



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

FEBRUARY 12, 2003

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 Derks.

PRESENT: Mary Balberde; Stanley DeKuiper; Gerald Derks, Jr.; Rosswell  
Fulton, Jr.; James Maike, Jr.; Timothy Purcell, Lavern  
Willet

CORRESPONDENCE: Letter from West Michigan Shoreline Regional  
Development Commission regarding the Newaygo County Board  
appointments. It was determined that James Maike would be designated  
as an alternate.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Kenneth Busch of the Newaygo County Veterans  
Services, Inc. questioned the committee status on the veterans'  
affairs issues. Mr. Busch was informed that the next Ad Hoc Committee  
meeting would be held February 13, 2003, following the Public  
Safety/Judicial Committee meeting.

03-075

MOTION BY PURCELL, SECONDED BY DERKS, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA OF  
FEBRUARY 12, 2003, WITH THE ADDITION OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES.  
AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

03-076

MOTION BY PURCELL, SECONDED BY BALBERDE, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF  
JANUARY 29, 2003. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

03-077

MOTION BY DERKS, SECONDED BY FULTON, TO APPROVE THE CLOSED SESSION  
MINUTES OF JANUARY 29, 2003. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMITTEE REPORT/FINANCE WAYS AND MEANS/PURCELL:

03-068

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY MAIKE, TO APPROVE THE CHARGE  
OF \$0.42 PER PARCEL TO THE TOWNSHIPS FOR THE PREPARATION OF SUMMER TAX  
BILLS BEGINNING IN 2003. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

03-069

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY DERKS, TO APPROVE THE SEMI-MONTHLY DETAIL ANALYSIS DATED FEBRUARY 5, 2003, CHECK #239819 THROUGH CHECK #240028 FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$175,558.93. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

03-070

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY MAIKE, TO AUTHORIZE THE DRAIN COMMISSIONER TO EXPEND UP TO \$5,000.00 TO HAVE THE NEWAYGO COUNTY SUBDIVISION PROCEDURES UPDATED. MONIES TO COME FROM THE GENERAL FUND CONTINGENCY 101.0-890.000-955.000. AYES-6, NAY-WILLETT. MOTION CARRIED.

03-071

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY MAIKE, TO APPROVE CASH TRANSFER REQUEST #200301 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,997.93 FOR THE COUNTY AT LARGE DRAIN SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR 2002. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

03-072

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY FULTON, TO APPROVE THE INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NEWAYGO AND CATHERINE S. SVACHA FOR THE GRANT WRITER AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD TO SIGN AND EXECUTE THE APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

03-073

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY FULTON, TO APPROVE THE INSTALLATION OF THE CONTROL BOARD AND COMMUNICATION FOR PROPER OPERATIONS OF THE HVAC UNITS IN THE COURTHOUSE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$21,398.00. MONIES TO COME FROM 470.0-130.000-895.000. AYES-6, NAY-WILLETT. MOTION CARRIED.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORT/WILLETT: Attended Michigan Works meeting. Went over the budget and orientation in the afternoon. Attended Health Department organizational meeting and the MAC Conference.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORT/MAIKE: Did a walk-through on county building. Attended Michigan Works meeting and toured the plant. Attended the White River Watershed meeting, Wellness Committee meeting, MAC Conference, and the Road Commission meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORT/BALBERDE: Attended the MAC Conference.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORT/DERKS: Requested a meeting with Commissioners Maike and DeKuiper to discuss a letter presented by Administrator Humphrey regarding the ambulance committee.

MICELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORT/FULTON: Attended the Pere Marquette River Zoning on January 27, 2003. The main objective is to bring the river in compliance with the Zoning Act. Soldiers and Sailors Relief now has a 24 hour, 7 day telephone line, 689-7030, with voicemail.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORT/DeKUIPER: Attended the Michigan Mosquito Control Association meeting; West Nile Virus Seminar. There are 60 species of mosquitoes in Michigan; 30 are most prevalent. Bay, Midland, Saginaw and Tuscola Counties are the only counties in Michigan with mosquito control, which is paid for through voted millage.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT/HUMPHREY: Indicated receipt of the attorney opinion regarding retiree health insurance.

Information sheet was provided to request from MERS an employee paid composite rate for the cost difference between a B3 and a B4 retirement program.

03-078  
MOTION BY MAIKE, SECONDED BY PURCELL, TO AUTHORIZE THE ADMINISTRATOR/CONTROLLER TO REQUEST FROM MERS AN EMPLOYEE PAID COMPOSITE RATE FOR THE COST DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A B3 AND A B4 RETIREMENT PROGRAM (EXCLUDING THE DEPUTIES AND COMMAND UNIT EMPLOYEES). AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

Administrator Humphrey presented a proposed Lease Agreement between Mental Health and Newaygo County, which needs to be renewed.

03-079  
MOTION BY PURCELL, SECONDED BY BALBERDE, TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NEWAYGO AND THE NEWAYGO COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER. AYE-WILLETT, NAYS-6. MOTION FAILED.

Meeting recessed by Chairman DeKuiper at 10:25 A.M. Meeting reconvened at 10:35 A.M.

03-080  
MOTION BY FULTON, SECONDED BY BALBERDE, TO APPROVE THE LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NEWAYGO AND THE NEWAYGO COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

MISCELLANEOUS/WILLETT: Questioned the Public Comment section guidelines regarding character assassinations.

It was determined that the Clerk will check with other county clerks for information relating to public comment policies.

Questioned where countywide Freedom of Information requests were filed. Administrator Humphrey is the FOIA Coordinator, and as such, all Freedom of Information requests are submitted to him.

MISCELLANEOUS/MAIKE: Indicated that Motions and/or Resolutions should include only one item.

03-081

MOTION BY MAIKE, SECONDED BY WILLETT, THAT EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY ALL RESOLUTIONS AND/OR MOTIONS INCLUDE ONE ITEM. AYES-0, NAYS-ALL. MOTION FAILED.

03-082

MOTION BY BALBERDE, SECONDED BY PURCELL, TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 10:50 A.M. TO DISCUSS THE ATTORNEY OPINION ON RETIREE HEALTH INSURANCE. ROLL CALL VOTE: DERKS-AYE, FULTON-AYE, MAIKE-AYE, WILLETT-NAY, BALBERDE-AYE, PURCELL-AYE, DeKUIPER-AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

03-083

MOTION BY MAIKE, SECONDED BY DERKS, TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AT 11:15 A.M. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

03-084

MOTION BY PURCELL, SECONDED BY DERKS, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 11:17 A.M. AYES-ALL. 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  
CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK