

DICKINSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Monday, June 13, 2022 – 6:00 p.m.
Courthouse – Circuit Courtroom

1. The meeting was called to Order at 6:00 PM by Chairperson Wender.
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, Commissioners Joe Stevens, John Degenauer and Ann Martin. (5)
Absent: None
Also, Present: Controller Brian Bousley, County Clerk Carol Bronzyk, Sheriff Scott Rutter, Judge Mary Barglind, Judge Thomas Slagle and Undersheriff Scott Metras.
4. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer seconded by Commissioner Stevens to accept the agenda with the following additions:
 6. B. 3. Resolution 2022-9 Supporting SB 1029/972/973/974 suspending gasoline and diesel fuel state tax. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
5. Motion by Commissioner Martin seconded by Commissioner Kramer to approve the following meeting minutes: Regular – May 23rd
Commissioner Martin requested that Maintenance worker Fred Geiger’s full name be added to 7. K. Ayes, Motion Carried.
6. **COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATION:**
 - A. Citizens’ Time: (Limited to five minutes per person)
Chairperson Wender opened the floor to Citizen Time and there was no participation.
 - B. Resolutions and Legislation – Commissioner Stevens
 1. Motion by Commissioner Stevens seconded by Commissioner Degenauer to approve Resolution 2022-7 Honoring Scott Metras. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

Dickinson County Resolution 2022-7 Honoring Scott Metras

Whereas Undersheriff Scott Metras has honorably served Dickinson County in multiple positions within the Dickinson County Sheriff’s Office for more than 32 years, serving as a Road Patrol Deputy, Road Lt., Detective Lt., and Undersheriff;

Whereas Undersheriff Metras has always been mindful of the interest of civic safety and has worked tirelessly to advance law enforcement efforts in Dickinson County;

Whereas under his leadership, the Dickinson County Sheriff’s Office has provided highly technical, specialized, and exemplary services to the residents of Dickinson County, and worked in conjunction with local, county, state and federal law enforcement agencies; and

Whereas he served as a member of KIND, served as a hostage negotiator, firearms trainer, MSA Missions Investigator, member and Coordinator of the CIRT Team, and has been involved with numerous communities and organizations.

Now therefore be it resolved, the Dickinson County Board of Commissioners properly acknowledges and extends its profound appreciation and gratitude to Undersheriff Scott

Metras for his many years of dedicated service and wishes him well as he enters retirement. Be it further resolved, this testimony of our earnest appreciation be made a part of the public record and that a copy be presented to Undersheriff Metras.

Henry Wender

Joe Stevens

Ann Martin

John Degenauer, Jr.

Barbara Kramer

Date

2. Motion by Commissioner Stevens seconded by Commissioner Kramer to approve Resolution 2022-8 Honoring Samantha Neuens. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

**Dickinson County Resolution 2022-8
Honoring the Service of Samantha Neuens**

WHEREAS, Samantha Neuens was elected as the Breitung Township Clerk in November of 2000; and,
WHEREAS, Samantha has served Breitung Township, and the people of this Community faithfully, for over 20 years; and,
WHEREAS, during her years of service, she has provided invaluable insight, commitment and guidance for her community; and,
WHEREAS, Samantha was always a source of wisdom for any Clerk that needed assistance, willing to go out of her way to help; and,
WHEREAS; Samantha was an expert in all things related to the elections and very willing to share that knowledge with everyone.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Dickinson County Board of Commissioners recognizes and extends its gratitude for her years of service to Breitung Township and Dickinson County and its Citizens. Thank you.

Henry Wender, Chairperson

Barb Kramer, Vice Chairperson

John Degenauer, Commissioner

Joe Stevens, Commissioner

Ann Martin, Commissioner

Carol Bronzyk, County Clerk

Date

3. Motion by Commissioner Stevens seconded by Commissioner Martin to approve Resolution 2022-9 Supporting SB 1029/972/973/974 suspending the gasoline and diesel fuel state tax.

Commissioner Stevens would like to add all the representatives not just the few listed. He also wanted to inform everyone that the money will be made up from Michigan's General Fund. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SB 1029/972/973/974 SUSPENDING GASOLINE
AND DIESEL FUEL STATE TAX OF 27.2 CENTS PER GALLON FOR A PERIOD OF TIME**

WHEREAS, Michigan has a 27.2 cent per gallon gasoline and diesel fuel tax;
WHEREAS, Dickinson County contains large amounts of rural and agricultural land with many workers within the County commuting to work 20 minutes each way; and
WHEREAS, the price of gasoline and diesel fuel together with overall inflation is creating a financial crisis for Dickinson County residences causing decisions regarding purchases and survival;
and
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Dickinson County Board of Commissioners supports SB 1029/972/973/974 to pause the State tax of 27.2 cents per gallon on gasoline and diesel fuel until September 15 and replacing the project money loss estimated at \$192.6 million by County Road Commissions and around \$107.4 to cities and villages in revenue loss from the State of Michigan's General Fund.
THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be sent to Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Majority Leader of the Michigan Senate, Speaker of the Michigan House of Representatives, Senator Ed McBroom, Representative Sara Cambensy, Michigan Association of Counties.

