender Aye
 Degenauer Aye Motion Carried.
- B. **A-95 Review** – Commissioner Kramer-None
- C. **Six County Employment Alliance** – Commissioner Stevens
 Commissioner Stevens stated they had a meeting today in Marquette and Bill Raymond from Michigan Works is retiring at the end of the year, and he wishes him well.
- D. **Planning and Zoning Committee** – Commissioner Kramer-None
- E. **DHHS / DICSA** – Commissioner Kramer
1. DICSA meeting minutes of September 8th.
- F. **Dickinson-Iron Health Department** – Commissioner Stevens-None
- G. **Northpointe** – Commissioner Martin
1. Northpointe meeting minutes of August 4th.
 2. Northpointe meeting minutes of September 1st.

- H. **Pinecrest** – Commissioner Degenaer-None
- I. **Equalization Committee** – Commissioner Degenaer
 - 1. Equalization Director Matt Baumgartner gave his 2022 Apportionment Report. The Board thanked Matt for a job well done.
- J. **Building & Supply/Real Estate-Remodeling** – Commissioner Degenaer-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 Kramer to approve the purchase and installation of a culvert on the east road of Fumee in the amount of \$1,250.00. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

Martin	Aye	
Stevens	Aye	
Wender	Aye	
Degenaer	Aye	
Kramer	Aye	Motion Carried.
- M. **Airport Committee** – Commissioner Wender-None
- N. **Fair Board** – Commissioner Degenaer

Commissioner Degenaer stated he wanted to thank the Sheriff and his department for their work at the Fair this year on behalf of the Fair Board.
- O. **Library Board** – Commissioner Martin

Commissioner Martin stated that Commissioner Stevens had some questions about the computers at the library not working. She wanted him to explain what he has found out about that. Commissioner Stevens stated basically that they are old and outdated and if used a lot they crash. They are going to start using laptops that are updated now, they are working on it, and making it better.
- P. **Employee Relations** - Commissioner Degenaer-None
- Q. **Dickinson County Road Commission** – Commissioner Wender-None
- R. **Construction Code Commission** – Commissioner Degenaer-None
- S. **Bay West Advisory Committee** - Commissioner Degenaer

Commissioner Stevens asked about the mileage, and Commissioner Degenaer stated they will start working on that the beginning of the year.
- T. **Veterans' Affairs Committee** – Commissioner Stevens-None
- 8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS & OLD BUSINESS:** Commissioner Kramer -None
- 9. **PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS:** - Commissioner Kramer

A. Motion by Commissioner Kramer seconded by Commissioner Degenauer to approve the fourth quarter payment request from Medical Care Access Coalition and Prescription Assistance in the amount of \$22,500.00. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner:

Stevens Aye

Wender Aye

Degenauer Aye

Kramer Aye

Martin Aye Motion Carried.

B. Motion by Commissioner Kramer seconded by Commissioner Stevens to approve removing Natalie Rossi from the County's six accounts at the Northern Interstate bank, and adding Nancy McCole as a new signer. 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.

11. Controller's Report.

Controller Bousley stated they have met with G.E.I. in regards to the bath house at Lake Antoine, and there is a sparks grant that will work for either the bath house or the lagoon. He will be applying for that. He has met with Coleman Engineering in regards to the boat launch, more to come on this but his feeling is they will make it right. Enplanements at the airport through September were 15,673. The M.E. building, we are waiting for a plumber to do all the drains so we can pour the cement. He has told the people out there that this is the top job that needs to be done. He met with Gundlach Champion in regards to the Hanger. We still have to meet with the new owners of Pine Mountain along with Kiwanis. Next Tuesday is the Department Head meeting at 2:00 PM.

12. Citizen's Time (Limited to five minutes per person)

Chairperson Wender opened the floor to Citizens Time, Lynne Wilson, Breitung Township addressed the Board. She read from the minutes of the meeting of September 26th as to how Commissioner Martin voted against approving the funding earmarked for the library. She is urging the Board to appoint someone else to represent the Library at the January meeting, as she feels that Commissioner Martin is putting her personal views ahead of what is best for the library. She believes that her personal views are getting in the way of her role as the liaison to the library. She does not believe that Commissioner Martin's personal views are part of her role as the liaison. Bill Cummings, member of the library board, addressed the Board. He was speaking for Megan Buck, director of the library, as she has covid. They would like to address some false statements made at a Board meeting. There is a new LGBTQIA+ teen group, 16-to-18-year old's, Shh...Out! meeting at the library, as they need a safe place to meet. This is strictly a safe place to meet where they won't be judged, anyone is welcome as long as they are respectful. Homeschool groups do meet at the library, they have never been denied access to the library, nor has any group. There are several new groups meeting at the library, and they are also starting up the book club again. The only time we said no to a group, was when they wanted us to teach a group meeting and as we are not in the teaching business we could not comply with the request. He would also like to commend the Board members that did vote to approve the funding, as we could not operate without it, it is 72% of our budget.

13. Commissioners' Personal Privilege

Commissioner Degenauer stated they have a Hamilton Lake Board Authority, whenever you have a lake level authority or assess/collect/disperse tax money, you have to have an open meeting, and

they have not had one in over 2 years. He is in support of their request for milfoil treatment funding, but it needs to be done in the correct way with an open meeting. He is not saying in any way that they are misappropriating funds, but by law it needs to be done correctly. Commissioner Kramer stated she would recommend that they need to investigate all the lake boards to make sure they are doing it correctly.

14. Motion by Commissioner Martin seconded by Commissioner Kramer to adjourn, Subject to the Call of the Chairman at 6:40 PM.

Henry Wender, Chair

Carol Bronzyk, County Clerk