



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

DECEMBER 23, 2003

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

Prayer by Laurel J. Breuker, Newaygo County Clerk.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Commissioner Fulton.

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

CORRESPONDENCE: Correspondence was received by Chairman DeKuiper, and read by Newaygo County Clerk, Laurel J. Breuker, from Pastor Ross Lucky Fulton relating to the road name change of Evergreen Drive and from Sheriff Michael Mercer regarding hostile work environment. Commissioner Willett requested the minutes reflect his response to Sheriff Mercer's letter as follows: "The charges are unsubstantiated, improper and false." Newaygo County Clerk, Laurel J. Breuker, submitted the late receipt of an application from Rolanda Richardson to the Board of Public Works.

03-518

MOTION BY DERKS, SECONDED BY PURCELL, TO ALLOW THE LATE APPLICATION OF ROLANDA RICHARDSON TO THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS. AYES-6, NAY-WILLETT. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Everett Township Supervisor, Georgia Burns, reported that as of last Friday, the last load of tires has been removed from the 3.8 acre back parcel.

03-519

MOTION BY BALBERDE, SECONDED BY MAIKE, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA OF DECEMBER 23, 2003. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

03-520

MOTION BY BALBERDE, SECONDED BY DERKS, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 10, 2003. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

APPOINTMENTS

03-521

MOTION BY FULTON, SECONDED BY WILLETT, TO RE-ADVERTISE AND SEND NOTIFICATION TO ALL TOWNSHIPS FOR THE VACANCIES ON THE BOARD OF PUBLIC

WORKS, PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION AND PARKS COMMISSION. AYE-FULTON, NAY-6. MOTION FAILED.

(Commissioner Willett requested the minutes reflect his reason for voting no on the previous motion is, "The fact that we have substantial amount of Parks people already applied for that and I feel that is wrong. The other two, I would certainly agree with Mr. Fulton.")

03-522

MOTION BY BALBERDE, SECONDED BY MAIKE, TO PLACE THE NAMES OF GERALD W. DERKS, JR. AND ROLANDA RICHARDSON IN NOMINATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR THE TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2006. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

03-523

MOTION BY BALBERDE, SECONDED BY MAIKE, THAT A UNANIMOUS VOTE BE CAST FOR THE TWO NOMINEES, GERALD W. DERKS, JR. AND ROLANDA RICHARDSON, TO THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR THE TERMS EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2006. AYES-6, NAY-WILLETT. MOTION CARRIED.

(Commissioner Willett requested the minutes reflect his reason for voting no on the previous motion is, "The time is up. We have one person. Therefore, I think we should vote - or should advertize again to get the complete, ah, people for that. Thank you.")

03-524

MOTION BY BALBERDE, SECONDED BY WILLETT, TO PLACE IN NOMINATION THE NAMES OF GERARD T. DESCHAIINE, MARY K. BALBERDE, WILLIAM F. KRAUSE AND RICHARD KOOISTRA FOR THE PARKS COMMISSION FOR THE TERMS EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2006. AYES-6, NAY-FULTON. MOTION CARRIED.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

<u>FULTON</u>	BALBERDE		KOOISTRA	KRAUSE
<u>PURCELL</u>	BALBERDE	DESCHAIINE	KOOISTRA	
<u>WILLETT</u>	BALBERDE	DESCHAIINE	KOOISTRA	
<u>MAIKE</u>	BALBERDE		KOOISTRA	KRAUSE
<u>DERKS</u>	BALBERDE	DESCHAIINE	KOOISTRA	
<u>BALBERDE</u>	BALBERDE	DESCHAIINE	KOOISTRA	
<u>DeKUIPER</u>	BALBERDE	DESCHAIINE	KOOISTRA	

MARY K. BALBERDE, GERARD T. DESCHAIINE, AND RICHARD KOOISTRA DULY APPOINTED TO THE NEWAYGO COUNTY PARKS COMMISSION.

03-525

MOTION BY BALBERDE, SECONDED BY PURCELL, TO PLACE THE NAMES OF WILLIAM F. KRAUSE AND ROBERT J. ALLEN IN NOMINATION FOR THE PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION FOR THE TERMS EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2006. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

03-526

MOTION BY BALBERDE, SECONDED BY DERKS, THAT A UNANIMOUS BALLOT BE CAST FOR WILLIAM F. KRAUSE AND ROBERT J. ALLEN FOR THE PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION TO THE TERMS EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2006. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMITTEE REPORT/FINANCE WAYS AND MEANS/PURCELL

03-499

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY MAIKE, TO INSTALL LOCKS ON THE EMPLOYEES' BATHROOM DOORS. ROLL CALL VOTE: DERKS-NAY, PURCELL-AYE, MAIKE-AYE, WILLETT-NAY, BALBERDE-AYE, FULTON-NAY, DeKUIPER-AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

03-500

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY MAIKE, TO RATIFY THE RELEASE OF PAYMENT TO INNOVATIVE MODULAR. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

03-504

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY DERKS, TO APPROVE THE START-UP DATE OF JANUARY 1, 2004, AND THE BUDGET AND/OR START-UP COSTS FOR THE NEXT YEAR FOR COURTHOUSE SECURITY. AYES-6, NAY-WILLETT. MOTION CARRIED.

