



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

MAY 14, 2003

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

Prayer by Pamela A. Rolfe, Newaygo County Chief Deputy Clerk.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Commissioner Balberde.

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

CORRESPONDENCE: Chairman DeKuiper indicated receipt of correspondence from Arbor Circle stating that Alcohol Outpatient Services are being discontinued. Commissioner Purcell reported that the Mental Health Board will address this issue. Chairman DeKuiper also reported receipt of several letters regarding the ambulance service.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Many individuals spoke regarding the ambulance service and contract including, but not limited to: Terry Fett, Mayor of the City of Grant; Daniel Powell, City Commissioner and co-Chairman of Chamber of Commerce in Grant, who presented signed Petitions supporting LIFE EMS; Dr. Gerald Van Wieren of Grant; Lilley Township Fire Chief, Chuck Barron; Mike Ostyn, Assistant Superintendent of Grant Public Schools; Newaygo City Manager, Richard Blachford; Grant City Manager, Tobi Lake; Richard Berkman from Ensley Township; Larry Veihl from Ashland Township; Brooks Township Supervisor, Dale Black, representing the Supervisors' Association; Brian Hettinger, Assistant Chief of the Fremont Fire Department; and Ned Hughes, CEO of Gerber Memorial Health Services.

03-231

MOTION BY MAIKE, SECONDED BY BALBERDE, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA OF MAY 14, 2003 WITH THE ADDITION OF THE AMBULANCE CONTRACT FOLLOWING APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

03-232

MOTION BY PURCELL, SECONDED BY BALBERDE, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF APRIL 23, 2003, WITH A CORRECTION TO MOTION #03-201 AMENDING THE LANGUAGE "NEWAYGO COUNTY VETERANS FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP" TO "ARMED SERVICES SUPPORT GROUP." AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

03-229-3

MOTION BY MAIKE, SECONDED BY WILLETT, TO UNTABLE MOTION #03-229-1.  
ROLL CALL VOTE: WILLETT-AYE, BALBERDE-AYE, DERKS-AYE, FULTON-AYE,  
MAIKE-AYE, PURCELL-AYE, DeKUIPER-AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

VOTE ON MOTION #03-229-1

MOTION BY FULTON, SECONDED BY WILLETT, TO AMEND MOTION  
#03-229 TO LET THE AMBULANCE AD HOC COMMITTEE WORK OUT THE  
CONTRACT WITH PRO MED AMBULANCE WITH ADMINISTRATOR HUMPHREY.  
ROLL CALL VOTE: DERKS-NAY, MAIKE-NAY, FULTON-NAY, BALBERDE-NAY,  
WILLETT-AYE, PURCELL-NAY, DeKUIPER-NAY. MOTION FAILED.

03-228-1

MOTION BY MAIKE, SECONDED BY PURCELL, TO RENEW MOTION #03-228. ROLL  
CALL VOTE: DERKS-AYE, FULTON-AYE, MAIKE-AYE, BALBERDE-AYE,  
PURCELL-AYE, WILLETT-NAY, DeKUIPER-AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

03-228-2

MOTION BY BALBERDE, SECONDED BY MAIKE, TO GRANT THE AMBULANCE CONTRACT  
TO LIFE EMS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE VILLAGE OF HESPERIA AND THE  
TOWNSHIPS OF BEAVER, DENVER, AND TROY, WHICH WILL BE DISPATCHED TO PRO  
MED. ROLL CALL VOTE: BALBERDE-AYE, PURCELL-AYE, MAIKE-AYE, FULTON-AYE,  
WILLETT-NAY, DERKS-AYE, DeKUIPER-AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting recessed by Chairman DeKuiper at 10:22 A.M. Meeting  
reconvened at 10:35 A.M.

Circuit Court Director/Friend of the Court, Barbara Geno, presented  
material distributed by the Michigan Family Independence Agency and  
the Office of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court relating to the  
Friend of the Court Child Support Software Conversion to the Michigan  
Child Support Enforcement System (MiCSES). MiCSES is a statewide  
computer system, which is used in the Michigan Family Independence  
Agency and all 83 counties in the Friend of the Court and Prosecuting  
Attorney's offices. The conversion is scheduled to occur the last  
week of May, during which time there will be no child support checks  
issued. Once the system is in place, child support checks will no  
longer go through the Friend of the Court, but through the state. The  
Friend of the Court will accept cash payments only. This system will  
provide automated tools for enforcement of child support orders.

