



NEWAYGO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
1087 NEWELL STREET, WHITE CLOUD MI 49349

SEPTEMBER 26, 2001

Meeting called to order by Chairman Stanley DeKuiper at 9:30 A.M.

Prayer by Lois E. Kaselau, Newaygo County Chief Deputy Clerk.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Commissioner Hansen.

PRESENT: Mary Balberde, Gerard Deschaine, Robert Hallmeyer,
Larry Hansen, Timothy Purcell, Stanley DeKuiper

ABSENT: Gerald Derks (EXCUSED)

01-336

MOTION BY PURCELL, SECONDED BY DESCHAINED, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA OF SEPTEMBER 26, 2001, ADDING A CLOSED SESSION REGARDING UNION CONTRACTS. AYES-6, ABSENT-DERKS. MOTION CARRIED.

01-337

MOTION BY HANSEN, SECONDED BY BALBERDE, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2001. AYES-6, ABSENT-DERKS. MOTION CARRIED.

01-338

MOTION BY HANSEN, SECONDED BY DESCHAINED, TO PLACE THE NAMES OF PAULINE JACOBUS, ELIZABETH PACYGA AND RICHARD E. HARROUN, JR. IN NOMINATION TO THE COMMISSION ON AGING ADVISORY BOARD FOR THE TERM EXPIRING SEPTEMBER 30, 2004. AYES-6, ABSENT-DERKS. MOTION CARRIED.

01-339

MOTION BY BALBERDE, SECONDED BY PURCELL, TO CLOSE THE NOMINATIONS AND CAST A UNANIMOUS BALLOT FOR THE THREE CANDIDATES TO THE COMMISSION ON AGING ADVISORY BOARD. AYES-6, ABSENT-DERKS. MOTION CARRIED.

MSU Extension Vegetable Agent, Jim Breinling, presented an update of the Western Michigan region vegetable growing in and around Newaygo County, covering snap beans, carrot industry, asparagus imports, crown and fruit rot of vine crops, and a budget reduction.

Chairman DeKuiper declared the Public Hearing open for the adoption of the General Appropriation Act at 9:50 A.M. No public present.

01-340

MOTION BY BALBERDE, SECONDED BY PURCELL, TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AT 9:52 A.M. AYES-6, ABSENT-DERKS. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMITTEE REPORT/FINANCE/WAYS AND MEANS/HANSEN

01-321

MOVED BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY PURCELL, TO APPROVE PLACING A GROUP PICTURE OF THE NEWAYGO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IN THE 2002 COUNTY 4-H PLAT BOOK AT A CHARGE OF \$60.00 TO EACH COMMISSIONER. AYES-6, ABSENT-DERKS. MOTION CARRIED.

01-322

MOVED BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY DESCHAINED, TO RATIFY ACCEPTANCE OF FY 2002 GRANT CONTRACTS FROM THE AREA AGENCY ON AGING, #51.78 AND #61.78 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$284,652.00 AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACTS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS. AYES-6, ABSENT-DERKS. MOTION CARRIED.

01-323

MOVED BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY PURCELL, TO APPROVE THE SEMI-MONTHLY DETAIL ANALYSIS DATED SEPTEMBER 19, 2001, CHECK #225340 THROUGH CHECK #225550, FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$155,754.39. AYES-6, ABSENT-DERKS. MOTION CARRIED.

01-324

MOVED BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY PURCELL, TO RATIFY THE AUGUST 2001 MONTHLY CHECK REGISTER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,248,911.02. AYES-6, ABSENT-DERKS. MOTION CARRIED.

01-325

MOVED BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY BALBERDE, TO OFFER A FLU SHOT, THROUGH THE DISTRICT #10 HEALTH DEPARTMENT, FOR ANY NEWAYGO COUNTY EMPLOYEE. PAYMENT TO BE MADE FROM THE WELLNESS FUND. AYES-6, ABSENT-DERKS. MOTION CARRIED.

01-326

MOVED BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY PURCELL, BECAUSE EMPLOYEE SPOUSES QUALIFY FOR THE COUNTY HEALTH INSURANCE, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THEY BE ALLOWED TO JOIN THE NEWAYGO COUNTY WEIGHT WATCHERS PROGRAM, FOLLOWING THE SAME REQUIREMENTS AS COUNTY RETIREES. AYES-6, ABSENT-DERKS. MOTION CARRIED.

01-327

MOVED BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY PURCELL, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #09-021-01 CREATING A NEW MERS DIVISION FOR THE COMMAND UNIT MEMBERS, SEPARATING THEM FROM THE DEPUTIES MERS DIVISION. AYES-6, ABSENT-DERKS. MOTION CARRIED.

01-328

MOVED BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY BALBERDE, TO TENTATIVELY SET A PUBLIC HEARING DATE OF NOVEMBER 7, 2001, FOR CHANGES IN THE NEWAYGO COUNTY DOG ORDINANCE. AYES-6, ABSENT-DERKS. MOTION CARRIED.

01-329

MOVED BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY PURCELL, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #09-023-01, FOR THE AMENDED FINAL 911 SERVICE PLAN. AYES-6, ABSENT-DERKS. MOTION CARRIED.

01-330

MOVED BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY BALBERDE, TO APPROVE THE FY 2000-2001 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS #2001061-2001089. AYES-6, ABSENT-DERKS. MOTION CARRIED.