03-508

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY MAIKE, TO APPROVE THE SEMI-MONTHLY DETAIL DATED DECEMBER 17, 2003, CHECK #1969 THROUGH CHECK #2219 FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$414,308.94. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

03-509

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY WILLETT, TO RATIFY THE OCTOBER 2003 MONTHLY CHECK REGISTER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,208,063.00. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

03-510

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY WILLETT, TO RATIFY THE NOVEMBER 2003 MONTHLY CHECK REGISTER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,021,850.00. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

03-511

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY MAIKE, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #12-041-03 IN REGARDS TO SMALL CITIES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT/HOME FUNDS. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

03-513

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY FULTON, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #12-042-03 SUPPORTING LEGISLATION OF DIRECT REIMBURSEMENT FROM INSURANCE PROVIDERS TO PROVIDERS OF MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION (EMS). AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

03-514

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY BALBERDE, TO APPROVE THE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT #10, COMMENCING ON OCTOBER 1, 2002 AND TERMINATING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2004. ROLL CALL VOTE: PURCELL-AYE, FULTON-NAY, BALBERDE-AYE, DERKS-NAY, WILLETT-AYE, MAIKE-AYE, DeKUIPER-NAY. MOTION CARRIED.

03-515

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY WILLETT, TO RATIFY THE LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE NEWAYGO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND THE SHERIFF OF NEWAYGO COUNTY AND THE POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN, DEPUTIES UNIT, ALLOWING DEPUTIES TO HAVE THE CHOICE TO TRANSFER THEIR SICK LEAVE BALANCE INTO A RETIREE HEALTH SAVINGS UPON RETIREMENT. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

03-516

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY FULTON, TO RATIFY THE LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE NEWAYGO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND THE SHERIFF OF NEWAYGO COUNTY AND THE COMMAND OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN ALLOWING COMMAND OFFICERS TO HAVE THE CHOICE TO TRANSFER THEIR SICK LEAVE BALANCE INTO A RETIREE HEALTH SAVINGS UPON RETIREMENT. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

Building Official, Duane Cruzan, appeared to answer questions regarding the name change of Evergreen Drive. This issue was originally brought to his attention because of the fact the address on the property was Willow Street, but the mailing address being used by the individual was Evergreen Drive. Notification was sent that the individual is using the wrong address and indicating the correct address. Since there is no change being made and only notification of a correction was sent, there is no appeal process. The Road Commission indicates this has been known as Willow Street instead of Evergreen Drive since 1989.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORT/WILLETT - Requested an Audit Committee meeting be scheduled. Administrator Humphrey will schedule the meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORT/MAIKE - Attended the Personnel Committee meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Job title changes and the appeal process were discussed. The Personnel Committee will meet again on January 5, 2004, at 11:00 A.M.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORT/BALBERDE - Attended the Parks Board meeting last week. The rates will stay the same. Negotiations continue on discrepancies with the building. Also attended the Health Board meeting. District #10 Health Department includes six health departments, which meet quarterly with the legislators.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORT/DERKS - The Newsletter Committee is scheduled to meet on January 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 A.M.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORT/FULTON - The Veterans' Affairs Committee met yesterday. Wording for the vacancy advertisement was reviewed. Attended the Road Commission meeting this morning.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT/HUMPHREY

03-527

MOTION BY PURCELL, SECONDED BY MAIKE, TO AUTHORIZE A 2% WAGE INCREASE FOR UNCLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES AND DEPARTMENT HEADS FOR 2004. ROLL CALL VOTE: DERKS-AYE, WILLETT-NAY, BALBERDE-AYE, MAIKE-AYE, FULTON-AYE, PURCELL-AYE, DeKUIPER-AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

(Commissioner Willett requested the minutes reflect the reason for his no vote on the previous motion as, "I do not believe we can give a pay raise when we're going to lay off people.")

03-528

MOTION BY WILLETT, SECONDED BY PURCELL, TO APPROVE THE ESTIMATE OF SUMMARY OF AUTHORIZED EXPENDITURES FOR THE 2004 MARINE GRANT PROGRAM. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

Chairman DeKuiper declared the meeting adjourned at 10:53 A.M.

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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

DECEMBER 30, 2003