



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

DECEMBER 26, 2002

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

Prayer by Laurel J. Breuker, Newaygo County Clerk.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Commissioner Hansen.

PRESENT: Gerald Derks, Jr., Gerard Deschaine, Robert E. Hallmeyer,  
Larry M. Hansen, Timothy Purcell, Stanley DeKuiper

ABSENT: Mary Balberde (Excused)

PUBLIC COMMENT: Lavern Willett stated his objections regarding rollover banked sick time dollars to the VantageCare Program (retiree health savings) for unclassified employees. Pat O'Neil voiced his own personal objections to the program.

Ross Fulton requested the Board to consider appointing Dave Stout to the Planning/Zoning Commission.

Chuck Besemer, Croton Township Supervisor, indicated his support for the reappointment of Louis Meeuwenberg to the Road Commission.

Louis Meeuwenberg apologized for failing to appear at the interviews held December 18, 2002, due to the death of his mother. Mr. Meeuwenberg indicated his dedication to Newaygo County and the Newaygo County Road Commission.

02-482

MOTION BY HANSEN, SECONDED BY DERKS, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA OF DECEMBER 26, 2002 WITH THE ADDITION OF DECEMBER 12, 2002 AND DECEMBER 18, 2002 CLOSED SESSION MINUTES. AYES-6, ABSENT-BALBERDE. MOTION CARRIED.

02-483

MOTION BY DESCHAINED, SECONDED BY HANSEN, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 11, 2002. AYES-6, ABSENT-BALBERDE. MOTION CARRIED.

02-484

MOTION BY DESCHAINED, SECONDED BY PURCELL, TO APPROVE THE CLOSED SESSION MINUTES OF DECEMBER 12, 2002. AYES-6, ABSENT-BALBERDE. MOTION CARRIED.

02-485

MOTION BY DESCHAINED, SECONDED BY HANSEN, TO APPROVE THE CLOSED SESSION MINUTES OF DECEMBER 18, 2002. AYES-6, ABSENT-BALBERDE. MOTION CARRIED.

02-486

MOTION BY DERKS, SECONDED BY DESCHAINED, TO PLACE THE NAME OF MIKE FUHER IN NOMINATION FOR APPOINTMENT AND THE NAME OF CHESTER SCOTT FOR RENOMINATION TO THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR THE TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2005. AYES-6, ABSENT-BALBERDE. MOTION CARRIED.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

<u>DERKS</u>	SCOTT
<u>BALBERDE (ABSENT)</u>	
<u>HALLMEYER</u>	SCOTT
<u>PURCELL</u>	SCOTT
<u>HANSEN</u>	SCOTT
<u>DESCHAINED</u>	SCOTT
<u>DeKUIPER</u>	SCOTT

CHESTER SCOTT DULY APPOINTED TO THE NEWAYGO COUNTY BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS.

02-487

MOTION BY DERKS, SECONDED BY HALLMEYER, TO PLACE THE NAMES OF MIKE FUHER AND DAVE STOUT IN NOMINATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE PLANNING/ZONING COMMISSION FOR THE TERMS EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2005. AYES-6, ABSENT-BALBERDE. MOTION CARRIED.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

<u>PURCELL</u>	NEITHER		
<u>HANSEN</u>	NEITHER		
<u>HALLMEYER</u>		FUHER	
<u>BALBERDE (ABSENT)</u>			
<u>DERKS</u>		FUHER	STOUT
<u>DESCHAINED</u>	NEITHER		
<u>DeKUIPER</u>	NEITHER		

NO APPOINTMENT MADE TO THE NEWAYGO COUNTY PLANNING/ZONING COMMISSION.

02-488

MOTION BY DESCHAINED, SECONDED BY PURCELL, TO PLACE THE NAMES OF MIKE FUHER AND DAVE STOUT IN NOMINATION AND THE NAME OF CHESTER SCOTT FOR RENOMINATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE PARKS COMMISSION FOR THE TERMS EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2005. AYES-6, ABSENT-BALBERDE. MOTION CARRIED.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

<u>HANSEN</u>	FUHER	SCOTT	
<u>PURCELL</u>	FUHER	SCOTT	
<u>HALLMEYER</u>	FUHER	SCOTT	
<u>DERKS</u>		SCOTT	STOUT
<u>BALBERDE (ABSENT)</u>			
<u>DESCHAINED</u>	FUHER	SCOTT	
<u>DeKUIPER</u>	FUHER	SCOTT	

MIKE FUHER AND CHESTER SCOTT DULY APPOINTED TO THE NEWAYGO COUNTY PARKS COMMISSION.

02-489

MOTION BY HANSEN, SECONDED BY DESCHAINED, TO PLACE THE NAMES OF MIKE FUHER, HENRY VANDOP FOR NOMINATION AND RENOMINATION OF LOUIS MEEUWENBERG FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE ROAD COMMISSION FOR THE TERMS EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2008. AYES-6, ABSENT-BALBERDE. MOTION CARRIED.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

BALBERDE (ABSENT)

PURCELL

VANDOP

HANSEN

MEEUWENBERG

DERKS

MEEUWENBERG

DESCHAINED

MEEUWENBERG

HALLMEYER

MEEUWENBERG

DeKUIPER

MEEUWENBERG

LOUIS MEEUWENBERG DULY APPOINTED TO THE NEWAYGO COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION.

Becky Beets, Director Foster Grandparent Program, appeared with two senior companions and one foster grandparent. She indicated the Foster Grandparent Program started 18 years ago with 10 seniors. There are now 49 seniors and the foster grandparents are now in every school district in the county. The grandparents also work with young mothers and their families in their homes. The Senior Companion Program started two years ago. Ms. Beets recognized and commended Commissioner Hansen for his work with the Program for the past nine years.

COMMITTEE REPORT/BUILDING & PROPERTY/HALLMEYER: Reiterated Commissioner Balberde's last report on the progress of the construction. Administrator Kurt Humphrey anticipates the projects on the County Building to be completed and the Courthouse 98% complete by the end of the year.

COMMITTEE REPORT/PUBLIC SAFETY/JUDICIAL/DESCHAINED: Thanked the Board, Animal Control, Sheriff's Department, Junk Enforcement and all who worked on public safety over the last 8 years.

COMMITTEE REPORT/FINANCE WAYS AND MEANS/HANSEN: Thanked the Board and each Commissioner's contributions to the various committees.

02-469

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY DERKS, TO APPROVE THE SEMI-MONTHLY DETAIL ANALYSIS DATED DECEMBER 18, 2002, CHECK #238291 THROUGH CHECK #238495 FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$204,856.16. AYES-6, ABSENT-BALBERDE. MOTION CARRIED.

02-470

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY HALLMEYER, TO RATIFY THE NOVEMBER 2002 MONTHLY CHECK REGISTER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,686,956.99. AYES-6, ABSENT-BALBERDE. MOTION CARRIED.

02-471

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY DESCHAINED, TO APPROVE A 3 PERCENT WAGE INCREASE FOR COMMISSION ON AGING PART-TIME EMPLOYEES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 6, 2003. AYES-6, ABSENT-BALBERDE. MOTION CARRIED.

02-472

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY DERKS, TO APPROVE THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR THE FRIEND OF THE COURT. AYES-6, ABSENT-BALBERDE. MOTION CARRIED.

02-473

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY DESCHAINED, TO ALLOCATE THE LIQUOR TAX FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OF OCTOBER 1, 2002, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2003:

60% NEWAYGO COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH FOR TREATMENT SERVICES

40% NEWAYGO COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT FOR PREVENTION SERVICES

AYES-6, ABSENT-BALBERDE. MOTION CARRIED.

