

DICKINSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Monday, August 14, 2023 – 6:00 P.M.

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 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, Sheriff Scott Rutter and Prosecutor Lisa Richards.
4. Motion by Commissioner Kramer seconded by Commissioner Stevens to accept the agenda with the following deletions/additions. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
DELETIONS: 7. P.1. Approve/Deny: The addition of the Dickinson County Fair Board Secretary position to the Dickinson County employee allocation list. The Dickinson County Fair Board will reimburse Dickinson County for wages and payroll Expenses for this position.
ADDITIONS: 9.E DTN trails update
F. Letter of support for DISCA Denim Heart grant.
G. Letter of support for IM Senior Center Improvement projects grant.
H. Use of LAP for the YMCA triathlon.
I. Letter of support for the Childrens Museum.
5. Motion by Commissioner Martin seconded by Commissioner Degenauer to approve the following meeting minutes:
Regular – July 24th
Finance – July 27th
Special – July 31st 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; Pam Trask addressed the Board. She wanted to thank the Board for all that they do, making crucial decisions. She spoke about the doctrine of the lessor magistrates. She handed out a book to the Board. James Haney addressed the Board, he wanted to thank 911 dispatch, sheriff dept, Sagola Fire/rescue, star ambulance and MSP for all their assistance on an incident he had. Chad Susott addressed the Board in regards to the Tour de Dickinson held this weekend. There were 145 participants and the feed back they received was on the condition of the roads. He stated the DTN would be willing to help the Board with grants to get the roads fixed.
 - B. Resolutions and Legislation – Commissioner Stevens-None
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 July 21, 2023 to August 10, 2023 in the amount of \$2,820,926.74.
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
Commissioner Kramer stated they made about \$4500 at the Kingsford Centennial.
- F. **Dickinson-Iron Health Department** – Commissioner Stevens
1. Board of Health meeting minutes of June 28th.
- G. **Northpointe** – Commissioner Martin
1. Northpointe meeting minutes of April 20th.
 2. Northpointe meeting minutes of May 4th.
 3. Northpointe meeting minutes of May 18th.
- H. **Pinecrest** – Commissioner Degenauer-None
- 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 July.
Sheriff Rutter stated they assisted with the Kingsford Centennial and every thing went well.
- L. **Parks Committee** – Commissioner Stevens
1. Motion by Commissioner Stevens seconded by Commissioner Kramer to approve the request from IM Public Arts Advisory to host an art fair at the Lake Antoine Park on Saturday, August 19, 2023, upon receipt of insurance. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
- M. **Airport Committee** – Commissioner Wender-None
- N. **Fair Board** – Commissioner Degenauer
Commissioner Degenauer stated its crunch time, trying to finish up last minute projects. He wanted to thank Commissioner Martin for her support on the Fair Board.
- O. **Library Board** – Commissioner Martin
Commissioner Martin stated she had asked the library some questions, they do belong to

the Michigan Library Association, which comes with many benefits. They do not belong to the American Library Association. It was noted in the directors' report that 2 books (the best bed for me and pink blue and you) had been formally challenged by a patron, both items are in the juvenile section. She also wanted to compliment all the library staff, the welcoming atmosphere and there is an awesome large print selection.

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

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

1. Motion by Commissioner Stevens seconded by Commissioner Kramer to approve the payment in the amount of \$215,488.48 to the Dickinson County Road Commission for the paving of Cheese Factory Road. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

Martin	Aye
Stevens	Aye
Wender	Aye
Degenauer	Aye
Kramer	Aye

Motion Carried.

R. **Construction Code Commission** – Commissioner Degenauer-None

S. **Bay West Advisory Committee** - Commissioner Degenauer

Commissioner Degenauer stated they are going to have a dinner for everyone to meet the new President and Board of Trustees in October.

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

Commissioner Stevens stated they had 700 Veterans and families attend the picnic. It went very well, the word got out more than last year, so this is going to grow.

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

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

A. Dickinson County Clerk/Register of Deeds activity report for July.

B. Motion by Commissioner Stevens seconded by Commissioner Kramer to make the following appointments:

1. **BROWNFIELD AUTHORITY** - Applicants: Lois Ellis
One three-year terms to expire 7/31/2026 All Ayes, Motion Carried
Lois Ellis is appointed to the Brownfield Authority term to expire 7-31-2026.