01-331

MOVED BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY BALBERDE, TO RESOLVE BUDGET DEFICITS FOR THE 2001 FISCAL YEAR IN COMPLIANCE WITH PUBLIC ACT 621; IT IS THE INTENT OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO RESOLVE ANY DEFICIT FUND BALANCES DISCOVERED AS A RESULT OF THE YEAR-END CLOSING AND; TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR AND THE FINANCE CHAIR TO APPROVE BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS AND APPROPRIATIONS AS NECESSARY, WITHIN THE 2001 BUDGETED AMOUNTS AVAILABLE TO COMPLETE GENERAL LEDGER TRANSACTIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2001. AYES-6, ABSENT-DERKS. MOTION CARRIED.

01-332

MOVED BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY DESCHAIINE, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #09-024-01, 2001-2002 NEWAYGO COUNTY GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS. AYES-6, ABSENT-DERKS. MOTION CARRIED.

01-333

MOVED BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY PURCELL, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #09-019-01, TO APPROVE THE 2001 MILLAGE RATE FOR COUNTY OPERATIONS INCLUDING GENERAL, ROAD PATROL, COMMISSION ON AGING, AND SOLDIERS & SAILORS RELIEF. AYES-6, ABSENT-DERKS. MOTION CARRIED.

01-334

MOVED BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY PURCELL, TO RATIFY RESOLUTION #09-022-01, TO CONDEMN THE TERRORISTS EVENT OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2001. AYES-6, ABSENT-DERKS. MOTION CARRIED.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORT/HALLMEYER - reported on the Soldiers and Sailors and FIA/Medical Care Facility meetings.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORT/BALBERDE - reported on MINK meeting; Newaygo County will stay with the same region until the State releases.

Commissioner Balberde's MAC appointment to the local public health operations funding committee met. This is a two-phase formula study by the committee:

1. To find a fair and equitable funding formula for public health operations in Michigan.
2. Recommendation of the implementation of the formula.

Commissioner Balberde is the Co-Chairman of the Committee.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORT/HANSEN - provided the District Health Department report. A new plan on the Sanitary Code changes is available. Kelly Smith is the Acting Director at the Road Commission at this time.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT/HUMPHREY - provided each commissioner with a copy of GSG Architects estimated costs revised September 24, 2001 regarding:

1. Architect Project 01-776 - Administration Building addition and office modifications.
2. Architect Project 01-775 - Courthouse office and storage room additions and office modifications.

Chairman DeKuijer recessed the meeting at 10:12 A.M. to allow each commissioner to read the proposal. Meeting reconvened at 10:20 A.M.

Administrator Humphrey indicated the building sq. ft. cost to be \$88.35.

A letter of September 17, 2001, was sent to the Mental Health Center regarding their lease. A letter of reply from Mental Health was dated September 24, 2001. Administrator will follow up with recommendations.

01-341

MOTION BY PURCELL, SECONDED BY BALBERDE, TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 10:40 A.M. TO DISCUSS UNION CONTRACTS. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYE-BALBERDE, AYE-DESCHAIINE, AYE-HALLMEYER, AYE-HANSEN, ABSENT-DERKS, AYE-PURCELL, AYE-DeKUIPER. MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting recessed by the Chairman at 10:40 A.M. to allow the County Clerk to be called for the Closed Session for Union Contracts.

01-342

MOTION BY BALBERDE, SECONDED BY PURCELL, TO GO INTO OPEN SESSION AT 11:07 A.M. AYES-6, ABSENT-DERKS. MOTION CARRIED.

01-343

MOTION BY BALBERDE, SECONDED BY PURCELL, TO APPROVE PAYMENT TO THERESA LINDSAY AS AWARDED BY THE ARBITRATOR AND TO MAKE ADJUSTMENTS TO THE STEP OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS THAT WERE INCREASED IN THE 1999 WAGE STUDY AND THE 2001 WAGE STUDY BY PLACING THE INDIVIDUALS AT THE SAME STEP THEY WERE AT WHEN THE STUDY WAS APPROVED. ALL FUTURE ADJUSTMENTS AS A RESULT OF A WAGE STUDY WILL BE HANDLED AS FOLLOWS:

PLACE THE EMPLOYEE IN THE NEW GRADE AND AT THE SAME STEP THEY CURRENTLY HOLD. THIS IS FOR WAGE STUDIES ONLY.

IF AN EMPLOYEE IS PROMOTED OR TAKES A POSITION THAT IS A DIFFERENT GRADE THEY WILL BE PLACED AT THE STEP THAT GIVES THEM AT LEAST A 3% INCREASE.

A LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING MUST BE SIGNED BY THE UNION PRIOR TO PAYMENT OF UNION EMPLOYEES.

AYES-6, ABSENT-DERKS. MOTION CARRIED.

01-344

MOTION BY BALBERDE, SECONDED BY PURCELL, TO ADJOURN MEETING AT 11:20 A.M. AYES-6, ABSENT-DERKS. MOTION CARRIED.

LAUREL J. BREUKER
NEWAYGO COUNTY CLERK

STANLEY DeKUIPER, CHAIRMAN
NEWAYGO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

LOIS E. KASELAU
CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK

OCTOBER 2, 2001