

DICKINSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Monday, November 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 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, Treasurer Lorna Carey and Prosecutor Lisa Richards.
4. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer seconded by Commissioner Kramer to accept the agenda as written.
All Ayes, Motion Carried.

Commissioner Kramer welcomed the following students from the Iron Mountain Government Class: Kyle Lautzenheiser, Sophia Richtig, Ryan LaPoint, Elysia Clarke, Connor Owens, Luke Wolf, Michael Van Pembroke, Abbey Ruble.

- A. Motion by Commissioner Kramer seconded by Commissioner Martin to enter into a Closed Session with the County Clerk, County Prosecutor, County Treasurer and County Controller at 6:03 P.M. to consult with its attorney regarding trial or Settlement strategy in connection with specific pending litigation, but only if an open meeting would have a detrimental financial effect on the litigating or settlement position of the public body, pursuant to Open Meetings Act 15.268, Sec 8 (e). (Roll Call Vote, 2/3 Vote Required) Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

- B. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer seconded by Commissioner Stevens to enter back into the regular County Board session at 6:25 PM. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

5. Motion by Commissioner Kramer seconded by Commissioner Stevens to approve the following meeting minutes: COW – November 14th Regular – November 14th
Finance – November 17th Special – November 21st All Ayes, Motion Carried.

Commissioner Martin left the meeting at 6:40 PM.

6. **COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATION:**

- A. Citizens' Time: (Limited to five minutes per person)
Chairperson Wender opened the floor to Citizens Time Kristin Sommerfeld, DISCA addressed the Board. She would like to thank the Board for approving their allocation for 2023.
Eric Wickman, Hamilton Lakes addressed the Board. He spoke about the Groveland Mine Solar Power project. He believes this will be a County wide issue in regards to some issues that will eventually arise there. He gave a hand out in regards to issues California and Minnesota have dealt with.
- 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 November 11, 2022 to November 22, 2022 in the amount of \$321,134.01. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:
Stevens Aye
Wender Aye
Degenaer Aye
Kramer Aye Motion Carried.
2. Motion by Commissioner Kramer seconded by Commissioner Degenaer to approve the Senior Citizen Millage Allocation in the Dickinson County 2023 Fiscal year Budget as follows:
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| DICSA | \$288,000 |
| DC Senior Citizens Center | \$50,000 |
| Breen Senior Center | \$28,000 |
| Norway-Vulcan Senior Center | \$60,000 |
| Sagola Senior Center | \$28,000 |
| Felch Senior Center | \$10,000 |
- Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:
Wender Aye
Degenaer Aye
Kramer Aye
Stevens 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 / DICS**A – 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-None
 - K. **Public Safety and Judiciary** – Commissioner Wender
Sheriff Rutter stated they should be getting their new squad cars on Friday after a very long wait.
 - L. **Parks Committee** – Commissioner Stevens
Commissioner Stevens stated to be sure you check out the lights at Lake Antoine-30 sites, put on by the LAPP, next will be the Kites in February. Commissioner Wender stated he drove through on his way to this meeting and it is very nice.
 - 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 Kramer to approve the Dickinson County Clerk to post and fill upcoming vacancies within the Clerk’s Office. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
 - Q. **Dickinson County Road Commission** – Commissioner Wender-None
 - R. **Construction Code Commission** – Commissioner Degenauer-None
 - S. **Bay West Advisory Committee** - Commissioner Degenauer-None
 - T. **Veterans’ Affairs Committee** – Commissioner Stevens-None
8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS & OLD BUSINESS:** Commissioner Martin-None
9. **PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS:** - Commissioner Kramer
- A. Motion by Commissioner Stevens seconded by Commissioner Kramer to approve the payoff hangar loan #56921 in the amount of \$747,442.69.
Controller Bousley stated this will come out of our AARPA funds. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:
 Degenauer Aye
 Kramer Aye
 Stevens Aye
 Wender Aye All Ayes, Motion Carried.
 - B. Motion by Commissioner Stevens seconded by Commissioner Kramer to approve the amount of \$6,000.00 to be disbursed evenly throughout the four Lake Associations for the treatment of Milfoil for 2023.
Commissioner Kramer wanted it on the record as to what Lakes this is for: Lake Antoine, Carney Lake, Hamilton Lakes and Sawyer Lake. The Board also wanted it on the record that Hamilton

Lakes needs to follow the open meeting forum in order to receive and disperse this money. They will send Hamilton Lakes Assoc. a letter stating this.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

Kramer, Stevens, Wender and Degenauer all Ayes, Motion Carried.

10. Motion by Commissioner Kramer seconded by Commissioner Stevens to accept the Committee Reports and Correspondence and place on file. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
11. Controller's Report.
Brian stated they will be receiving the Budget report this week. He is working on the County incentive program for the State to receive our revenue sharing, you will have this at the next meeting. The Budget meeting is scheduled for next Tuesday at 2:00 PM. We will also need a special meeting regarding the Drain Field at Pine Mountain so the sale can proceed, it was decided to have it on Dec 1st at 9:00 AM. Tim had a meeting with the new terminal company, we will need to meet with them soon as the quote has increased considerably. They are working on the inside of the new hanger and the plumbing/cement for the ME building/fuel farm should be poured this week. We are already making money as there is a renter in there.
12. Citizen's Time (Limited to five minutes per person)
Chairperson Wender opened the floor to Citizens Time and Eric Wickman addressed the Board to finish his comments from the 1st Citizens Time in regards to the Groveland Mine solar project. He explained about the high-power lines that will be needed into the solar project. The developer is paying for a study to be done. He is asking this Board to look at the study to see if the line they are putting in will suffice or if a bigger one will be needed costing millions of dollars.
13. Commissioners' Personal Privilege.
Commissioner Stevens addressed the students in the audience in regards to the World War II bomber that will be housed out at the airport and encourages them to go see it, we are very excited to have it here. Thank you all for coming and Merry Christmas.
Commissioner Kramer wanted to add to Eric Wickman's comments during Citizens' Time as she had a conversation with him earlier today, that the inter connection study is being paid for by circle energy and she believes this is a huge conflict of interest. She believes that even though this is a township issue, they, as officials representing these constituents, they need to act responsibly to see this is done correctly. If the study shows they need the 345 KV lines, the company should pay for it. The Board congratulated all the local football teams in the area, they did a great job!!
14. Motion by Commissioner Kramer seconded by Commissioner Degenauer to adjourn, Subject to the Call of the Chairman at 6:55 PM.

Henry Wender, Chair

Carol Bronzyk, County Clerk