C. Motion by Commissioner Stevens seconded by Commissioner Martin to approve the amendment to the Committee Vacancy Appointment Policy.

Commissioner Stevens had some questions/concerns on how this is published. He would like the wording changed. Commissioner Stevens rescinded his motion.

Motion by Commissioner Stevens seconded by Commissioner Kramer to table this motion and bring it back at a later date. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

D. Motion by Commissioner Stevens seconded by Commissioner Martin to approve the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Calendar. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

E. DTN- Pine Mountain Ski Jump Trails Progress Update.

Chad Susott President of the DTN, wanted to thank the Board and Brian for all they have done for them in acquiring this property. There is a colored map of all the new trails in the packet.

F. Motion by Commissioner Stevens seconded by Commissioner Kramer to approve a letter of support for DISCAs Denim Heart Accessibility Project. DISCA is seeking grant funds for this project. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

G. Motion by Commissioner Stevens seconded by Commissioner Degenauer to approve a letter of support for Iron Mountain Senior Center Improvement Projects. They are seeking grant funds for this. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

H. Motion by Commissioner Stevens seconded by Commissioner Kramer to approve the use of Lake Antoine Park for the YMCA Triathlon to be held on September 3, 2023.
All Ayes, Motion Carried.

I. Motion by Commissioner Kramer seconded by Commissioner Degenauer to approve a letter of support for the Imagination Factory Childrens Museum Project. They are seeking the Community Projects grant. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

10. Motion by Commissioner Kramer seconded by Commissioner Degenauer to accept the Committee Reports and Correspondence and place on file. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

11. Controller's Report.

Brian Bousley stated the new hanger at the airport is moving along, steel has been ordered. They met with Marty Fittante in regards to the funding for the new terminal. We are responsible for 10% of the cost, we will have to discuss this at a later date. There has been a law suit filed with the County Clerk and the Treasurer in re forfeitures on taxes, MERMA does not cover this so we will need outside counsel. He reached out to CUPAD on the Master plan and it will be between \$23,000 to \$24,000. The Audit is done, he needs to amend the deficit elimination plan again. We have been invited to tour the VA on August 30 at 9 AM.

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

Chairperson Wender opened the floor to Citizens Time; Bill Cummings Chairperson for the Library addressed the Board. He spoke about the remarks made by the County Board Liaison member. They were blindsided about this concern and requested a copy of the email so they could look into the issue further. Commissioner Martin stated this person wished to remain anonymous.

He stated the Library Board has always been transparent and do not "sweep concerns" under the rug as was stated. He wanted it noted the ALA is governed by a 15-member Board and the President serves a one-year term and has no power over the Board. He would like to request in the future, if Commissioner Martin receives anymore concerns from people that she directs them to the Library Board and their Citizens Time.

Megan Buck, Director of the Library addressed the Board. She stated the library is not just for some, it is for all, they serve not just the majority, the also serve the minority. They both pay taxes.

13. Commissioners' Personal Privilege.

Commissioner Martin inquired about the ads in the paper for the committee openings and the deadlines. She will be unable to attend the Fair Board meeting so Commissioner Stevens will attend in her place.

Commissioner Stevens stated the Kingsford Centennial was very well attended. He wanted to thank

all the people who volunteered, worked and organized this. Good music, good food and MJ had their jet do a fly over and he thanked them. He spoke about the letter we sent against the inspection of the septic codes, there will be more coming out of Lansing.

In response to Pam Trasks issue of open boarders, he would like to send our representatives a resolution on this.

Commissioner Kramer stated there will be a free family fishing fun event this Saturday at Lake Antione, it is for kids and starts at 11 and goes until the trout are gone. We approved 3 letters of support for these entities to apply for these grants. She asked for members of the community to send letters of support for these. She asked Commissioner Martin to look into the minutes from North Point 4-20-23, it looks like a member voted over zoom and that is not allowed. She requested the finance meeting be a special one as they have a lot to go over. She met Attorney General Dana Nessel at DISCA, she is asking for community support for elder abuse and fraud bills.

Commissioner Degenauer wanted to remind everyone about the quiet fair on Thursday, so far 15 families have applied. He is attending all the fairs in the UP (8 in 7 to go) and he is very proud of the Dickinson County Fair Grounds. We have top of the line facilities.

14. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer seconded by Commissioner Stevens to adjourn, Subject to the Call of the Chairman at 6:58 PM.

Henry Wender, Chair

Carol Bronzyk, County Clerk