

**DICKINSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Monday, October 11, 2021 - 6:00 p.m.
Courthouse - Circuit Courtroom**

1. The meeting was called to Order by Chairperson Wender at 6:00 P.M.
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 and 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 Degenauer seconded by Commissioner Kramer to accept the agenda with the following additions:
 6. B 2. Resolution 2021-18 Opposition to the Michigan Independent Redistricting Proposal.
 6. B 3. Amended resolution 2021-15 Deficit Elimination Plan.All Ayes, Motion Carried.
5. Motion by Commissioner Kramer seconded by Commissioner Martin to approve the following meeting minutes: Commissioner Stevens abstained as he was not present at the meeting.
Regular – September 27th 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 and there was no participation.

Motion by Commissioner Martin seconded by Commissioner Stevens to recess the regular meeting and enter a Public Hearing at 6:03 PM. All Ayes, Motion Carried
 1. Public Hearing on CDBG CARES Act Grant Close Out.
Controller Bousley explained the Grant close out.
Motion by Commissioner Kramer seconded by Commissioner Martin to close the public hearing and enter back into the regular meeting at 6:04 PM. All Ayes, motion Carried.
 - B. Resolutions and Legislation – Commissioner Kramer
 1. Resolution 2021-17 Against privatization of Mental Health
Motion by Commissioner Stevens seconded by Commissioner Martin to approve resolution 2021-17. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

**Resolution 2021-17
Opposition to Legislative Proposals on Behavioral Health System Redesign**

Whereas, local Community Mental Health Agencies have served for more than 20 years as the public mental health and intellectual/developmental disabilities service providers for each of the counties in the Upper Peninsula; and

Whereas, local Mental Health Agencies were created by each respective U.P. County Board of Commissioners as duly authorized under the Community Mental Health Act of 1963; and

Whereas, every year, thousands of individuals and their families in these communities, depend on the public behavioral health system for daily (and in some cases, life-long) supports and services; and

Whereas, the Dickinson County Board of Commissioners opposes any behavioral health redesign that harms the state and county partnership for community mental health and related Medicaid safety net services and/or seeks to privatize Medicaid behavioral health services. Additionally, we believe that any behavioral health redesign must maintain the efficacy, responsiveness and integrity of the community-based behavioral health system; and

Whereas, recent proposals in the House and Senate fundamentally change the public behavioral health system and will harm those served by the system. The Dickinson County Board of Commissioners opposes these proposals because:

- Beneficiaries would stand to lose access to services, supports and input into the design and operation of their services and supports system. Many Michiganders would be left out of the redesign proposals completely.
- Public oversight, governance, operations and accountability would be ended.
- Current proposals for redesign are not based on performance metrics related to positive

outcomes, effectiveness and efficiency measures associated with the current public system. Also, there is no clear statement about the problems that the Senate or House are attempting to address or solve.

- The Senate proposal specifically incentivizes and prioritizes profits to private companies at the expense of the public and the beneficiaries served by the public behavioral health system.

Therefore be it resolved that we request that the Michigan Legislature support improvements in the delivery of publicly governed, publicly accountable, publicly operated regional and community-based systems, invest in and expand initiatives that are proven to improve citizen access, beneficiary policy making representatives support, improve and strengthen the public behavioral health safety net system, and that engagement, individuals and population health, behavioral wellbeing, resiliency, quality of life and community betterment such as those mentioned above. These are among the daily, weekly, and yearly accomplishments of the public system that would be destroyed by pursuing these new legislative proposals.

Henry Wender – Dickinson Co. Board Chair

Carol Bronzyk – Dickinson Co. Clerk

Date

Commissioner Martin stated this is a move by big money companies and there are many reasons to oppose this.

Commissioner Stevens stated he would like this sent to Legislators and the Governor.

2. Resolution 2021-18 Opposition to Proposed redistricting of Dickinson County into two House Districts. Motion by Commissioner Kramer seconded by Commissioner Degenauer to approve Resolution 2021-18.

Commissioner Kramer explained this and asked the press to publish this. There is not a UP representative on this committee.

Commissioner Stevens stated that Senator Ed McBroom stated we do not want counties split! All Ayes, Motion Carried.

Resolution 2021-18

Dickinson County Board of Commissioners

Opposition to the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (MICRC) Proposed Division of Dickinson County Michigan into Two House Districts

Whereas, the MICRC has no member on the Commission who represents the Upper Peninsula, and therefore has no vested interest in protecting the welfare of, or advocating for the residents of the Upper Peninsula;

Whereas, Proposal 2 passed by the residents of Michigan in 2018 specifically directed the Commission to focus on “Communities of Interest” when re-drawing District boundaries;

Whereas, dividing Dickinson County, a “Community of Interest”, into two separate House districts violates the spirit and the intent of Proposal 2;

Whereas, splitting Dickinson County into two legislative districts will increase the cost of holding elections to county taxpayers;

Whereas, many county residents lack Broadband service or access to “Smart” phones, limiting their ability to make online comments or access information related to the mailing address of the MICRC for written comments;

Whereas, MICRC public hearings often required hours of driving, or access to technology to attend by computer, thereby limiting the ability of citizens to participate in the redistricting process;

Whereas, a significant barrier to accessibility exists because the MICRC has published the Redistricting maps in a proprietary format that requires residents to either download and pay for a subscription to AutoCAD, or to access redistricting maps online (assuming the resident has access to a computer);

Whereas, the MICRC has capriciously reassigned the 110th House District to Novi, Michigan, calling to question their motives and actions;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Dickinson County Board of Commissioners opposes any action initiated by the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission to divide Dickinson County Michigan between two House Districts;

Be it further resolved, that the Dickinson County Board of Commissioners shall immediately forward a copy of this resolution to the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission, the County's current elected representatives in the Michigan Legislature and the United States Congress, and to the Governor of Michigan.

SIGNED THIS 11th Day of October, 2021

Henry Wender-Chair

Barbara J. Kramer- Vice Chair

Joe Stevens – Commissioner

Ann Martin – Commissioner

John Degenaer, Jr. Commissioner

Carol Bronzyk – County Clerk

3. Motion by Commissioner Kramer seconded by Commissioner Martin to approve the amendment to resolution 2021-15-2020 FY Deficit Elimination Plan. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
Controller explained the reasons for the amendment.

7. **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

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

1. Motion by Commissioner Kramer seconded by Commissioner Degenaer to approve the check register from September 24, 2021 to October 6, 2021 in the amount of \$2,986,280.88. 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

1. DHHS meeting minutes of August 26th.
2. DHHS Board meeting dates for 2022.

F. **Dickinson-Iron Health Department** – Commissioner Stevens

Commissioner Martin asked if we can get a better break down of the virus counts.

Commissioner Stevens stated he will ask, but it might be something to do with HIPAA laws.

G. **Northpointe** – Commissioner Martin

1. Northpointe meeting minutes of August 5th.

H. **Pinecrest** – Commissioner Degenaer

1. Pinecrest meeting agenda of August 26th.
2. Pinecrest meeting minutes of August 26th.

I. **Equalization Committee** – Commissioner Degenaer-None

J. **Building & Supply/Real Estate-Remodeling** – Commissioner Degenaer-None

K. **Public Safety and Judiciary** – Commissioner Wender

Sheriff Rutter stated he is glad the Board is against the privatization of Mental Health. This goes back as far as 1991 and Sheriff Charlevoix. We are still having the same issues in 2021.

L. **Parks Committee** – Commissioner Stevens

Commissioner Stevens stated we need to schedule a park meeting soon.

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

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

O. **Library Board** – Commissioner Martin-None

P. **Employee Relations** - Commissioner Degenauer

1. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer seconded by Commissioner Stevens to approve the County Clerk to fill an upcoming part-time Department Assistant position within the Clerk's Office. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

Martin	Aye	
Stevens	Aye	
Wender		Nay
Degenauer	Aye	

Kramer	Aye	Motion Carried.
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County Clerk Bronzyk explained how the rates were raised in her office to cover the cost for a part-time position.

Q. **Dickinson County Hospital Committee** – Commissioner Stevens

Commissioner Stevens would like clarification on what our position/obligation is in re the Hospital. The Board would like a meeting here at the Courthouse to get clarification on this.

R. **Dickinson County Road Commission** – Commissioner Wender-None

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

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

U. **Veterans' Affairs Committee** – Commissioner Stevens-None

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

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

- A. Discussion of Redistricting Commission decision to split Dickinson County. This issue was resolved with the approval of resolution 2021-18.

- B. Motion by Commissioner Kramer seconded by Commissioner Stevens to approve the third quarter payment from the Healthcare Benefit Tax Fund from account number 279-000-700.221 in the amount of \$22,000.00 to be paid to Medical Care Access Coalition. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

- C. Motion by Commissioner Kramer seconded by Commissioner Martin to approve Commissioner Stevens to attend the MSCA meeting on October 13th in St. Ignace. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

- D. Motion by Commissioner Kramer seconded by Commissioner Degenauer to approve the fourth quarter payment request from the Norway-Vulcan Senior Center in the amount of \$10,000.00.

Roll Call Vote; Commissioners:

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

- E. Motion by Commissioner Kramer seconded by Commissioner Stevens to approve the fourth quarter payment request from Breen Senior Center in the amount of \$6,125.00. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

Kramer	Aye	Stevens	Aye	Degenauer	Aye
Martin	Aye	Wender	Aye		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 2 employees from the airport went down to Fox Valley for fire training. The enplanements for the end of September were 9200 so we should have no problem meeting our goal again this year. The sewer/water project slated for November.

The Park, we will need a meeting to discuss the reservation system, camping fees, camp host, staffing including the park office manager. Spoke to Coleman in re the boring project, hopefully will get to that in November.

The Consultant bids, hopefully know by the end of this week.

Working on the budget, the big issues will be window, curb and sidewalk replacement. The control center at the Jail, they are coming from Texas to look at this next week. Have not had anyone get back on the tuck pointing.

Commissioner Stevens commented on the Opioid money we will be receiving, we have no idea how much that will be, but maybe can be used for mental health.

Commissioner Wender asked about the Medical Examiner issue any news on that?

Brian stated he received some names and numbers from Dr. Cristanelli and is working on it.
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 Degenauer would like clarification on abstaining on issues during meetings.

Commissioner Kramer stated Enbridge is having an open house at Pine Mountain on Thursday Oct 21st, 6 to 8 pm the same time as our finance meeting. Maybe we can change the meeting time so we can attend the open house.

There is a pledge to the Michigan flag in the legislature, would like to do that before meetings.

She received a report about masking at the airport, everyone was masked except for one law enforcement Deputy and it is a order everyone should be masked.

Going thru the Legislature now is a proposal to allow private transport of mental health patients.

There is a resolution going around requesting matching funds from the State for ARP funds.

At the MAC meeting there was information about recovering funds for indigent burials and child death investigations.

Commissioner Stevens would like to go to the Enbridge open house.

Motion by Commissioner Kramer seconded by Commissioner Stevens to move up the Finance Committee meeting on Oct 21st to 5:00 PM. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
14. Motion by Commissioner Martin seconded by Commissioner Kramer to adjourn, Subject to the Call of the Chairman at 6:45 PM.

Chairperson Henry Wender

County Clerk Carol Bronzyk