Cynthia J. Sullivan appeared to review her 2002 Newaygo County Drain  
Commissioner Annual Report. The report covers the petitioned drain  
projects, special assessments, drain notes, drain order breakdown  
summary, fund balance report, drain ledger report, and a summary on  
Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Program for Fiscal Year 2002.  
The Drain Commissioner has issued 300 Soil Erosion Control Permits,  
depositing \$29,926.00 into the County General Fund. This is an  
increase in collections from the previous year.

03-233

MOTION BY WILLETT, SECONDED BY BALBERDE, TO ACCEPT THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DRAIN COMMISSIONER AS PRESENTED. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMITTEE REPORT/FINANCE WAYS AND MEANS/PURCELL

03-209

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY DERKS, TO APPROVE THE SEMI-MONTHLY DETAIL ANALYSIS DATED MAY 7, 2003, CHECK #242355 THROUGH CHECK #242661 FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$576,112.15. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

03-210

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY BALBERDE, TO APPROVE THE AREA AGENCY ON AGING OF WESTERN MICHIGAN'S PROPOSED MULTI-YEAR PLAN FOR FISCAL YEARS 2004-2006 AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

03-211

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY MAIKE, TO APPROVE THE FISCAL YEAR 2004 LOCAL MATCH REQUIREMENTS FOR FEDERAL AND STATE OF MICHIGAN FUNDING WITH AREA AGENCY ON AGING OF WESTERN MICHIGAN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,082.00. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

03-212-1

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY DERKS, TO REFER THE ISSUE OF ROTATING THE ADVERTISING OF THE BOARD MINUTES BETWEEN THE TIMES INDICATOR AND THE NEWAYGO COUNTY TODAY TO THE COUNTY CLERK FOR COMMENTS AND INPUT. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

03-213

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY BALBERDE, TO AUTHORIZE THE SHARING OF THE COST FOR THE NEWELL STREET PROJECT FROM WILLIAMS STREET TO CHARLES STREET RECONSTRUCTION WITH THE CITY OF WHITE CLOUD AND THE WHITE CLOUD DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. THE COUNTY'S COST OF SHARING IS NOT TO EXCEED \$44,980.00. MONIES TO COME FROM THE DELINQUENT TAX FUND. ROLL CALL VOTE: BALBERDE-AYE, DERKS-AYE, WILLETT-NAY, FULTON-AYE, MAIKE-AYE, PURCELL-AYE, DeKUIPER-AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

03-215

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY MAIKE, TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF 1000 NEWAYGO COUNTY LAPEL PINS FROM DIVERSITY SIGNS, WITH THE TOTAL COST NOT TO EXCEED \$1,250.00 (\$1.24/PIN) AND TO AUTHORIZE THE ADMINISTRATOR/CONTROLLER TO PROCEED WITH THE PURCHASE OF PINS. ROLL CALL VOTE: PURCELL-AYE, FULTON-AYE, WILLETT-AYE, DERKS-AYE, MAIKE-AYE, BALBERDE-AYE, DeKUIPER-AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

03-216

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY BALBERDE, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #05-016-03 TO STRESS THE IMPORTANCE OF REVENUE SHARING TO COUNTIES AND REQUEST THAT NO FURTHER CUTS BE MADE AND THAT A COPY BE SENT TO THE MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES (MAC) AND TO ALL OTHER MICHIGAN COUNTIES. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

03-217

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY MAIKE, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #05-015-03 CHANGING MERS BENEFITS FOR DIVISION 10-DEPARTMENT HEAD AND ELECTED OFFICIALS FROM A B3 TO A B4 TO BE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2004, AT THE EMPLOYEE'S COST OF 2.94%. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

03-218

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY BALBERDE, TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF NEW WORLD SOFTWARE AND SERVICES NOT TO EXCEED \$275,000.00 AND AUTHORIZE THE ADMINISTRATOR/CONTROLLER TO SIGN ALL APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS. ROLL CALL VOTE: WILLETT-NAY, DERKS-AYE, BALBERDE-AYE, MAIKE-AYE, FULTON-AYE, PURCELL-AYE, DeKUIPER-AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMITTEE REPORT/BUILDING & PROPERTY/MAIKE

03-222

MOTION BY BUILDING & PROPERTY COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY PURCELL, TO FOLLOW THE ADMINISTRATOR'S RECOMMENDATION FOR EMPLOYEE CARD ACCESS TO COUNTY BUILDINGS FROM 7:50 A.M. TO 5:10 P.M. ROLL CALL VOTE: FULTON-NAY, BALBERDE-AYE, DERKS-AYE, WILLETT-NAY, PURCELL-AYE, MAIKE-AYE, DeKUIPER-AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

