



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

FEBRUARY 26, 2003

Meeting called to order by Chairman Stanley DeKuiper at 7:00 P.M.

Prayer by Laurel J. Breuker, Newaygo County Clerk.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Commissioner Fulton.

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

ABSENT: Mary Balberde (excused)

CORRESPONDENCE: Letter from Michigan Association of Counties discussing state funding aids, budget cuts and ways to streamline county government. It was determined that a noon meeting would be set up with the elected officials.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Angela Moore spoke regarding job reclassification.

03-104

MOTION BY MAIKE, SECONDED BY PURCELL, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA OF FEBRUARY 26, 2003. AYES-6, ABSENT-BALBERDE. MOTION CARRIED.

03-105

MOTION BY DERKS, SECONDED BY FULTON, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 12, 2003. AYES-6, ABSENT-BALBERDE. MOTION CARRIED.

03-106

MOTION BY PURCELL, SECONDED BY DERKS, TO APPROVE THE CLOSED SESSION MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 12, 2003. AYES-6, ABSENT-BALBERDE. MOTION CARRIED.

03-107

MOTION BY WILLETT, SECONDED BY MAIKE, TO APPOINT BECKY LLEWELLYN TO THE NEWAYGO COUNTY JURY BOARD FOR THE UNEXPIRED TERM ENDING APRIL 30, 2003. AYES-6, ABSENT-BALBERDE. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMITTEE REPORT/FINANCE WAYS AND MEANS/PURCELL:

03-098

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY DERKS, TO APPROVE THE SEMI-MONTHLY DETAIL ANALYSIS DATED FEBRUARY 19, 2003, CHECK #240187 THROUGH

CHECK #240411 FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$246,188.64. AYES-6,
ABSENT-BALBERDE. MOTION CARRIED.

03-099

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY MAIKE, TO RATIFY THE JANUARY 2003 MONTHLY CHECK REGISTER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,113,327.55. AYES-6,
ABSENT-BALBERDE. MOTION CARRIED.

03-100

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY WILLETT, TO INCREASE THE PAY GRADE LEVEL OF THE DEPUTY PROBATE REGISTER FROM A GRADE 5 TO A GRADE 6 AND THE PROBATE REGISTER FROM A GRADE 8 TO A GRADE 10. ROLL CALL VOTE: PURCELL-NAY, BALBERDE-ABSENT, MAIKE-NAY, DERKS-AYE, FULTON-AYE, WILLETT-AYE, DeKUIPER-NAY. MOTION FAILED.

03-108

MOTION BY PURCELL, SECONDED BY DERKS, TO INCREASE THE PAY GRADE LEVEL OF THE DEPUTY PROBATE REGISTER FROM A GRADE 5 TO A GRADE 6 AND THE PROBATE REGISTER FROM A GRADE 8 TO A GRADE 10 EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY; SUBJECT TO THE COMPLETION OF A WAGE AND COMPENSATION STUDY AND RECOMMENDATION. ROLL CALL VOTE: MAIKE-AYE, BALBERDE-ABSENT, FULTON-AYE, DERKS-AYE, PURCELL-AYE, WILLETT-NAY, DeKUIPER-AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

03-101

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY DERKS, TO RATIFY, AS RECOMMENDED BY LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE, A GRANT PROPOSAL TO MDOT FOR FY-2004 FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$113,821.00 AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE THE PROPOSAL AND REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION. AYES-6,
ABSENT-BALBERDE. MOTION CARRIED.

03-088

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY MAIKE, TO AUTHORIZE COMPUTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO EVALUATE AND RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS A FINANCIAL SOFTWARE PACKAGE. THE COMMITTEE WILL DO THIS BY GATHERING, EVALUATING, REVIEWING REFERENCES, COMMUNICATING WITH STAFF AND VIEWING SOFTWARE PACKAGES AT OTHER UNITS OF GOVERNMENT. ULTIMATELY, SINCE THE NORMAL BID PROCESS DOES NOT LEND ITSELF TO THIS SOFTWARE PURCHASE, THE COMMITTEE WILL MAKE ITS RECOMMENDATION BASED UPON THE COST, REFERENCES, COMMUNICATION WITH STAFF AND REVIEW OF THE SOFTWARE PACKAGES AT OTHER GOVERNMENTAL UNITS. AYES-6,
ABSENT-BALBERDE. MOTION CARRIED.

