

**DICKINSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**Monday, March 28, 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 Degenaer, Joe Stevens and Ann Martin. (5)  
Absent: None  
Also Present: Controller Brian Bousley, County Clerk Carol Bronzyk, Sheriff Scott Rutter and Prosecutor Lisa Richards.
4. Motion by Commissioner Degenaer seconded by Commissioner Stevens to accept the agenda with the following additions:
  9. D. Approve/Deny The increase if the jury mileage rate.
  - E. Approve/Deny The annual CUPPAD dues. All Ayes, Motion Carried
5. Motion by Commissioner Kramer seconded by Commissioner Degenaer to approve the following meeting minutes:
  - Regular – March 14<sup>th</sup>
  - Special Finance – March 17<sup>th</sup>Commissioner Martin requested an amendment to the March 14<sup>th</sup> Regular Board Minutes: It reads” the **bodies** in the clerk’s vault”, it should read “the **remains** in the clerk’s vault”.  
All Ayes, Motion Carried.
6. **COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATION:**  
The Board welcomed the students from the Iron Mountain Government Class:  
Andrew Larsen, Carter Kassin and Brandon Truong.
  - 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 Martin-None
7. **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**
  - A. **Finance Committee** – Finance Chairperson Kramer
    1. Motion by Commissioner Kramer seconded by Commissioner Stevens to approve the check register from 3/10/2022 to 3/23/2022 in the amount of \$1,090,813.74.  
Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:  
Kramer Aye  
Martin Aye  
Stevens Aye  
Wender Aye  
Degenaer 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 / DICSA** – Commissioner Kramer-None
- F. **Dickinson-Iron Health Department** – Commissioner Stevens-None
- G. **Northpointe** – Commissioner Martin-None
- H. **Pinecrest** – Commissioner Degenauer-None
- I. **Equalization Committee** – Commissioner Degenauer-None
- J. **Building & Supply/Real Estate-Remodeling** – Commissioner Degenauer  
Commissioner Degenauer and Stevens addressed the leaning Clock Tower issue.  
Controller Bousley stated we are having it looked into.
- K. **Public Safety and Judiciary** – Commissioner Wender  
Sheriff Rutter recapped the Work van getting started again by May 1<sup>st</sup>.  
The dive team had some equipment needs and we had 2 applications for the Victim Services Unit.
- L. **Parks Committee** – Commissioner Stevens  
Commissioner Stevens reminded everyone about the meeting coming up April 4<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM.
- M. **Airport Committee** – Commissioner Wender
  - 1. Motion by Commissioner Stevens seconded by Commissioner Kramer to approve the lease agreement between Dickinson County and Classic Aero Maintenance, LLC.  
After a discussion it was agreed to amend the motion to include the amount of \$1200.00 per month.  
All Ayes, Motion Carried.
- N. **Fair Board** – Commissioner Degenauer  
Commissioner Degenauer stated they have applied for a \$25,000. Capital Improvement Grant and we should know by May 6<sup>th</sup>.
- O. **Library Board** – Commissioner Martin-None
- P. **Employee Relations** - Commissioner Degenauer-None
- Q. **Dickinson County Hospital Committee** – Commissioner Stevens-None  
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- R. **Dickinson County Road Commission** – Commissioner Wender
  - 1. DCRC meeting minutes of February 8<sup>th</sup>.

- S. **Construction Code Commission** – Commissioner Degenauer
  - 1. DCCCC agenda for March 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - 2. DCCCC minutes of December 21<sup>st</sup>.
  - 3. DCCCC 2021 Building, Electrical, Plumbing and Mechanical Permit Activity Report
  
- 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 increase of the Veteran Affairs Department credit card limit to \$3,500.00.  
 Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:
 

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

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

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

A. Motion by Commissioner Martin seconded by Commissioner Kramer to approve an increase of fifty (\$50.00) to the monthly per diem rate for the County Board Chair and the County Board Commissioners. The increased rate would commence January 1, 2023.

Commissioner Stevens stated we heard his position on this at the last meeting, he has thought long and hard on this issue as he thinks he is adequately paid. He stated Commissioner Martin did a good job on researching this, and he agrees we have to look at this for future Board members. We can all adjust our wages at any time.

Commissioner Martin stated she looked into the MGT study and the County Board members across the U.P. MGT has been accepted across the County and this is well below that study, and the compensation for other county board members. Compensation for our Board hasn’t been adjusted for 25 years.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

B. Motion by Commissioner Martin seconded by Commissioner Degenauer to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter payment request from Norway-Vulcan Senior Center in the amount of \$12,500.00.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

C. Motion by Commissioner Martin seconded by Commissioner Kramer to approve the 2022 U.P. RC&D dues in the amount of \$350.00. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

D. Motion by Commissioner Martin seconded by Commissioner Kramer to approve the increase in the jury mileage rate from \$.20 to \$.50 per mile starting March 29, 2022.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

E. Motion by Commissioner Martin seconded by Commissioner Degenaer to approve the annual CUPPAD dues in the amount of \$9,000.00. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

Commissioner Stevens stated we haven't paid these dues for years and he has sat on this Board and he is suggesting we pay as we go and not pay this.

Stevens Nay  
Wender Nay  
Degenaer Aye  
Kramer Nay  
Martin Nay Motion Failed.

10. Motion by Commissioner Martin 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 the steel for the new hangar will be arriving April 12-13. They are waiting for the ground to thaw for the compaction testing, which passed in the fall. The new truck will be arriving in April and we will look in selling the old truck. The marijuana payments will be coming soon \$112,906.00, this goes into our general fund and has no restrictions.

Commissioner Martin stated she has reservations of what this will do long term on drug usage and on our community.

Commissioner Kramer stated that we did not have any say on this, the cities/townships did, we just are a recipient.

Bousley stated our VSO Denise reached out to Representative Bergman on the burial benefits for our Veteran's in hospice. They only receive the benefit if they are in the VA not any other hospice, which is wrong. It is called Gerald's law and she is pursuing this.

MMRMA will be appraising all the County Buildings.

He will be applying for a grant, due April 10<sup>th</sup> and hopefully we will get 1/2 back for all the security cameras we have purchased.

The opioid settlement should be coming in April.

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 she would like it included in the minutes of March 17<sup>th</sup>, C.3. the amount of purchase of CORE Technologies \$23,250.00

Commissioner Stevens stated at the MAC meeting he attended, the privatization of mental health was a topic and how we don't want this. Personal Property Tax was also discussed and they are not sure how this will go. He asked Brian how the opioid money will be spent.

Commissioner Kramer stated the airport is doing well and had a very positive comment.

Commissioner Degenauer stated at the township meeting it was discussed as to how the County as giving the them \$100,000. And this puts the road commission in a bind as to come up with the matching funds for projects they might request.

Commissioner Kramer stated not all the townships will be requesting roads, one mentioned a new roof.

Commissioner Wender wanted to comment on the wage increase for the Board. He has been around since the 80s and this increase is far less then recommended from the studies.

Controller Bousley stated that our airport never closed due to the ice storm we just had.

Commissioner Wender wanted to thank the airport crew for a job well done.

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

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Henry Wender, Chairperson

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Carol Bronzyk County Clerk