



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

OCTOBER 22, 2003

Meeting called to order by Vice-Chairman Gerald Derks at 9:30 A.M.

Prayer by Laurel J. Breuker, Newaygo County Clerk.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Commissioner Maike.

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

CORRESPONDENCE: County Clerk, Laurel J. Breuker, presented
correspondence from the Newaygo County Family Independence Agency
thanking the County employees for the Casual Day donation to the
Foster Care Children's Christmas Program. She also read the
resignation letter of Wright F. Hernandez, M.D., which was received by
the Chairman of the Board for the Newaygo County Mental Health Board.

03-438

MOTION BY FULTON, SECONDED BY MAIKE, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA OF OCTOBER
22, 2003, WITH THE ADDITION OF THE RESIGNATION OF DR. HERNANDEZ UNDER
MISCELLANEOUS. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

03-439

MOTION BY PURCELL, SECONDED BY MAIKE, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF
OCTOBER 8, 2003. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

03-440

MOTION BY WILLETT, SECONDED BY PURCELL, TO APPROVE THE CLOSED SESSION
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 8, 2003. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

The 2003 Annual Reports for the Soldiers & Sailors Relief Commission
and the Veterans' Affairs Committee were presented by Richard Harroun,
which covered the periods from October 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003
and from July 1, 2003 through September 30, 2003, respectively.

03-441

MOTION BY DeKUIPER, SECONDED BY BALBERDE, TO ACCEPT THE ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE SOLDIERS & SAILORS RELIEF COMMISSION AND THE VETERANS' AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE AS PRESENTED. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMITTEE REPORT/FINANCE WAYS AND MEANS/PURCELL

03-411

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY MAIKE, TO APPROVE THE INCREASE IN THE CIRCUIT COURTHOUSE SECURITY MANNING TABLE TO INCLUDE THREE PART-TIME EMPLOYEES WITH TOTAL COMBINED HOURS NOT TO EXCEED 2080 HOURS FOR BUDGET YEAR 2003/2004 INSTEAD OF ONE FULL-TIME EMPLOYEE AS FOLLOWS:

JOB TITLE: SECURITY SCREENING POST
EMPLOYEE NUMBER: 1310005, 1310008, 1310009
PAY GRADE:
OTHER: RATE OF PAY: \$14.00
EMPLOYMENT STATUS: PART-TIME
ACCOUNT NUMBER: 101-131.600-704.000
EXPIRATION DATE: NA

AYES-6, NAY-WILLETT. MOTION CARRIED.

03-422

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY FULTON, TO SEND A FORMAL THANK-YOU CARD TO PAM SCHUITEMAN AND HER HUSBAND FOR THE PLANTINGS BY THE SIGN. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

03-423

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY DeKUIPER, TO APPROVE THE ELECTROSTATIC PAINTING OF ITEMS FOR THE REGISTER OF DEEDS' OFFICE AND THE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE. MONIES TO COME FROM THE EQUIPMENT POOL FUND. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

03-427

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY MAIKE, TO HAVE COURTHOUSE SECURITY UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE SHERIFF. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

03-428

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY FULTON, TO SUPPORT MDOT TO INSTALL WAKE UP STRIPS AND A BLINKING LIGHT AT THE INTERSECTION OF M37 AND M20 WEST. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

03-432

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY FULTON, TO APPROVE THE SEMI-MONTHLY DETAIL ANALYSIS DATED OCTOBER 15, 2003, CHECK #194 THROUGH CHECK #406, FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$279,040.32. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

03-433

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY MAIKE, TO RATIFY THE SEPTEMBER 2003 MONTHLY CHECK REGISTER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,329,155.95. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

03-434-1

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY FULTON, TO AUTHORIZE THE VETERANS' AFFAIRS COMMITTEE THE BUDGET AMOUNT OF \$26,368.00. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

03-435

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY BALBERDE, TO APPROVE THE 2004 COOPERATIVE REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM CONTRACTS FOR THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY OPERATIONS. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

03-436

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY FULTON, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #10-033-03 ALLOWING NEWAYGO COUNTY EMPLOYEES TO PURCHASE, AT THEIR COST, UP TO FIVE (5) YEARS OF GENERIC SERVICE WITH MERS. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

