

**DICKINSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
Monday, July 10, 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 Joe Stevens, John Degenauer and Ann Martin. (5)  
Absent: None  
Also, Present: Controller Brian Bousley, County Clerk Carol Bronzyk, Sheriff Scott Rutter
4. Motion by Commissioner Kramer seconded by Commissioner Stevens to accept the agenda with the following addition: 9.F.2. Make the following appointment to Fumee Lake Commission.  
All Ayes, Motion Carried.
5. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer seconded by Commissioner Stevens to approve the following meeting minutes:                   Regular – June 26<sup>th</sup>  
Commissioner Martin had one correction. 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 commented about the last meeting she attended and how disappointed she was in the Board for the long discussion over the Fair and not over her request for hand counting ballots. Once again, she is asking to get rid of the election machines and hand count ballots. She also brought up the issue of immigrants coming into this county at the border, not knowing anything about them, and the issue of the trafficking of children. She is asking the Board to think about her request.  
Sharon Reuter addressed the Board. She is supporting Ms. Maycroft in her request to get rid of the election machines. She is in favor of fair and honest elections, and she believes the only way for that to happen is the hand counting of ballots and it is possible as much larger nations do this. She is not accusing any one person; it is the machines that are fraudulent.
  - B. Resolutions and Legislation – Commissioner
    1. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer seconded by Commissioner Stevens to approve Resolution 2023-17, U.P. Area Agency on Aging 2024 Annual Implementation Plan for Services to the Elderly. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

**RESOLUTION 2023-17**

**U.P. AREA AGENCY ON AGING**

**2024 ANNUAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN for SERVICES TO THE ELDERLY**

WHEREAS UPCAP, which serves as the U.P. Area Agency on Aging, is required to develop a U.P. Area Agency on Aging 2024 Annual Implementation Plan for fiscal year 2024 that provides development and funding for programs to serve older adults in the Upper Peninsula; and

WHEREAS, during the Annual Implementation development process, UPCAP hosted one public hearing, and received input from service providers, older adults, county officials, human services organizations, and other interested parties; and

WHEREAS, each U.P. county is represented by a county official on the UPCAP Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the UPCAP Board of Directors has unanimously approved the proposed Multi-Year Area Plan; and

WHEREAS, the AAA Multi-Year Plan also requires review by individual county boards.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dickinson County Board of Commissioners has received and hereby supports the U.P. AREA AGENCY ON AGING 2024 ANNUAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN for services to the elderly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be submitted to UPCAP and placed on file.

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Henry Wender- Chair

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Carol Bronzyk – Clerk

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Date

2. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer seconded by Commissioner Kramer to approve Resolution 2023-18, Opposition to Legislation Preempting Local Control House Bills 4526, 4527, and 4528. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

### **RESOLUTION 2023-18**

#### **Opposition to Legislation Preempting Local Control Michigan House Bills 4526 - 4528**

WHEREAS, legislation preempting local control over sand and gravel mining was introduced this week in the House with House Bills 4526, 4527, and 4528; and

WHEREAS, these bills aim to eliminate local control of aggregate mining operations and place the regulating authority in the hands of the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), usurping all local authority including all local zoning, administration, and ordinance over the industry; and

WHEREAS, local governments support access to aggregate materials necessary to fix our roads and are uniquely positioned to know what is best for their communities; and

WHEREAS, the current process allows for local governments to balance these needs along those with their entire community, protecting the interests and safety of their residents, students, business, and property owners.

WHEREAS, the Dickinson County Board of Commissioners believes that preempting local control amounts to government overreach.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dickinson County Board of Commissioners strongly urges its State House of Representatives to oppose House Bills 4526, 4527, and 4528 which would silence local voices on aggregate operations in our community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Dickinson County Board of Commissioners supports the Michigan Townships Association (MTA), Michigan Municipal League (MML), and Michigan

Association of Counties (MAC) in their joint statement in this preemption of local control.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED those copies of this resolution be provided to Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Senator Edward McBroom (38th District), Representative Jenn Hill (109th District), Representative Gregory Markkanen (110th District), Michigan Department of

Environment Great Lakes and Energy, the Michigan Townships Association, the Michigan Municipal League, the Michigan Association of Counties, and all Michigan counties.

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Henry Wender- Chair

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Carol Bronzyk, County Clerk

3. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer seconded by Commissioner Stevens to approve sending a letter supporting House Bills 4274-75 and Senate Bills 229-230. A letter will be sent to Representative Hill, Representative Markkanen and Senator McBroom.

July 10, 2022

To: Senator McBroom, Representative Hill and Representative Markkanen:

RE: HBs 4274-75 and SBs 229-230

The Dickinson County Board of Commissioners is urging you to support a historic reform of revenue sharing with local governments.

House Bills 4274-75 and Senate Bills 229-230 would implement a carefully negotiated series of reforms that are backed by the Michigan Association of Counties and other local government groups.

The bills would:

- Create a separate "Revenue Sharing Trust Fund" to receive and hold dollars solely for the purpose of fulfilling the state's promise to local governments on revenue sharing.
- Require that 8 percent of the revenue generated by 4 percentage points of the state's sales tax rate go into the fund.
- Result in \$591 million in statutory revenue sharing for all local governments across Michigan.

Counties would receive 46.14 percent of this total in the first year, \$273 million, which would be an increase of nearly \$27 million from the current total.

The plan also includes a one-time public safety investment of nearly \$22 million, of which counties would get \$10 million.

MAC has long sought to create stability and fairness in the revenue sharing system by removing the statutory portion of it from the annual appropriations process and by designating a steady revenue source.

By using a portion of the sales tax for a dedicated fund, this proposal meets both those key goals, and it allows for sure, steady growth in funding as long as sales tax collections remain consistently healthy.

For decades, the revenue sharing system has lacked stability and fairness for counties, Michigan's original regional governments. Now we have an opportunity to redress that imbalance by adoption of these bills.

The Dickinson County Board of Commissioners asks that you support HBs 4274-75 and SBs 229-230.

Best regards,

Brian R. Bousley

Dickinson County Controller/Administrator

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 June 23<sup>rd</sup> to July 6<sup>th</sup> in the amount of \$1,330,963.64.  
Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:  
Kramer     Aye  
Martin     Aye  
Stevens    Aye  
Wender     Aye  
Degenaer   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 / DICS A** – Commissioner Kramer
1. DHHS meeting minutes of May 25<sup>th</sup>.
- F. **Dickinson-Iron Health Department** – Commissioner Stevens
1. Board of Health meeting minutes of May 31<sup>st</sup>.
- G. **Northpointe** – Commissioner Martin-None
- H. **Pinecrest** – Commissioner Degenaer
1. Pinecrest meeting minutes of May 25<sup>th</sup>.
- I. **Equalization Committee** – Commissioner Degenaer-None
- J. **Building & Supply/Real Estate-Remodeling** – Commissioner Degenaer-None
- K. **Public Safety and Judiciary** – Commissioner Wender
1. Sheriff's office monthly report for June.  
Sheriff Rutter stated the fund raiser for the dive team was a huge success and we received over \$5,000.00. He wanted to thank the Iron Band Dogs for doing this.  
He also wanted to thank the family/friends of Alex McDermott, as they also had a fund drive and donated to the dive team in his memory.  
The parks are all full throughout the County and they have been very busy.  
Commissioner Degenaer wanted to thank the Sheriff Dept for stopping into the Fairgrounds during racing events, just them being there makes a difference.
- L. **Parks Committee** – Commissioner Stevens
- Commissioner Stevens stated that the parks are full. They will be working on the bath house soon. County Clerk stated she has received some complaints on a camper that is there every year, nailing offensive signs to the trees and using cuss words loudly. Commissioner Stevens stated he is aware of this and he is looking into it.

M. **Airport Committee** – Commissioner Wender-None

N. **Fair Board** – Commissioner Degenauer-None

O. **Library Board** – Commissioner Martin

Commissioner Martin stated a report on the tarot reading was successful, positive responses and they want to have another one. The report also noted the OUT program had 13 attendees and they are considering expanding the ages and maybe adding a family component.

P. **Employee Relations** - Commissioner Degenauer-None

Q. **Dickinson County Road Commission** – Commissioner Wender

1. DCRC meeting minutes of April 11<sup>th</sup>.

2. DCRC meeting minutes of May 9<sup>th</sup>

Commissioner Martin asked about the roads being closed for the road rally race and people not having access to their homes. Controller Bousley stated that he believes this issue has been resolved. Commissioner Stevens stated he has been in touch of one of the residents and told him to call him if he has any issues this year.

R. **Construction Code Commission** – Commissioner Degenauer

County Clerk asked if anyone is policing what they do at the Construction Code office. It was brought to her attention they were closed June 19<sup>th</sup> and the Courthouse was not, it was her understanding they were to follow our holiday schedule. She handed out the weekly request for payments that do not have receipts attached. Commissioner Degenauer stated he will look into this.

