



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

DECEMBER 10, 2003

Meeting called to order by Chairman Stanley DeKuiper at 9:32 A.M.

Prayer by Laurel J. Breuker, Newaygo County Clerk.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Commissioner Derks.

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

ABSENT: Mary Balberde (excused)

CORRESPONDENCE: Letters were received from Ensley Township and the City of Grant regarding house numbering issues. Correspondence was also received from Joseph A. Beaudry which recited his resignation from the Newaygo County Veterans' Affairs Committee effective December 8, 2003.

03-490

MOTION BY PURCELL, SECONDED BY FULTON, TO ACCEPT JOE BEAUDRY'S RESIGNATION FROM THE VETERANS' AFFAIRS COMMITTEE EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 8, 2003. AYES-6, ABSENT-BALBERDE. MOTION CARRIED.

03-491

MOTION BY DERKS, SECONDED BY FULTON, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA OF DECEMBER 10, 2003, WITH THE ADDITION OF GRANT PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOLLOWING THE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS. AYES-6, ABSENT-BALBERDE. MOTION CARRIED.

03-492

MOTION BY FULTON, SECONDED BY MAIKE, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 26, 2003. AYES-6, ABSENT-BALBERDE. MOTION CARRIED.

Michael Skoog and Linda VanGills of the District #10 Health Department, together with Tom Reichard, Environmental Health Director, appeared before the Board to provide an update. Linda VanGills discussed the fact that flu shots are no longer available; the vaccine has been used up. Two thousand extra doses of flu vaccine were ordered this year specifically for immunizing children. It is anticipated that approximately 1,500 people will have been immunized for influenza in Newaygo County this year. This does not include immunizations by private doctors and visiting nurses' associations. District #10 has an approximate 74% compliance rate in childhood immunizations/vaccines, compared to the Michigan rate of 48%. Ms. VanGills also reported there has been an increased focus on the role of District #10 Health

Department since 9-11 in terms of emergency preparedness. There is an Emergency Preparedness Coordinator and additional funds have been received from the state. It was also reported there were no human cases of West Nile Virus confirmed within the District #10 area over the summer. Michael Skoog reported the District #10 Health Department received Health Department Accreditation. The Health Department ended the fiscal year within budget and with a small addition projected to the fund balance.

Kit Snow and a number of individuals representing the Armed Forces Family Support Group appeared for the presentation of the Military Quilt, to be placed in the lobby of the County Administration Building. Commissioner Fulton reported that six "We Support Our Troops" signs, which are 2 ft x 2 ft and cost \$23.00 each, have been ordered and paid for by other townships/individuals.

Meeting recessed by Chairman DeKuiper at 10:00 A.M. for the Military Quilt Presentation. Meeting reconvened at 10:22 A.M.

COMMITTEE REPORT/FINANCE WAYS AND MEANS/PURCELL

03-485

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY MAIKE, TO APPROVE THE SEMI-MONTHLY DETAIL ANALYSIS DATED DECEMBER 3, 2003, CHECK #1663 THROUGH CHECK #1854 FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$111,557.42. AYES-6, ABSENT-BALBERDE. MOTION CARRIED.

03-487

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY DERKS, TO HOLD THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' 2004 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING ON JANUARY 5, 2004, AT 9:30 A.M. AYES-5; NAY-WILLETT; ABSENT-BALBERDE. MOTION CARRIED.

(Commissioner Willett requested the minutes reflect the reason for his vote on the previous motion was to save \$350.00 by having the Organizational Meeting on a Wednesday.)

03-488

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY MAIKE, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #12-039-03 CHANGING MERS BENEFITS FOR THE NEWAYGO COUNTY DEPUTIES FROM A B3 RETIREMENT PROGRAM TO A B4 RETIREMENT PROGRAM EFFECTIVE JANUARY 5, 2004, AS AGREED TO IN THE UNION CONTRACT BETWEEN NEWAYGO COUNTY AND POAM (DEPUTIES). AYES-6, ABSENT-BALBERDE. MOTION CARRIED.

Representatives of the Grant Public Schools requested reconsideration of changing the address numbers from 5-digit to 3-digit numbering, which would cause financial hardship on the school. A resolution was passed on December 22, 2000, establishing the House Numbering Ordinance for uniform numbering for safety reasons. Building Inspector, Duane Cruzan, indicated there is an appeal process contained within the Ordinance. Mr. Cruzan has received a proper appeal from the School

Board on the number changes. He has also received the proper paperwork from the school requesting a waiver of the appeal fee.

03-493

MOTION BY FULTON, SECONDED BY MAIKE, TO APPROVE WAIVER OF THE APPEAL FEE FOR GRANT PUBLIC SCHOOLS BASED ON MUNICIPALITY STATUS. AYES-6, ABSENT-BALBERDE. MOTION CARRIED.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT/HUMPHREY

03-494

MOTION BY PURCELL, SECONDED BY MAIKE, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #12-040-03 TO AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF THE MID-SOUTH SUBSTANCE ABUSE COMMISSION INTER-COUNTY AGREEMENT. AYES-6, ABSENT-BALBERDE. MOTION CARRIED.

03-495

MOTION BY FULTON, SECONDED BY PURCELL, TO AUTHORIZE THE TREASURER TO ELECTRONICALLY PAY MERS FOR MONTHLY RETIREMENT INVOICES. AYES-6, ABSENT-BALBERDE. MOTION CARRIED.

INFORMATION: The Lease Agreement with District Health Department #10 was presented for review. The Lease Agreement will be formally brought before the next Board of Commissioners' Meeting.

INFORMATION: The Newaygo County Department of Building Safety & Permits recommendations for appointments to the Construction Board of Appeals were provided.

Chairman DeKuiper made the following appointments to the Construction Board of Appeals beginning January 1, 2004:

<u>MEMBERS</u>		<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>
Tim Looy	Building Contractor	12-31-2005
Mark Zimmer	Mechanical Contractor	12-31-2005
<u>ALTERNATES</u>		<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>
Dale Platz	Electrical Contractor	12-31-2005
Gerald Tibbe	Building Contractor	12-31-2005

Administrator Humphrey provided an update on the New World Payroll Program to take effect January 1, 2004. Employee vacation will be accrued on a bi-weekly basis. Compensatory time will also be included on the employees' pay stubs. Pay step increases will be automatic on the payroll system, unless otherwise notified by the department head.

Mr. Humphrey also provided an update on the jail roof. There are approximately 30 patches on the roof. Carlisle-Syntec, Inc. certified the roof on December 9, 2003. The roof is guaranteed for ten years. Payment is being held pending repair of the remaining leaks.

Two bids have been received on a new generator for the jail. Since one bid was significantly higher than the other, Mr. Humphrey requested re-bids.

The Administrator also reported the money from the grant for the 800 megahertz will be received in increments. Three incremental draw downs have been made beginning November 30th. Although Mr. Humphrey was advised the money was sent, it has not yet been received.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Paul Bigford introduced himself as a candidate for the 100th District State Representative position.

Richard Harroun thanked the commissioners for ratifying the ambulance contracts.

Everett Township Supervisor, Georgia Burns, reported there have been 109 loads of tires removed. Lilley-Merrill Rescue has identification emergency signs available for \$15.00.

Pete LeFavour, Director of Central Dispatch, thanked the Board for its efforts in achieving successful grants for the radios.

03-496

MOTION BY MAIKE, SECONDED BY WILLETT, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 11:30 A.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

DECEMBER 16, 2003