A vote on the foregoing resolution as follows:

Yeas:
Nays:
Abstain:

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED:

Henry Wender, Dickinson Co. Board Chair

The undersigned, being duly qualified and acting Clerk of the County of Dickinson, hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Dickinson County Board of Commissioners at its regular meeting held on the 13th day of June, 2022 at which meeting a quorum was present and remained throughout and that an original thereof is on file in the records of the County. I further certify that the meeting was conducted, and public notice thereof was given, pursuant to and in full compliance with Act No. 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended, and that minutes of such meeting were kept and will be or have been available as required thereby.

Carol Bronzyk, Dickinson County Clerk

Date

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 20, 2022 to June 8, 2022 in the amount of \$1,545,860.04.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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| 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 28th.
- F. **Dickinson-Iron Health Department** – Commissioner Stevens
 - 1. Board of Health meeting minutes of January 26th.
 - 2. Board of Health meeting minutes of February 23rd.
 - 3. Board of Health meeting minutes of April 6th.
 - 4. Board of Health meeting minutes of April 27th.
- G. **Northpointe** – Commissioner Martin
 - 1. Jen Cescolini, Northpointe Chief Executive Officer – Teen Suicide
Jen Cescolini passed out a handout and spoke about the issue of suicide and mental health issues in our area. The Board had a lot of questions and would like to have a round table discussion for these issues. Put a strategic plan in place and have everyone be involved, State Reps as well.
- H. **Pinecrest** – Commissioner Degenauer
 - 1. Pinecrest meeting agenda of April 28th.
 - 2. Pinecrest meeting minutes of April 28th.
Commissioner Degenauer stated they were informed that Pine Crest did not loose any money last year, with all the covid issues, they came out ahead.
- 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 May.
Sheriff Rutter stated he has been dealing with the Mental Health issues for over 20 years, and until Lansing steps up, we will be dealing with this for another 20 years. The biggest hurdle they face is placement for those needing help.
He would like to thank Scott Metras for all he has done for this County, my department and myself. He will be appointing Lt. Aaron Rochon as the next Undersheriff.
 - 2. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer seconded by Commissioner Kramer to approve the Sheriff to fill upcoming vacancies in the lieutenant positions. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
 - 3. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer seconded by Commissioner Stevens to approve the Sheriff to fill upcoming vacancies in the Road Patrol Deputy positions. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
- L. **Parks Committee** – Commissioner Stevens
 - 1. Motion by Commissioner Stevens seconded by Commissioner Kramer to approve the

\$1,000.00 contribution request from the Lake Antoine Association for the purpose of managing the Eurasian Water Milfoil in Lake Antoine.

Commissioner Martin asked why he changed the amount from \$2000.00.

Commissioner Stevens stated for a couple reasons, one is monetary and the other is for all the other lakes in the County needing this.

Commissioner Wender stated that if we do this for one, we should do it for all.

Commissioner Degenauer stated he is not for this, as we were supposed to budget this year for all the lakes and now we have kicked the can down the road again for another year.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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| Martin | Nay | |
| Stevens | Aye | |
| Wender | Nay | |
| Degenauer | Nay | |
| Kramer | Nay | Motion Failed. |

Motion by Commissioner Stevens seconded by Commissioner Martin to approve the \$2,000.00 contribution request from the Lake Antoine Association for the purpose of managing the Eurasian Water Milfoil in Lake Antoine.

Commissioner Martin stated that Lake Antoine does the testing for this and with the boat launches there, this should be done.

Commissioner Kramer stated that this was supposed to be taken care of with this year's budget and no one else came forward at the budget hearings.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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| Stevens | Aye | |
| Wender | Nay | |
| Degenauer | Nay | |
| Kramer | Nay | |
| Martin | Aye | Motion failed. |

2. Lone Wolf Bike Race – James Morrow

They are hosting a race and would like to reserve Lake Antoine Park for October 8th, Commissioner Kramer stated there will be a fall fest that day so the bike race will have to pick a different day. He also inquired about opening the gates at Fumee, and Commissioner Stevens stated the gates will not be open.

3. Motion by Commissioner Stevens seconded by Commissioner Kramer to approve the request from the Dickinson County Area Band to host community band concerts at the Bandshell located in Lake Antoine Park on June 29th, July 4th, 13th, 20th and 27th.

All Ayes, Motion Carried.

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

N. **Fair Board** – Commissioner Degenauer

Commissioner Degenauer stated the roof is almost done, and we will be getting bids for the painting. Changes have been made at the races due to the fatal accident that happened out there. We want to make it as safe as possible. It was a very tragic accident.

O. **Library Board** – Commissioner Martin

1. Motion by Commissioner Martin seconded by Commissioner Kramer to approve the MERS Health Care Savings Program Participation Agreement for Division Number

300174. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
Commissioner Martin gave an update on the book that some in the community challenged, they wanted it moved to a different location so children did not have access to it. A person went online to Walmart to print the pictures so they could be shown to the Board and Walmart would not print them due to the pornographic nature of them. The library does not exist in a vacuum, it is supported by tax payers and maybe this should be remembered for future requests for millages.
Commissioner Kramer asked if any civilians are on the selection committee and Commissioner Martin stated no, it is only Library personal and maybe this should be looked at.