02-474

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY PURCELL, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #12-036-02 AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF A LINKMICHIGAN GRANT APPLICATION AND REIMBURSEMENT REQUESTS FOR A PLANNING PROJECT FOR THE COUNTIES OF LAKE, MANISTEE, MASON, NEWAYGO AND OCEANA. AYES-6, ABSENT-BALBERDE. MOTION CARRIED.

02-475

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY DESCHAINED, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #12-037-02 ADOPTING THE MERS REVISED UNIFORM DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PROGRAM FOR THE CORRECTION OFFICERS AND TO AUTHORIZE THE ADMINISTRATOR/CONTROLLER TO SIGN THE APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS. AYES-6, ABSENT-BALBERDE. MOTION CARRIED.

02-476

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY DESCHAINED, TO RATIFY THE TENTATIVE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT FOR THE POAM DEPUTIES UNION, JANUARY 1, 2003 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2005, AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT. RETROACTIVE PAY WILL BE ISSUED WITHIN A REASONABLE AMOUNT OF TIME AFTER EXECUTION OF THIS AGREEMENT. AYES-6, ABSENT-BALBERDE. MOTION CARRIED.

02-477

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY DESCHAINED, TO APPROVE THE ESTIMATE OF SUMMARY AUTHORIZED EXPENDITURES FOR THE 2003 MARINE GRANT PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD TO SIGN THE APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS. AYES-6, ABSENT-BALBERDE. MOTION CARRIED.

02-478

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY PURCELL, TO APPOINT GERARD DESCHAINED AS THE NEWAYGO COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE TO SERVE ON THE MUSKEGON WATERSHED ASSEMBLY FOR A 2 YEAR TERM. AYES-6, ABSENT-BALBERDE. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/DESCHAINED: Reported the RC&D project at Sportsman's Park is completed. Attended the Muskegon River Watershed Assembly Executive Board Meeting in Fremont. The next full meeting to occur February 3, 2003 at the Newaygo County Sportsman's Club on Elm Street.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT/HUMPHREY

02-490

MOTION BY HANSEN, SECONDED BY PURCELL, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #12-038-02 RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF LOIS JOHNSON, CHIEF DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK, FOR SIXTEEN YEARS AND TEN MONTHS OF SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF NEWAYGO COUNTY. AYES-6, ABSENT-BALBERDE. MOTION CARRIED.

02-491

MOTION BY PURCELL, SECONDED BY HANSEN, TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING TEMPORARY POSITION TO THE MSU EXTENSION OFFICE'S MANNING TABLE WHILE THE OFFICE MANAGER IS ON DISABILITY:

JOB TITLE:	OFFICE MANAGER
EMPLOYEE NUMBER:	2579991
PAY GRADE:	02
PAY STEP:	01
RATE OF PAY:	9.4738
FTE:	.50
EMPLOYMENT STATUS:	TEMPORARY
ACCOUNT NUMBER:	101.0-257.000-703.000
EXPIRATION DATE:	FOR A PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED 6 MONTHS

AYES-6, ABSENT-BALBERDE. MOTION CARRIED.

An information sheet was provided regarding authorization for the relocation of the door from the Prosecutor's Office to Waiting Room 20.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Lavern Willett once again stated his objections regarding rollover banked sick time dollars to the VantageCare Program (retiree health savings) for unclassified employees.

Chuck Besemer expressed his appreciation and thanks for jobs well done to all the Commissioners.

Bob Allen appeared to express his appreciation and respect to the Commissioners. He thanked all the Commissioners and wished them a Happy New Year.

MISCELLANEOUS: Commissioners Hansen, Hallmeyer, Deschaine, Derks, Purcell, and DeKuiper made closing remarks expressing their year-end appreciation and thankfulness.

02-492

MOTION BY PURCELL, SECONDED BY HALLMEYER, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 10:48 A.M. AYES-6, ABSENT-BALBERDE. MOTION CARRIED.

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LAUREL J. BREUKER  
NEWAYGO COUNTY CLERK

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STANLEY DeKUIPER, CHAIRMAN  
NEWAYGO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

PAMELA A. ROLFE  
DEPUTY CLERK