03-223

MOTION BY BUILDING & PROPERTY COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY DERKS, TO RATIFY TO ALLOW THE VILLAGE OF HESPERIA TO USE NEWAYGO COUNTY'S FULL FAITH AND CREDIT FOR A BOND ISSUE LOAN (CONTINGENT ON LEGAL COUNSEL REVIEW) WITH THE STATE OF MICHIGAN FOR THE APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF \$250,000.00. BOND ISSUE IS FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF A NEW WASTE WATER PUMPING STATION FOR THE VILLAGE OF HESPERIA. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

03-224

MOTION BY BUILDING & PROPERTY COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY PURCELL, TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF CAMPUS CAMERAS FROM MIDSTATE SECURITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,333.00 TO BE VIEWED AND RECORDED IN THE COURTHOUSE BUILDING'S SECURITY OFFICE USING THE EXISTING DIGITAL RECORDING SYSTEM. CAMERAS TO BE LOCATED ON THE EXTERIOR OF THE ADMINISTRATION, 911, COURTHOUSE AND D.B.H. ROLL CALL VOTE: DERKS-AYE, FULTON-NAY, WILLETT-NAY, MAIKE-AYE, PURCELL-AYE, BALBERDE-AYE, DeKUIPER-AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORT/MAIKE - Met Gloria Jeff, Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) Director, at the Transportation Meeting in Lansing on the April 25<sup>th</sup>. Also met with George Heath, foreman on the road project occurring between Newaygo and Grant. The GIS orientation was held on April 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup>; approximately 40 people were in attendance. Kicked off Wellness Month on May 2<sup>nd</sup> with the County's Wellness Program. Also attended a Budget Workshop on the 5<sup>th</sup>, the Computer Advisory Committee meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup>, the Downtown Development Authority meeting in White Cloud, the Personnel Committee meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup>, and the Road Commission meeting this morning.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORT/PURCELL - Attended the Mental Health Board Meeting and reiterated that the Mental Health Board would be addressing the issue of the Alcohol Outpatient Services.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORT/BALBERDE - Attended the Central Dispatch meeting. The new building is on schedule. Will be attending the Community Mental Health Association Conference in Grand Rapids next week.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORT/DERKS - Requested that the Ambulance Ad Hoc Committee meet after Finance Ways and Means on Wednesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, at 12:00 P.M. to get things moving on the contract and address some of the concerns.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORT/FULTON - Attended the Fire Chiefs' meeting. Also attended the MAC Environmental Committee meeting May 9<sup>th</sup>, where discussion occurred on the Governor's new land use. Distributed an information sheet from the Soldiers & Sailors Relief Commission Ad Hoc Committee regarding Public Act 192.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORT/DeKUIPER - Attended the MAC Taxation Committee Meeting on May 9<sup>th</sup>. The state now pays \$2 per acre tax on swamp land and an assessed value set by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) on property purchased by the state. The state proposes to pay \$2 on all state owned land, which would be a reduction in revenue. MAC is fighting that proposal. The jail reimbursement formula has been changed. Reimbursement is being received with the approval of the Sheriff's Association. Revenue sharing has been cut three times.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT/HUMPHREY - Met with the Tax Allocation Board on May 13<sup>th</sup>. Believes revenue sharing will be lost in 2004. Discussed possible causes of deficit and review of budgets.

PUBLIC COMMENT: White Cloud Mayor Robert Baldwin thanked the Commissioners for the cooperative effort on the Newell Street project. Ken Busch spoke regarding the ambulance contract and the veterans.

MISCELLANEOUS/MAIKE

03-234

MOTION BY BALBERDE, SECONDED BY MAIKE, THAT THE AMBULANCE CONTRACT WITH LIFE EMS AND PRO MED WILL HAVE THE DETAILS WORKED OUT WITH THE AD HOC COMMITTEE AND WILL INCLUDE AN ADVISORY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE TO COME TO THE BOARD FOR FINAL APPROVAL. AYES-6, NAY-WILLETT. MOTION CARRIED.

Chairman DeKuiper appointed Commissioner Purcell to replace him on the Ambulance Contract Ad Hoc Committee.

MISCELLANEOUS/WILLETT - Requested a meeting be set up for the Administrator/Controller Evaluation Ad Hoc Committee on Wednesday, June 18, 2003 at 1:00 P.M.

03-235

MOTION BY DERKS, SECONDED BY BALBERDE, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 11:59 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  
MAY 16, 2003