S. **Bay West Advisory Committee** - Commissioner Degenauer-None

T. **Veterans' Affairs Committee** – Commissioner Stevens

1. Motion by Commissioner Stevens seconded by Commissioner Kramer to approve changing the name of The Veterans' Affairs Office to the Dickinson County Veterans' Service Office. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

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

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

A. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer seconded by Commissioner Kramer to approve the payment request from Almost Home Animal Shelter in the amount of \$5,000.00.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

Martin Aye

Stevens Aye

Wender Aye

Degenauer Aye

Kramer Aye Motion Carried.

B. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer seconded by Commissioner Stevens to approve the Loyal 2 Local pledge 2023-2024 in the amount of \$250.00. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

Stevens Aye

Wender Aye  
Degenaer Aye  
Kramer Aye  
Martin Aye Motion Carried.

C. Motion by Commissioner Degenaer seconded by Commissioner Kramer to approve the agreement between Dickinson County and the Michigan Department of Corrections. Controller Bousley stated he has added "with County Board approval". All Ayes, Motion Carried.

D. Motion by Commissioner Degenaer seconded by Commissioner Kramer to approve the third quarter payment request from Iron Mountain Senior Center in the amount of \$12,500.00.  
Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:  
Wender Aye  
Degenaer Aye  
Kramer Aye  
Martin Aye  
Stevens Aye Motion Carried.

E. Dickinson County Clerk/Register of Deeds activity report for June.

F. Motion by Commissioner Degenaer to make the following appointment:

1. FAIR BOARD -

One three-year term to expire 12/31/2025

Applicants: John Gunville  
James Stachowicz

Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

Degenaer Gunville  
Kramer Stachowicz  
Martin Stachowicz  
Stevens Stachowicz  
Wender Gunville

James Stachowicz was appointed to the Fair Board.

Motion by Commissioner Degenaer seconded by Commissioner Kramer to make the following appointment: All Ayes, Motion Carried

2. FUMEE LAKE-

One three-year term to expire 7/14/2026

Applicant: Merlin Calkins

Merlin Calkins is appointed to the Fumee Lake Commission.

10. Motion by Commissioner Stevens 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 we will easily make our 10,000 enrollment requirements. The VASO grant of \$50,000 will rise to \$71,000 next year, which will help with office expenses etc. They should be starting on the courthouse windows next week. Jim Harris stated we need new signage out at the airport for the new offices. Commissioner Wender asked about the sign at LAP and what is happening with that.

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

Chairperson Wender opened the floor to Citizens' Time Teresa Maycroft addressed the Board, she only was aware of the Dive team fund raiser by being at this meeting and maybe it would be a good

idea to better notify the public somehow. It was a great event but people she spoke too did not know about it.

13. Commissioners' Personal Privilege.

Commissioner Martin asked about updating the construction code by-laws as it has been discussed. Commissioner Stevens reminded all about the Veterans Picnic July 29<sup>th</sup>. He stated we need to have a policy in regards to the Committee appointments. He was very upset that the State Budget-Great Lake Sports Commission- did not include any monies to pay off the debt at Pine Mountain Ski Jump. He also stated how terrible it was that the Governor did not appoint any one from the Upper Peninsula for the Elderly Board.

Motion by Commissioner Stevens seconded by Commissioner Kramer to approve sending a letter to the Governor and our Representatives in regards to support for appointing people from the Upper Peninsula on her Boards. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

He also stated the Kingsford Centennial will be here soon. He also stated he supports the County Clerk in her election decisions, and just because they don't talk about these issues does not mean we are not thinking about them. We all want what is best for our elections.

Commissioner Kramer stated in regard to the election machines, it is in our Constitution/State Law and we are not a home rule state like Wisconsin, we are Governed by the State as what we are able to do.

She stated the Iron Mountain Senior Center is pursuing a grant for capital improvements, so they have more independence. She will be looking into this.

Commissioner Degenauer stated he also supports the County Clerk; he stated the election was not stolen and you need to have proof/documentation to support your claims when you make accusations.

The County Clerk had a handout regarding a fraud alert and Register of Deeds. Hopefully this will be included in the tax bills and in the media. This is a free service.

14. Motion by Commissioner Kramer seconded by Commissioner Martin to adjourn, Subject to the Call of the Chairman at 6:45 PM.

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Henry Wender, Chair

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Carol Bronzyk, County Clerk