



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

JANUARY 28, 2004

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

Prayer by Pamela A. Rolfe, Newaygo County Chief Deputy Clerk.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Commissioner Willett.

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

CORRESPONDENCE: Chairman Derks received correspondence from the
Newaygo County Agricultural Fair Association requesting a Newaygo
County Board of Commissioners' representative on its Fair Board.
Chairman Derks returned correspondence indicating the appointment of
Commissioner DeKuiper to the Fair Board.

04-046

MOTION BY MAIKE, SECONDED BY BALBERDE, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA OF JANUARY
28, 2004, ADDING OLD BUSINESS AND NEW BUSINESS FOLLOWING APPROVAL OF
THE MINUTES WITH GRANT PUBLIC SCHOOLS UNDER OLD BUSINESS. AYES-ALL.
MOTION CARRIED.

04-047

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

OLD BUSINESS/FULTON - Attended the appeal hearing of Grant Public
Schools relating to the address change on Thursday. Questioned the
appeal process and procedure. The Building Official is the chairman of
the Appeals Board, and the additional five members consist of a member
each from the Road Commission, the Health Department, and 9-1-1; the
Register of Deeds, and the Chairman of the Public Safety/Judicial
Committee. The Appeals Board made a motion to make the address change
pending direction from the Board of Commissioners.

Meeting recessed by Chairman Derks at 9:35 A.M. Meeting reconvened at
9:48 A.M.

04-048

MOTION BY FULTON, SECONDED BY MAIKE, TO APPROVE TO ALLOW GRANT PUBLIC
SCHOOLS TO RETAIN THEIR EXISTING ADDRESS DUE TO BUDGET CUTS AND THE
EXPENSES THAT WILL BE INCURRED BY CHANGING THE ADDRESS.

04-048-1

MOTION BY BALBERDE, SECONDED BY DeKUIPER, TO AMEND MOTION #04-048 TO ADD THE WORD "TEMPORARILY" BEFORE APPROVE. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

VOTE ON ORIGINAL MOTION #04-048, AS AMENDED:

TO TEMPORARILY APPROVE TO ALLOW GRANT PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO RETAIN THEIR EXISTING ADDRESS DUE TO BUDGET CUTS AND THE EXPENSES THAT WILL BE INCURRED BY CHANGING THE ADDRESS.

AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

Chairman Derks requested that Commissioner Fulton and Administrator Humphrey look into the Appeal Board process and set up. Building Official Duane Cruzan will be asked to appear at the next Public Safety/Judicial meeting.

Jan Leslie and Kathy Thornton of Grant Public Schools were present and provided additional comments relating to the appeal hearing.

COMMITTEE REPORT/FINANCE WAYS AND MEANS/PURCELL

04-038

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY MAIKE, TO APPROVE THE SEMI-MONTHLY DETAIL ANALYSIS DATED JANUARY 21, 2004, CHECK #2859 THROUGH CHECK #3079 FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$547,365.65. AYES-6, NAY-WILLETT. MOTION CARRIED.

04-039

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY FULTON, TO RATIFY THE DECEMBER 2003 MONTHLY CHECK REGISTER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,441,986.20. AYES-6, NAY-WILLETT. MOTION CARRIED.

04-040

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY WILLETT, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #01-002-04 TO BORROW AGAINST ANTICIPATED DELINQUENT 2003 REAL PROPERTY TAXES. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

04-041

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY WILLETT, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #01-003-04, THE RESOLUTION OF AGENCY PURSUANT TO SECTION 87C OF ACT 206. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

04-042

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY MAIKE, TO MODIFY THE PAYMENT PROCESS TO THE WELLNESS CENTERS FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES/SPOUSES, EXCLUDING DEPUTIES, EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2004, AS FOLLOWS:

- EMPLOYEE/SPOUSE PAYS THE WELLNESS FACILITY DIRECTLY;
- EMPLOYEE/SPOUSE CONTINUES TO SIGN THE SIGN-IN SHEET AT THE WELLNESS FACILITY;
- TWICE A YEAR THE WELLNESS COMMITTEE WILL REVIEW THE WELLNESS FACILITY USAGE. IF THE EMPLOYEE/SPOUSE HAS USED THE FACILITY ON AN AVERAGE OF SIX (6) TIMES A MONTH, NEWAYGO COUNTY WILL

REIMBURSE THAT EMPLOYEE/SPOUSE \$20.00 PER MONTH OF MEMBERSHIP.

AYES-6, NAY-WILLETT. MOTION CARRIED.

04-043

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY WILLETT, TO ALLOW THE NEWAYGO COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION TO GIVE THEIR COMMISSIONERS THE SAME DENTAL AND VISION COVERAGE AS THE OTHER ROAD COMMISSION EMPLOYEES EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 1, 2004. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

Grant City Manager, Tobi Lake, appeared before the Board and provided additional comments relating to the appeal hearing.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORT/FULTON - Attended the Road Commission meeting this morning. The Veterans' Affairs Committee has hired Marilyn Beaudry as Service Officer to start work on Monday.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORT/BALBERDE - Attended the Newsletter Committee meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORT/MAIKE - Attended the Personnel Committee meeting on January 22nd. The wage information has been provided to the employees. The Personnel Committee meeting with Michigan Municipal League will be held tomorrow. The Newsletter Committee agreed on a title. Sally Jones reported that decisions were made on a title, size, typestyle, colors and topics. A format draft will be presented to the Board for approval.

(Commissioner Balberde left the meeting at 10:15 A.M. and returned at 10:23 A.M.)

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORT/WILLETT - Provided an information sheet outlining four possible audit options for P.R.I.D.E. Administrator Humphrey explained each option.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT/HUMPHREY

04-049

MOTION BY WILLETT, SECONDED BY FULTON, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #01-004-04 AS PROPOSED BY SENATOR CROUSEY, TO SUPPORT A BAN ON SAME-SEX MARRIAGES. ROLL CALL VOTE: MAIKE-AYE, DeKUIPER-AYE, BALBERDE-AYE, PURCELL-NAY, FULTON-AYE, WILLETT-AYE, DERKS-AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

(Commissioner Purcell requested the minutes reflect the reason for his vote on the previous motions is, "I voted 'no' because I feel it's none of our business.")

04-032-1

MOTION BY BALBERDE, SECONDED BY MAIKE, TO RESCIND MOTION #04-032 (TO APPROVE 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.

04-050

MOTION BY BALBERDE, SECONDED BY MAIKE, 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 THE STEP WHICH RESULTS IN A MINIMUM OF A 3% PAY INCREASE TO THAT EMPLOYEE. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

04-051

MOTION BY WILLET, SECONDED BY PURCELL, TO APPROVE THE LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING BY AND BETWEEN THE NEWAYGO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND THE SHERIFF OF NEWAYGO COUNTY AND THE POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN, DEPUTIES UNIT, AMENDING THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE MERS B4 RETIREMENT PROGRAM FROM JANUARY 5, 2004 TO JANUARY 1, 2004. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

Information on revenue sharing was provided by Mr. Humphrey. He reported that from 2000 to 2003, Newaygo County has lost approximately \$205,000.00 in revenue sharing.

MISCELLANEOUS/FULTON - Attended the WMSRDC (West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission) dinner with Chairman Derks. The WMSRDC audit came back at 161% funding. Chairman Derks indicated that Fremont Mayor Rathbun was appointed chairman at the WMSRDC Organizational Meeting.

04-052

MOTION BY PURCELL, SECONDED BY BALBERDE, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 10:49 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

FEBRUARY 2, 2004