



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

JANUARY 14, 2004

Meeting called to order by 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 Balberde.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Richard Harroun provided an update on the Veterans'
Affairs Committee. David Hutton of Howard City distributed
complimentary issues of *Voice of the River Magazine*, of which he is the
editor, producer and artist.

04-028

MOTION BY MAIKE, SECONDED BY FULTON, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA OF JANUARY
14, 2004. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

04-029

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

04-030

MOTION BY BALBERDE, SECONDED BY MAIKE, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF
JANUARY 5, 2004. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMITTEE REPORT/FINANCE WAYS AND MEANS/PURCELL

04-013

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY WILLETT, TO NOT ALLOW
P.R.I.D.E. EXPENSES TO BE PAID AS A DAILY FOR THE NEXT SIXTY (60) DAYS.
ROLL CALL VOTE: FULTON-AYE, DeKUIPER-NAY, WILLETT-AYE, MAIKE-AYE,
BALBERDE-NAY, PURCELL-NAY, DERKS-NAY. MOTION FAILED.

04-014

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY MAIKE, TO HIRE SALLY JONES TO
WRITE EIGHT (8) NEWSPAPER ARTICLES AND FOUR (4) NEWSLETTERS FOR THE
COUNTY OF NEWAYGO, NOT TO EXCEED \$7,500.00 FOR 2004.

04-014-1

MOTION BY WILLETT, SECONDED BY FULTON, TO TABLE MOTION #04-014. AYES-FULTON AND WILLETT, NAYS-5. MOTION FAILED.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON MOTION #04-014: BALBERDE-AYE, MAIKE-AYE, WILLETT-NAY, DeKUIPER-AYE, PURCELL-AYE, FULTON-NAY, DERKS-AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

04-015

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY FULTON, TO APPROVE THE 2ND QUARTER APPROPRIATIONS FOR 2003-2004 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,120,416.50. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

04-017

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY MAIKE, TO ADOPT THE CHANGES TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING DATE SCHEDULE AS PRESENTED. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

04-018-1

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY MAIKE, TO APPROVE THE SEMI-MONTHLY DETAIL ANALYSIS DATED JANUARY 7, 2004, CHECK #2473 THROUGH CHECK #2708 FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$329,056.77. AYES-6, NAY-WILLETT. MOTION CARRIED.

(Commissioner Willett requested the minutes reflect the reason for his vote on the previous motion is: "Until I can be sure that money isn't being improperly spent on grants that are coming into this county, we are responsible for every grant that P.R.I.D.E. gets from the federal government, I believe, I will have to vote no on all of P.R.I.D.E.'s expenditures because we do not have a way of checking it daily.")

COMMITTEE REPORT/BUILDING & PROPERTY/MAIKE

04-022

MOTION BY BUILDING & PROPERTY COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY WILLETT, TO TAKE BIDS FOR THE VETERANS' AFFAIRS COMMITTEE VEHICLE. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMITTEE REPORT/PUBLIC SAFETY/JUDICIAL/FULTON

04-026

MOTION BY PUBLIC SAFETY/JUDICIAL COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY WILLETT, TO ALLOW THE TREASURER TO USE THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING FOYER FOR A DOG LICENSING AND VACCINATION CLINIC ON FEBRUARY 21, 2004 FROM 1:00 P.M. TO 3:00 P.M. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORT/WILLETT

04-031

MOTION BY WILLETT, SECONDED BY FULTON, TO APPROVE AN AGREEMENT ON PROCEDURE ENGAGEMENT FOR A MORE IN-DEPTH AUDIT OF P.R.I.D.E. ORGANIZATION.

04-031-1

MOTION BY BALBERDE, SECONDED BY DeKUIPER, TO AMEND MOTION #04-031 TO READ AS FOLLOWS: TO ADD THE WORDS, "TO ESTABLISH AN" IN FRONT OF AGREEMENT. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

VOTE ON ORIGINAL MOTION #04-031, AS AMENDED:

TO APPROVE TO ESTABLISH AN AGREEMENT ON PROCEDURE ENGAGEMENT FOR A MORE IN-DEPTH AUDIT OF P.R.I.D.E. ORGANIZATION.

AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Willett reported the Audit Committee meeting was held.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORT/MAIKE - The Road Commission meeting was held this morning. The remodeling of their board room has been completed.

04-032

MOTION BY PERSONNEL COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY WILLETT, TO APPROVE THE ADDITION OF THE FOLLOWING WORDING TO THE NEWAYGO COUNTY PERSONNEL MANUAL, SECTION N, PAGE 8; REGULAR FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES: WHEN AN EMPLOYEE TRANSFERS FROM ONE DEPARTMENT TO ANOTHER AND REMAINS IN THE SAME CLASSIFICATION, THAT EMPLOYEE WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR THEIR STEP INCREASE BASED UPON THEIR ANNIVERSARY DATE IN THAT CLASSIFICATION. WHEN AN EMPLOYEE IS PROMOTED TO A HIGHER PAID CLASSIFICATION, THAT EMPLOYEE WILL GO TO THAT STEP. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORT/BALBERDE - The current Administrator/Controller contract expires December 31, 2004. As soon as all evaluation forms have been returned, an Administrator/Controller Evaluation Ad Hoc Committee meeting will be scheduled.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORT/FULTON - Attended the Fire Chiefs' meeting in Lilley Township on January 13th. The meetings include members from all the fire departments, ambulances, first responders, Sheriff's Department, State Police, and Forestry.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORT/DERKS - Was also in attendance at the First Chiefs' meeting on January 13th. The Diamond Lake Improvement Board meeting was held this morning. Karen Dickinson from Lincoln Township is the Chairman of that board.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT/HUMPHREY

04-033

MOTION BY WILLETT, SECONDED BY FULTON, TO INCREASE THE STANDARD MILEAGE RATES FOR ALL BUSINESS MILES DRIVEN TO 37.5 CENTS A MILE FROM 36 CENTS A MILE IN 2003, TO BE EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 1, 2004. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

Administrator Humphrey reported the cost for printing and mailing the newsletter will be approximately \$300.00-\$350.00 per 1,000. Mr. Humphrey also reported that he attended an Administrators' meeting on January 9th; revenue sharing was the topic. The New World payroll has commenced with minor glitches. There are problems with the air flow handlers in the Mental Health basement and the Courthouse. Administrator Humphrey advised he intends to place the older computers up for bids to the employees.

04-034

MOTION BY DeKUIPER, SECONDED BY WILLETT, TO PUT THE COMPUTERS OUT FOR BIDS TO EVERYONE, NOT JUST EMPLOYEES. AYES-4, NAYS-PURCELL, BALBERDE AND MAIKE. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Sally Jones and Micki Hilbrand expressed opinions relating to newspaper articles, publication of minutes, and newsletters of the county.

MISCELLANEOUS/APPOINTMENTS - Chairman Derks made the following appointments:

NCEDO Board	Commissioner Willett
Planning & Zoning Commission	Commissioner Maike
P.R.I.D.E. Liaison	Board Chairman

04-035

MOTION BY MAIKE, SECONDED BY BALBERDE, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 10:20 A.M. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

LAUREL J. BREUKER
NEWAYGO COUNTY CLERK

GERALD DERKS, JR., CHAIRMAN
NEWAYGO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

PAMELA A. ROLFE
CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK

JANUARY 15, 2004