03-442

MOTION BY WILLETT, SECONDED BY MAIKE, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #10-034-03 URGING THE STATE OF MICHIGAN TO RECONSIDER ANY DECISION IN FUNDING FOR MEDICAID ADULT DENTAL SERVICES. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

Robert DeVries, Superintendent, Newaygo County Regional Educational Service Agency (NC RESA), appeared to discuss the name change from Newaygo County Intermediate School District (ISD). The mission has not changed; Support Education Responsibly Through Visionary Innovative Cooperative Efforts. Through the Career & Community Development Services/Employment Services, NC RESA provides, among other things, career and community development services and Certified Federal Apprenticeship Training. NC RESA partnerships with NCEDO, Baker College, The Gerber Foundation, Manpower, MI WORKS!, Sheetmetal Workers Local #7 and Ironworkers Local #340 to offer post-secondary opportunities for the residents of Newaygo County.

Sarah O'Donnell of the MSU Extension was present to discuss the Michigan Program for Farmland Preservation. Kelly Bishop of the USDA, Natural Resources Conversation Service, was also present. There are a number of preservation tools, including agricultural economic development, farm market incentives, farmland preservation zoning, tax incentives, and permanent preservation. Since the time the Purchase and Development Rights Program became law in June of 2000, more than 60 parcels of farmland have been accepted preserving more than 14,000 acres of farmland. This program does, however, require a local program to be in place either at the county or township level. Kelly Bishop is involved in bringing conservation plans to the residents of Newaygo County. Farmland Protection is a technical and financial assistance program, which is funded through the Commodity Credit Corporation and provides up to 50% of financial assistance. This program helps farmers and ranchers keep their land in agriculture, protecting it from development through a conservation easement for a minimum of 30 years or perpetuity.

Meeting recessed at 10:20 A.M. by Vice-Chairman Derks. Meeting reconvened at 10:33 A.M.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORT/FULTON - Ordinance Amendments were reviewed and discussion occurred on the M37 Corridor at the Planning and Zoning Board meeting last night. A motion was passed at the Veterans' Affairs Committee meeting to sell one of their vehicles, which will be brought before the Building & Property Committee.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORT/DeKUIPER - Attended the Veterans' Affairs Committee meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORT/BALBERDE - A presentation on the budget was included at the Michigan Association of Counties Aging Task Force meeting. Grand Traverse County conducted a presentation on their alternative justice program at the Michigan Northern Association of Counties' meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORT/MAIKE - Attended the Ryerson Lake Board meeting and the Road Commission meeting on the 9th. The Road Commission voted to send a letter to MDOT for wake up strips and a blinking light at M37 and M20 West. Reported that one-half of the tires have been removed from the property in Everett Township. So far, there have been 44 loads of tires taken out. Also attended the Veterans' Affairs Committee meeting. There is a GIS meeting on the 28th at the Sheridan Township Hall.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORT/DERKS - Discussion occurred on the County's Comprehensive Plan at the Planning and Zoning Board meeting. The Planning Board is working with the Land Use Committee on a grant to bring a facilitator for guidance.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT/GRACIK - Provided an update on the New World System. At the Intergovernmental Forum, township representatives were advised that individual help with the GIS System would be provided.

MISCELLANEOUS/MENTAL HEALTH VACANCY

03-443

MOTION BY BALBERDE, SECONDED BY PURCELL, TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF WRIGHT F. HERNANDEZ, M.D. FROM THE MENTAL HEALTH BOARD. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

03-444

MOTION BY WILLETT, SECONDED BY DeKUIPER, TO ADVERTISE THE MENTAL HEALTH BOARD VACANCY ONE (1) TIME. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

MISCELLANEOUS/WILLETT - Questioned whether a Prosecutor opinion should be obtained regarding just cause for removal of an appointed board member for unsatisfactory behavior. The Administrator will request an opinion from the Prosecutor.

03-445

MOTION BY MAIKE, SECONDED BY PURCELL, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 10:46
A.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

OCTOBER 24, 2003