P. **Employee Relations** - Commissioner Degenauer
1. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer seconded by Commissioner Kramer to approve Jessica Gartland and Lindsay Kuenzer as 95B District Court Deputy Magistrates.
All Ayes, Motion Carried.

Q. **Dickinson County Road Commission** – Commissioner Wender
1. DCRC meeting minutes of March 7th.
2. DCRC meeting minutes of April 12th.

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

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

T. **Veterans' Affairs Committee** – Commissioner Stevens
Commissioner Stevens stated they raised \$4100.00 for the Samaritan purse relief.

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

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

A. Motion by Commissioner Stevens to make the following appointment:

1. NORTHPOINTE BEHAVIORAL CARE SYSTEM AUTHORITY - Applicants: Wendy Mattia
One-partial term to expire 3/31/2025 Mari Negro

Roll Call Vote Commissioners:

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| Wender | Wendy Mattia |
| Degenauer | Mari Negro |
| Kramer | Mari Negro |
| Martin | Mari Negro |
| Stevens | Wendy Mattia |

Mari Negro is appointed to Northpointe Behavioral for a partial term to expire 3/31/2025.

Motion by Commissioner Stevens seconded by Commissioner Degenauer to make the following appointment:

2. LAKE ANTOINE PARK PARTNERS - Applicants: Barbara Kramer
One three-year term to expire 6/30/2025

Barb Kramer is appointed to the Lake Antoine Park Partners for a term to expire 6/30/2025.
All Ayes, Motion Carried, Commissioner Kramer abstained.

B. Motion by Commissioner Stevens seconded by Commissioner Martin to approve a Board appointment term expiration amendment from 7/14/2025 to 7/31/2025 for the Brownfield

Development. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

- C. Motion by Commissioner Stevens seconded by Commissioner Kramer to approve the second quarter payment request from Breen Senior Center in the amount of \$7,000.00.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

Degenauer Aye
Kramer Aye
Martin Aye
Stevens Aye
Wender Aye All Ayes, Motion Carried.

- D. Motion by Commissioner Stevens seconded by Commissioner Degenauer to approve the Sagola Township Herzog Road Project. This is a Dickinson County ARPA Fund project with a maximum funding amount of \$100,000.00 for Sagola Township. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

Kramer Aye
Martin Aye
Stevens Aye
Wender Aye
Degenauer Aye All Ayes, Motion Carried.

10. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer 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 at the airport we had to put down some crushed gravel as we needed a harder packed surface. The steel should be going up this week. The ARP truck is not here yet, it has been pushed out again. The 2 squad cars are being outfitted now, hopefully we will get them soon. The auditors are done. He went out to the Wagner Drive property, there are some big pines on there we will be talking to a forester. We are still using a generator at the park, waiting on Wisconsin Electric. The tuck pointing is being done on the courthouse. We are getting bids on Kramer Drive. We are waiting on the official report on the clock tower.

12. Closed Session

A. Motion by Commissioner Kramer seconded by Commissioner Degenauer to approve the County Board going into Closed Session at 6:58 PM. with the County Clerk, Chief Judge Barglind, Probate Judge Slagle, and County Controller to discuss the negotiations of the collective bargaining units, pursuant to Open Meetings Act 15.268, Sec 8 (c). (Roll Call Vote, 2/3 Vote Required)

Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

B. Motion by Commissioner Martin seconded by Commissioner Kramer to approve the County Board to reconvene in open session at 7:58 PM. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners;

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

Motion by Commissioner Degenauer seconded by Commissioner Kramer to approve the Juneteenth paid Holiday on June 20th 2022 for a one time non precedent setting basis.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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

13. Citizen's Time (Limited to five minutes per person)
Chairperson Wender opened the floor to Citizens Time and there was no participation.

14. Commissioners' Personal Privilege.
Commissioner Martin stated the spaghetti dinner the Veterans put on was wonderful
She would like to discuss this snow cone issue that a young girl would like to sell at the park.
She would like to express her sympathy to all involved in the tragic accident at the races.
She commented on the quarterly newsletter from the road commission and hopes to see more.
Commissioner Stevens stated he would like this issue at Trico and the post office resolved. He would like to have the County come up with a resolution for Trico to be able to take over the shredding for the post office at no cost and they are right next door. He would like to thank the local news media for the press for the spaghetti fund raiser.
Commissioner Kramer stated we should write a letter to the Post Master General on the Trico issue.
We had 40 people for our 1st movie night at the park.
Commissioner Degenauer would like to comment on the Mental Health round table discussion and that Dickinson County should be a leader in this issue and we need to invite all the Legislators. This is a bigger problem than we anticipated.

15. Motion by Commissioner Martin seconded by Commissioner Kramer to adjourn, Subject to the Call of the Chairman at 7:59 PM.

Henry Wender Chairperson

Carol Bronzyk County Clerk