



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

NOVEMBER 10, 2004

Meeting called to order by Chairman Gerald Derks, Jr. at 9:32 A.M.

Prayer by Laurel J. Breuker, Newaygo County Clerk.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Commissioner Purcell.

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

ABSENT: Mary Anderson (excused)

04-425

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

04-426

MOTION BY PURCELL, SECONDED BY MAIKE, TO APPROVE THE BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 27, 2004. AYES-6,  
ABSENT-ANDERSON. MOTION CARRIED.

Equalization Director, Janice Eaton, appeared before the Board to  
present an Amended 2004 Apportionment Report. Amendments to the  
original Apportionment Report include: 1) Dayton Township rate change  
due to an Equalization error; 2) the transfer of Soldiers & Sailors  
Relief to the Department of Veterans' Affairs as a result of the  
proposal that passed in the November election; 3) Troy Township fire  
millage increase passed in November; and 4) Big Prairie Township fire  
millage renewal passed in November, which will commence in 2005.

04-427

MOTION BY PURCELL, SECONDED BY FULTON, TO APPROVE THE AMENDED  
APPORTIONMENT REPORT AS PRESENTED AND PREPARED BY THE EQUALIZATION  
DIRECTOR. AYES-6, ABSENT-ANDERSON. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMITTEE REPORT/FINANCE WAYS AND MEANS/PURCELL

04-414

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY MAIKE, TO APPROVE THE  
SEMI-MONTHLY DETAIL ANALYSIS DATED NOVEMBER 3, 2004, CHECK #11417  
THROUGH CHECK #11611, FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$169,203.27. AYES-6,  
ABSENT-ANDERSON. MOTION CARRIED.

04-415

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY FULTON, TO RATIFY THE AUTHORIZATION OF THE PURCHASE OF A GENERATOR FOR THE NEWAYGO COUNTY JAIL FROM NIEBOER ELECTRIC, COST NOT TO EXCEED \$89,000.00, AND THE AUTHORIZATION OF THE COUNTY INTERIM ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN ALL THE APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS. MONEY TO COME FROM ACCOUNT NUMBER 120-901-975; THIS WILL BE A ONE TIME PURCHASE. AYES-6, ABSENT-ANDERSON. MOTION CARRIED.

04-417

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY MAIKE, TO DIRECT THE INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO WORK WITH THE PARKS COMMISSION TO WITHDRAW THE PARKS AND RECREATION DUTIES FROM ADMINISTRATION. AYES-5; NAY-DERKS; ABSENT-ANDERSON. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMITTEE REPORT/BUILDING & PROPERTY/MAIKE - Discussion occurred at the Building & Property Committee meeting regarding the request of Equalization Director, Janice Eaton, to move the Mapping Department into the Equalization Department. Remodeling is necessary in the Equalization area to provide additional space and a window for the Mapping Department. Subsequent discussions with Ms. Eaton resulted in her request for immediate commencement of at least a portion of the remodeling project since December is her busiest month.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORT/WILLETT - Tendered his resignation from the Audit Committee effective today immediately following the Audit Committee meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORT/MAIKE

04-416-1

MOTION BY PERSONNEL COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY DeKUIPER, TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF \$9,423.36 GROSS WAGES TO BE PAID TO DIANE REINKE PER LETTER DATED OCTOBER 4, 2002, SIGNED BY KURT HUMPHREY AND JUDGE DRAKE. ROLL CALL VOTE: WILLETT-NAY, FULTON-AYE, DeKUIPER-AYE, ANDERSON-ABSENT, MAIKE-AYE, PURCELL-AYE, DERKS-AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

04-428

MOTION BY PERSONNEL COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY DeKUIPER, TO ALLOW MICHELLE GENTILE AND GARY PALMITER TO DISCUSS THEIR APPEAL ON A CONFERENCE PHONE CALL WITH HEATHER VANPOUCKER FROM MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL LEAGUE. AYES-5; NAY-WILLETT; ABSENT-ANDERSON. MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Maike also reported attendance at the West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission (WMSRDC) on Monday, where discussion occurred on connecting counties with the GIS System. Also attended the MSU Extension Recycling Committee meeting, which revealed that a purchase policy has been drafted, recycling trailers have been purchased, and a building in Fremont has been leased.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORT/FULTON - Attended the Veterans' Affairs Committee meeting on Monday. It was determined that an additional audit would not be sought.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT/JONES