03-089

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY DERKS, TO ALLOW THE WELLNESS COMMITTEE TO MOUNT A PLAQUE CABINET TO DISPLAY COUNTY AWARDS. AYES-6,
ABSENT-BALBERDE. MOTION CARRIED.

03-102

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY WILLETT, TO INCREASE THE POSITION OF OFFICE MANAGER, PROSECUTING ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, FROM A GRADE 7, STEP 4, TO A GRADE 11, STEP 1. ROLL CALL VOTE: PURCELL-NAY, FULTON-AYE, MAIKE-NAY, BALBERDE-ABSENT, WILLETT-AYE, DERKS-AYE, DeKUIPER-NAY. MOTION FAILED.

03-109

MOTION BY PURCELL, SECONDED BY DERKS, TO INCREASE THE POSITION OF OFFICE MANAGER, PROSECUTING ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, FROM A GRADE 7, STEP 4, TO A GRADE 11, STEP 1 EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY; SUBJECT TO THE COMPLETION OF A WAGE AND COMPENSATION STUDY AND RECOMMENDATION. ROLL CALL VOTE: PURCELL-AYE, BALBERDE-ABSENT, WILLETT-NAY, MAIKE-AYE, DERKS-AYE, FULTON-AYE, DeKUIPER-AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORT/WILLETT: Attended MMRMA last week and will attend the Health Department meeting on Friday.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORT/MAIKE: Attended the Road Commission meeting on the 12th, Computer Advisory Committee meeting, LINC meeting on the 18th, MMRMA, and Planning and Zoning meeting on the 25th in Fremont.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORT/PURCELL: Attended the Area Agency of Western Michigan meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORT/DERKS: Received information from the FIA meeting. Will provide a report next Wednesday.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORT/FULTON: Attended the Pere Marquette River Zoning meeting on Monday. One variance was granted and one request was tabled. Also attended the Planning and Zoning Board Natural Resources Conference, which will be one in a series to gather information regarding the new Comprehensive Plan.

03-056-1

MOTION BY DERKS, SECONDED BY MAIKE, TO AMEND MOTION #03-056, PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED ON JANUARY 29, 2003, TO CLARIFY MILEAGE RATE REDUCTION AMOUNT FROM \$.365 TO \$.360. AYES-6, ABSENT-BALBERDE. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Newaygo County Prosecuting Attorney, Chrystal Roach, spoke regarding job reclassification.

Newaygo County Treasurer, Arlan Jackson, spoke regarding the Wage and Compensation Committee and dog licenses.

03-110

MOTION BY WILLETT, SECONDED BY MAIKE, TO AUTHORIZE A TWO-MONTH GRACE PERIOD ON DOG LICENSES. NO TICKETS SHALL BE ISSUED DURING THE TWO-MONTH GRACE PERIOD. AYES-6, ABSENT-BALBERDE. MOTION CARRIED.

Probate Court Judge, Graydon Dimkoff, spoke regarding job reclassification and wage and compensation study.

Michele Gentile and Brian Thiede of the Newaygo County Prosecuting Attorney's Office spoke regarding a wage and compensation study.

MISCELLANEOUS/WILLETT:

03-111

MOTION BY WILLETT, SECONDED BY MAIKE, TO DIRECT THE PARKS DEPARTMENT TO HAVE THE SANDY BEACH RESTROOM FACILITIES MADE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE BY JUNE 1, 2003. ROLL CALL VOTE: FULTON-AYE, BALBERDE-ABSENT, DERKS-AYE, PURCELL-AYE, MAIKE-AYE, WILLETT-AYE, DeKUIPER-NAY. MOTION CARRIED.

03-112

MOTION BY WILLETT, SECONDED BY FULTON, TO FORM A WEST NILE VIRUS COMMITTEE TO RESEARCH AND REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD BY MARCH 26, 2003. AYES-6, ABSENT-BALBERDE. MOTION CARRIED.

Lavern Willett, James Maike and Rosswell Fulton, Jr. were appointed to the West Nile Virus Committee. The first meeting to be held on Monday, March 3, 2003, at 1:00 P.M. Stanley DeKuiper will attend the first meeting. Clerk will post the meeting notice.

03-113

MOTION BY MAIKE, SECONDED BY PURCELL, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:30 P.M. AYES-6, ABSENT-BALBERDE. MOTION CARRIED.

LAUREL J. BREUKER
NEWAYGO COUNTY CLERK

STANLEY DeKUIPER, CHAIRMAN
NEWAYGO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

PAMELA A. ROLFE
CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK