



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

MARCH 10, 2004

Meeting called to order by Chairman Gerald Derks, Jr. 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; Gerald Derks, Jr.; Rosswell Fulton, Jr.;
James Maike, Jr.; Timothy Purcell; Lavern Willett

ABSENT: Mary Balberde (excused)

CORRESPONDENCE: The P.R.I.D.E. Youth Programs Board of Directors' Meeting will be held on March 13, 2004. Chairman Derks will be in attendance as the Board liaison. Pursuant to the agenda and request of Mr. DeWispelaere, Chairman Derks indicated commissioners may submit any questions by Friday afternoon. The White Cloud Area Fire Department is holding a fund raiser on Saturday, April 3, 2004 at the Commission on Aging Building.

04-097

MOTION BY MAIKE, SECONDED BY FULTON, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA OF MARCH 10, 2004. AYES-6, ABSENT-BALBERDE. MOTION CARRIED.

04-098

MOTION BY DeKUIPER, SECONDED BY PURCELL, TO APPROVE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 25, 2004. AYES-6, ABSENT-BALBERDE. MOTION CARRIED.

04-099

MOTION BY FULTON, SECONDED BY MAIKE, TO PLACE THE NAMES OF GEORGE JINGLES AND SEAN TORONGEAU IN NOMINATION FOR THE NEWAYGO COUNTY VETERANS' AFFAIRS COMMITTEE. UNEXPIRED TERM ENDING JUNE 30, 2004. AYES-6, ABSENT-BALBERDE. MOTION CARRIED.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

MAIKE	JINGLES	
WILLETT		TORONGEAU
DeKUIPER		TORONGEAU
PURCELL	JINGLES	
FULTON		TORONGEAU
BALBERDE (ABSENT)		
DERKS		TORONGEAU

SEAN TORONGEAU IS APPOINTED TO THE VETERANS' AFFAIRS COMMITTEE UNEXPIRED TERM ENDING JUNE 30, 2004.

Dr. Richard W. Peters appeared before the Board and presented the Newaygo County Medical Examiner 2003 Annual Report. Dr. Peters reported that of the 383 deaths occurring in Newaygo County in 2003, 21% were classified as Medical Examiner deaths. The percentage of Medical Examiner cases going to full autopsy in 2003 was 20%.

04-100

MOTION BY WILLETT, SECONDED BY FULTON, TO APPROVE THE NEWAYGO COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER 2003 ANNUAL REPORT AS PRESENTED. AYES-6, ABSENT-BALBERDE. MOTION CARRIED.

Executive Director, Paul J. Griffith, provided an update on Michigan Works! West Central. The Michigan Works! System has over 100 service center locations statewide. The Fremont Center customer visitor count was 5,952 for the period July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003. There were approximately 700 people who received service in Newaygo County. The annual average unemployment rate for Newaygo County for 2003 was 9.6. The unemployment rate for the state of Michigan rose from 6.2 in December 2002 to 7.2 in December 2003. In Newaygo County, 9,343 residents work outside of the county, 10,645 residents work within the county, and there are 3,590 non-residents coming into the county to work.

COMMITTEE REPORT/FINANCE WAYS AND MEANS/PURCELL

04-093

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY MAIKE, TO APPROVE THE SEMI-MONTHLY DETAIL ANALYSIS DATED MARCH 3, 2004, CHECK #4416 THROUGH CHECK #4602 FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$141,082.03. AYES-4; NAYS-WILLETT AND FULTON; ABSENT-BALBERDE. MOTION CARRIED.

04-094

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY WILLETT, TO APPROVE THE RELEASE OF EASEMENT SITUATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF CROTON, COUNTY OF NEWAYGO, AND STATE OF MICHIGAN, AS DESCRIBED BELOW:

THE SOUTH 10 FEET OF LOT 12 AND THE NORTH 10 FEET OF LOT 13
IN THE PLAT OF "JUNIPER RIDGE" RECORDED IN LIBER 7 OF PLATS,
PAGE 46, SECTION 5, TOWNSHIP 12 NORTH, RANGE 11 WEST.

AYES-6, ABSENT-BALBERDE. MOTION CARRIED.

04-095

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY MAIKE, TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR/CONTROLLER TO CONTRACT WITH MATRIX AS PROJECT ENGINEER FOR THE NEW GENERATOR AT THE JAIL. COST NOT TO EXCEED \$7,000.00 PLUS REIMBURSABLE COST. AYES-6, ABSENT-BALBERDE. MOTION CARRIED.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORT/FULTON - Attended the Road Commission meeting this morning.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORT/DERKS - Attended the National Association of Counties (NACo) Conference with Commissioner Fulton. Main topics of discussion included the restructuring of the Homeland Security Grants, budgets, land use and health care. A County Comprehensive Planning Document Committee meeting will be held on March 17th at 2:00 P.M.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT/HUMPHREY

04-101

MOTION BY DeKUIPER, SECONDED BY MAIKE, TO REAPPOINT E. J. JONES TO THE NEWAYGO COUNTY TAX ALLOCATION BOARD. AYES-6, ABSENT-BALBERDE. MOTION CARRIED.

Administrator Humphrey reported the air handlers on the jail are running smoothly. Met with Grant City Manager, Tobi Lake, and the Building Inspector concerning the Grant Public School address change. The issue has been resolved. A start date of July 2005 was acceptable.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Newaygo County Treasurer, Arlan Jackson, relayed a problem in obtaining a payment code from the Administration Office. Commissioner Purcell will meet with Mr. Jackson and Administrator Humphrey to resolve this issue.

MISCELLANEOUS/WILLETT - Requested the Administrator report back to the Finance Committee how many Newaygo County departments are in violation of Section V, Subsection E, Page 21, of the Personnel Manual.

MISCELLANEOUS/MAIKE - Will be attending the meeting on Taxation and Economic Development in Lansing on Friday. The deadline for the wage and compensation study appeals is Monday, March 15th. The Personnel Committee will meet on Tuesday, March 16th at 12:00 P.M.

MISCELLANEOUS/FULTON

04-102

MOTION BY FULTON, SECONDED BY PURCELL, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #03-009-04 REGARDING HOUSE BILL 4234 CONCERNING PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION. AYES-6, ABSENT-BALBERDE. MOTION CARRIED.

MISCELLANEOUS/DERKS - Appointed Commissioner DeKuiper to the NCEDO Board. Commissioner Maike was appointed as alternate.

04-103

MOTION BY MAIKE, SECONDED BY FULTON, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 10:35
A.M. AYES-6, ABSENT-BALBERDE. MOTION CARRIED.

LAUREL J. BREUKER
NEWAYGO COUNTY CLERK

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

PAMELA A. ROLFE
CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK

MARCH 12, 2004