04-429

MOTION BY PURCELL, SECONDED BY MAIKE, TO SEND A LETTER TO MMRMA (MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL RISK MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY BOARD) STATING THAT KURT HUMPHREY IS NO LONGER THE MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE FOR NEWAYGO COUNTY AND APPOINT E. J. JONES AS THE MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE. AYES-6, ABSENT-ANDERSON. MOTION CARRIED.

04-430

MOTION BY MAIKE, SECONDED BY PURCELL, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #11-034-04, IN OPPOSITION OF THE MICHIGAN VEHICLE CODE AMENDMENT. AYES-6, ABSENT-ANDERSON. MOTION CARRIED.

Commission on Aging Director, Robert Sullivan, was present to request approval of the Michigan Works! West Central FY05 Project Zero Funding in the amount of \$4,653.00 to provide continuation of transportation to work activities. Michigan Works! West Central provides one-quarter of the funding for this program. The amount is supplemented by an additional \$13,959.00 from the Family Independence Agency and the Michigan Department of Transportation. The grant total in the third and last year of this program is \$18,612.00.

04-431

MOTION BY PURCELL, SECONDED BY FULTON, THAT THE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE THE FY-05 TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT WITH MICHIGAN WORKS! WEST CENTRAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,653.00 AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS. AYES-6, ABSENT-ANDERSON. MOTION CARRIED.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT/JONES

04-432

MOTION BY MAIKE, SECONDED BY PURCELL, TO ALLOW THE EMPLOYEES THE AFTERNOON OF DECEMBER 22, 2004, OFF TO ATTEND THE EMPLOYEES' CHRISTMAS PARTY. (PARTY WILL BEGIN AT NOON; EMPLOYEES MUST WORK IF THEY DO NOT ATTEND THE PARTY.) AYES-6, ABSENT-ANDERSON. MOTION CARRIED.

Interim Administrator, E. J. Jones, reported: 1) attendance at the Personnel Committee meeting on November 4<sup>th</sup>; 2) a meeting occurred with Dale Hettmansperger, Sean Torongeau and Marilyn Beaudry regarding the finances of the Veterans' Affairs Committee; 3) Mike Kretsch of MAXIMUS was present on November 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> updating the fixed asset inventory in anticipation of the December 17<sup>th</sup> deadline; and 4) Richard Kooistra has been hired by the Equalization Department as the Deputy Director of Equalization. In further discussion of the Equalization remodeling project, it was the consensus of the Board to start the changes to the front part of the Equalization Department immediately.

Mr. Jones further reported a meeting occurred on the property transfer and/or right-of-way request, which resulted in the referral of that issue to the State of Michigan since the property in question is controlled by the state. Discussions occurred with Greg Snyder of Mental Health regarding the Mental Health Building Project. Mr. Jones has replaced Kurt Humphrey on the District Health Department #10 Tencon Health Plan Corporation Board. Efforts are ongoing toward completion of the audit issues, which include working directly with the Treasurer and his staff. The House Numbering Committee meets today at 12:00 P.M. Time was spent responding to Clyde Kelley's grievance. Mr. Jones attended the Animal Control Advisory Committee meeting on November 9<sup>th</sup>, and also responded to the Command Unit grievance regarding the wellness center payment process.

MISCELLANEOUS/FULTON - A vacancy still exists on the Planning/Zoning Commission for a school board member/administrative employee of a school district. The Clerk will re-advertise for that vacancy.

04-433

MOTION BY PURCELL, SECONDED BY DeKUIPER, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 10:26 A.M. AYES-6, ABSENT-ANDERSON. MOTION CARRIED.

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LAUREL J. BREUKER  
NEWAYGO COUNTY CLERK

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

NOVEMBER 17, 2004