



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

AUGUST 27, 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 Willett.

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

CORRESPONDENCE: Commissioner Willett submitted correspondence from Al
and Nancy duChemin and David duChemin relating to an arrest incident
resulting from a Friend of the Court warrant. The letters were
formally read by Commissioner Willett. (See attached letters.)
Administrator Humphrey will refer the issue to the insurance attorney.
Commissioner Derks will bring the matter to Public Safety/Judicial
Committee on September 11, 2003, at 10:00 A.M., and will request the
attendance of Barbara Geno and Sheriff Mercer at that meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Cal Dietz of Newaygo presented a book entitled *How to
Steal Two Million Dollars and Damn Near Get Away With It* to the Board
of Commissioners. Mr. Dietz requested consideration of the problems
relating to the tax sale of forfeited properties, specifically the 10%
added to the buyer's bid. Muskegon River Keeper, Bill Rude, recited
his rebuttal to the plan submitted to the Muskegon River Ad Hoc
Committee, which was defeated. Gary Noble, Executive Director of the
Muskegon River Watershed Assembly, commented on the rebuttal made by
Bill Rude. Mr. Nobel indicated that the Muskegon River Watershed
Assembly is currently in place.

03-360

MOTION BY MAIKE, SECONDED BY PURCELL, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA OF AUGUST
27, 2003. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

03-361

MOTION BY FULTON, SECONDED BY BALBERDE, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF
AUGUST 13, 2003. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMITTEE REPORT/FINANCE WAYS AND MEANS/PURCELL

03-346

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY DERKS, TO APPROVE THE SEMI-MONTHLY DETAIL ANALYSIS DATED AUGUST 20, 2003, CHECK #245927 THROUGH CHECK #246172, FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$253,006.83. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

03-347

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY MAIKE, TO RATIFY THE JULY 2003 MONTHLY CHECK REGISTER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,093,706.51. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

03-348

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY WILLETT, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #08-024-03 IMPLEMENTING AN OPTIONAL, YEAR ROUND, THREE-YEAR DOG LICENSE, BEGINNING WITH THE 2004 DOG LICENSE SALE YEAR. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

03-350

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY FULTON, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #08-023-03 WITH PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE NEWAYGO COUNTY JUNK ORDINANCE. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

03-351

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY MAIKE, TO RESCHEDULE THE OCTOBER 1, 2003 FINANCE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE MEETING TO FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2003, AT 9:30 A.M. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMITTEE REPORT/BUILDING & PROPERTY/MAIKE - Provided an update on the Sheriff's request for an impound lot. The city is in favor of sharing its lot. The county would pay to put up razor wire. The Sheriff would prefer a separate lot. An update was also provided on the DBH Building request for card swipes. Full reports will be submitted at the next Finance Ways and Means Committee meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORT/PUBLIC SAFETY JUDICIAL/DERKS - Public Safety/Judicial Committee Vice Chairman Fulton provided an update on the Lilley-Merrill Rescue issues with Central Dispatch. He and Administrator Humphrey listened to the tape at Central Dispatch. Are awaiting a report from LIFE Ambulance. A full report will be brought back to the next Public Safety/Judicial Committee meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORT/FULTON - Veterans' Affairs Committee met on Monday. Attended the Road Commission meeting this morning. Matching dollars for helping townships seal coat or pave sections of road was discussed and the fact that some townships without paved roads would be left out. It was agreed to allow all townships to apply for matching monies, even for brining.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORT/DERKS - The Personnel Committee met on Monday. Attended the Michigan Association of Counties' (MAC) conference last week. Evelyn Kolbe was voted in as our representative.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORT/BALBERDE - Attended Michigan Association of Counties' (MAC) Conference and Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority (MMRMA).

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORT/PURCELL - Attended the Audit Committee meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORT/MAIKE - Met with the Road Commission and the Wellness Committee on the 13th. The Ambulance Contract Ad Hoc Committee met with Pro Med Ambulance on the 13th. Attended the Michigan Association of Counties' (MAC) Conference. Also attended the Muskegon River Ad Hoc Committee on the 22nd. The Personnel Committee meeting was held on the 25th.

03-313-2

MOTION BY PERSONNEL COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY DERKS, TO RECOMMEND TO ALLOW JUDGE MONTON TO WORK WITH THE MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL LEAGUE WITH THE COMPENSATION STUDY AS WELL AS ALLOW HIM TO CONDUCT HIS OWN STUDY AND RECOMMENDATION IN REGARDS TO THE FRIEND OF THE COURT/CIRCUIT COURT ADMINISTRATOR POSITION. ROLL CALL VOTE: DERKS-AYE, WILLETT-NAY, PURCELL-AYE, BALBERDE-AYE, MAIKE-AYE, FULTON-AYE, DeKUIPER-AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

03-349-1

MOTION BY PERSONNEL COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY DERKS, TO APPROVE THE REQUEST OF LINDA LANDHEER, REGISTER OF DEEDS, TO EXTEND THE TEMPORARY PART-TIME POSITION TO UPDATE RECORDS UNTIL THE END OF FEBRUARY 2004, AT WHICH TIME THE WORKLOAD WILL BE EVALUATED. MONIES TO COME FROM THE AUTOMATION FUND. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Maike also reported that the Ambulance Contract Ad Hoc Committee met with LIFE Ambulance. The contract is forthcoming.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORT/WILLETT

03-362

MOTION BY MUSKEGON RIVER AD HOC COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY FULTON, TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE MUSKEGON RIVER AD HOC COMMITTEE THAT ALL WATER GROUPS WORK TOGETHER WITH NO INVOLVEMENT FROM THE COUNTY. AYES-5, NAYS-DERKS AND WILLETT. MOTION CARRIED.

03-363

MOTION BY WILLETT, SECONDED BY FULTON, TO SET A SPEED LIMIT AND A WAKE LAW ON THE MUSKEGON RIVER. AYE-WILLETT, NAYS-6. MOTION FAILED.

Commissioner Willett indicated the next Audit Committee meeting will be held on September 10, 2003.

03-364

MOTION BY MAIKE, SECONDED BY WILLETT, TO SEND A THANK YOU LETTER TO ALL ATTENDEES OF THE MUSKEGON RIVER AD HOC COMMITTEE. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT/HUMPHREY - Provided an Information Sheet on the activation of property splits and combinations once per year. A letter to the Township Supervisors and Assessors requesting comments and concerns resulted in favorable responses. The Parliamentarian is scheduled for November 5, 2003. An afternoon session will be held at 1:00 P.M. and an evening session at 7:00 P.M.

MISCELLANEOUS/WILLETT

03-365

MOTION BY WILLETT, SECONDED BY MAIKE, TO REQUEST THE TREASURER TO RETURN THE 10% BUYER'S PREMIUM CHARGED ON THIS YEAR'S TAX SALE AND NOT CHARGE A PREMIUM ON FUTURE TAX SALES.

03-365-1

MOTION BY DERKS, SECONDED BY PURCELL, TO TABLE MOTION #03-365 TO THE SEPTEMBER 3, 2003 FINANCE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE MEETING. AYES-6, NAY-WILLETT. MOTION CARRIED.

03-366

MOTION BY WILLETT, SECONDED BY PURCELL, TO REDUCE THE COMMISSIONERS' SALARY EFFECTIVE NEXT YEAR BY 50% AND ELIMINATE ALL FRINGE BENEFITS. ROLL CALL VOTE: MAIKE-NAY, BALBERDE-NAY, FULTON-NAY, PURCELL-NAY, WILLETT-AYE, DERKS-NAY, DeKUIPER-NAY. MOTION FAILED.

Commissioner Willett reported on an accident in Newaygo and problems with the repeater and getting on the 800 megahertz. Commissioner Derks will put this issue on the Public Safety/Judicial Committee Agenda and have the appropriate people in attendance.

03-367

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

LAUREL J. BREUKER
NEWAYGO COUNTY CLERK

STANLEY DeKUIPER, CHAIRMAN
NEWAYGO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

PAMELA A. ROLFE
CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK
AUGUST 29, 2003