

DICKINSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Monday, June 12, 2023 – 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 Barbara Kramer, Commissioners John Degenauer, Joe Stevens and Ann Martin. (5)
Absent: None
Also, Present: Controller Brian Bousley, County Clerk Carol Bronzyk and Sheriff Scott Rutter.
4. Motion by Commissioner Kramer seconded by Commissioner Degenauer to accept the agenda with the following addition:
8.A. Approve/Deny the amendments to the Dickinson County Fair Board by-laws.
All Ayes, Motion Carried.
5. Motion by Commissioner Kramer seconded by Commissioner Stevens to approve the following meeting minutes:
Regular – May 22nd
Finance – May 25th Commissioner Martin abstained from the Finance minutes as she was absent. Commissioner Kramer had one correction to the Finance minutes, #9 should state staff not girls. 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; Teresa Maycroft addressed the Board. She handed out a flyer on a noted speaker that will be at Recreation Lanes in Iron Mountain. She also stated she still is in favor of not using the election machines. Andrea and Jennifer Cescolini CEO of Northpointe addressed the Board in regard to the family event being held this weekend, there were flyers handed out.
 - B. Resolutions and Legislation – Commissioner Stevens
 1. Motion by Commissioner Stevens seconded by Commissioner Martin to approve Resolution 2023-12, Resolution Authorizing a Claim for the Protecting MI Pension Grant.
All Ayes, Motion Carried.

DICKINSON COUNTY -RESOLUTION 2023-12
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CLAIM FOR THE PROTECTING MI PENSION GRANT

WHEREAS, Public Act 166 of 2022, Section 979a(1) appropriated funds to the Michigan Department of Treasury (Treasury) for the Protecting MI Pension: Michigan Local Pension Grant Program (Protecting MI Pension) for qualified units that operate a qualified retirement system, and

WHEREAS, a “qualified unit” means a city, county, township, village, or road commission that

operates
a qualified retirement system as defined in Public Act 166 of 2022, section 979a(7)(c), and
WHEREAS, a “qualified retirement system”, as defined in Public Act 166 of 2022, section
979a(7)(b),
means a retirement pension benefit within a retirement system, as defined in section 3 of
the protecting local government retirement and benefits act, Public Act 202 of 2017, MCL
38.2803, of a qualified unit, with a funded ratio below 60 percent based on the last report
filed as required by section 5 of the protecting local government retirement and benefits
act, Public Act 202 of 2017, MCL 38.28035, as of December 31, 2021, and
WHEREAS, qualified units with a qualified retirement system are eligible to submit a claim for a
grant
award for an amount to increase the funding of the qualified retirement system liabilities to
60 percent funded or to a cap of \$170,000,000, whichever amount is less, and
WHEREAS, qualified units with qualified retirement systems shall comply with “grant award
requirements”, and
WHEREAS, “grant award requirements” are defined in Section 979a (2)(a)-(f) of Public Act 166 of
2022,
and further detailed as part of the Protecting MI Pension grant application (Treasury Forms
5886 and 5887), and
WHEREAS, Treasury requires each qualified unit’s governing body to adopt a resolution
authorizing the
Chief Administrative Officer to file a claim for an award for the Protecting MI Pension Grant
Program, and
WHEREAS, Dickinson County acknowledges that it: (i) is a “qualified unit”; (ii) operates a “qualified
retirement system”; (iii) agrees to comply with “grant award requirements”; (iv) authorizes
the Chief Administrative Officer to file a claim for a grant award on behalf of the local
government; And thus, is eligible to participate in a Protecting MI Pension Grant Program;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Dickinson County Board of Commissioners hereby
authorize participation in the Protecting MI Pension grant program and on behalf of
Dickinson County authorizes Brian R. Bousley, Dickinson County Controller/Administrator
to provide this resolution indicating its approval to Treasury, and to submit and execute
documents requested by Treasury relating to the Protecting MI Pension grant program
requirements.

7. **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

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

1. Motion by Commissioner Kramer seconded by Commissioner Martin to approve the
check register from May 19, 2023 to June 8, 2023 in the amount of \$1,382,780.06.

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-None
- D. **Planning and Zoning Committee** – Commissioner Kramer-None
- E. **DHHS / DICSA** – Commissioner Kramer
 - 1. DHHS meeting minutes of April 27th.
- F. **Dickinson-Iron Health Department** – Commissioner Stevens
 - 1. Board of Health meeting minutes of March 29th.
 - 2. Board of Health meeting minutes of April 26th.
- G. **Northpointe** – Commissioner Martin-None
- H. **Pinecrest** – Commissioner Degenaer
 - 1. Pinecrest meeting minutes of March 23rd.
 - 2. Pinecrest meeting minutes of April 27th.
- I. **Equalization Committee** – Commissioner Degenaer-None
- J. **Building & Supply/Real Estate-Remodeling** – Commissioner Degenaer-None
- K. **Public Safety and Judiciary** – Commissioner Wender
 - 1. Motion by Commissioner Degenaer seconded by Commissioner Stevens to approve the renewal of the CRP (child support enforcement) contract between MGT and the Dickinson County Prosecuting Attorney’s Office. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
- L. **Parks Committee** – Commissioner Stevens-None
- M. **Airport Committee** – Commissioner Wender-None
- N. **Fair Board** – Commissioner Degenaer
Commissioner Degenaer stated they are having some water issues out there.
- O. **Library Board** – Commissioner Martin
Commissioner Martin stated that there is a program tonight called intro to tarot reading. She was contacted by a constituent and they are alarmed about this program. She is disappointed by the library not being more discriminatory on what is held there that might be harmful to our young people.
- 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 Degenaer stated the new President takes over July 10th. They have decided to delay have their millage vote until 2025.

- T. **Veterans' Affairs Committee** – Commissioner Stevens
Commissioner Stevens stated they are excited to move into the new offices at the airport and they are getting ready for the picnic. He reminded everyone about the fund raiser for the Sheriffs dive team, and stated there are good things happening at Lake Antoine.

8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS & OLD BUSINESS:** Commissioner Stevens

- A. Motion by Commissioner Stevens seconded by Commissioner Degenauer to approve the amendments to the Dickinson County Fair Board by-laws. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

Martin	Nay
Stevens	Nay
Wender	Nay
Degenauer	Aye
Kramer	Nay

Motion Failed

A long discussion ensued and it was decided to take section 3 re vacancies out and revisit this at the next Finance Meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Martin seconded by Commissioner Kramer to table this issue and at the next meeting be provided the final updated by-laws to be voted on. Roll Call Vote:

Commissioners:

Stevens	Aye
Wender	Aye
Degenauer	Nay
Kramer	Aye
Martin	Aye

Motion Carried.

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

- A. Motion by Commissioner Stevens seconded by Commissioner Kramer to approve the re-appointment of Dr. Martin Cristanelli as the Dickinson County Medical Examiner. This appointment will expire March 21, 2025. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

- B. Motion by Commissioner Stevens seconded by Commissioner Martin to approve the facility use request from the Rotary Club of Iron Mountain-Kingsford to host a race at the Pine Mountain stairs on August 6, 2023. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

- C. Dickinson County Clerk/Register of Deeds Activity Report for May.

- D. Motion by Commissioner Stevens seconded by Commissioner Kramer to approve Michigan Township Association dues for July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024 in the amount of \$2,500.00.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

Wender	Nay
Degenauer	Nay
Kramer	Nay
Martin	Nay
Stevens	Nay

Motion Failed.

- E. Motion by Commissioner Stevens seconded by Commissioner Kramer to approve the request from Dickinson Conservation District to host "Nature in the Park" at Lake Antoine Park on July 8, 2023 and July 20, 2023. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

F. Motion by Commissioner Stevens seconded by Commissioner Martin to make the following appointments

A. LAKE ANTOINE PARK PARTNERS -
Three three-year terms to expire 7/1/2026

Applicants: Allison Lucier
Ann Hruska
Jody Christy

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 the new hangar and ME building will be ready by early August. The COW meeting scheduled for this week will be canceled as the Sheriff can't be there so we will be rescheduled to be incorporated with the next Finance Meeting. The Land Bank remitted their \$200,000 grant. There was a fire out at the airport this past Saturday, not sure how it started it burned 1.3 acres. The Solid Waste Plan, we need 7 of the 10 to pass, as of now it is 3 to 1. Norway Township voted no. We will need to pass the Sparks grant at the next Finance meeting. The bids for the new hangar came in higher than expected. We will need to have an airport meeting soon; we can tour the new offices too. We need to address staffing at the airport as there is an added late flight scheduled.
12. Citizen's Time (Limited to five minutes per person)
Chairperson Wender opened the floor to Citizens' Time; Pam Trask addressed the Board. She thanked Commissioner Martin for bringing up the inappropriate tarot program at the library. She is disappointed and this is not something that should be supported in our community, maybe it is time to look into taking our library out of the ALA.
13. Commissioners' Personal Privilege.
Commissioner Degenauer stated he wanted to be clear on what needs to be done to the Fair by-laws. He is disappointed that the Fair Board will not have a say in their applicants.
Commissioner Kramer reminded everyone about the fund raiser for the dive team by the Borderhounds club at LAP.
Commissioner Stevens stated kudos to the Land Bank Board, they have been working hard, getting properties back on the tax roll. He asked the County Clerk to respond to the statement in re voting machines, she stated she will not be getting rid of the voting machines.
Commissioner Martin stated the Fair Board works very hard.
14. Motion by Commissioner Kramer seconded by Commissioner Martin to adjourn, Subject to the Call of the Chairman at 6:47 PM.

Henry Wender Chair

Carol Bronzyk County Clerk