



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

DECEMBER 8, 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 Anderson.

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

CORRESPONDENCE: Interim Administrator, E. J. Jones, read correspondence received from Beverly Cassidy of Newaygo County Community Services (NCCS) expressing appreciation for the \$422.98 employees' casual day donations to the 2004 NCCS Children's Christmas Program.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Jan Meeuwenberg conveyed his congratulations to the re-elected and newly elected commissioners.

04-454

MOTION BY MAIKE, SECONDED BY FULTON, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA OF DECEMBER 8, 2004. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

04-455

MOTION BY PURCELL, SECONDED BY ANDERSON, TO APPROVE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 24, 2004. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

Newaygo County Prosecuting Attorney, Chrystal Roach, appeared before the Board to discuss the legalities of the Controller position. Ms. Roach informed the Board that MCL 46.13b provides for the requirement of a two-third vote to eliminate the Controller position. However, according to an Attorney General Opinion, the Board of Commissioners is not required to fill a vacancy in that position.

04-456

MOTION BY WILLETT, SECONDED BY MAIKE, TO RESCIND RESOLUTION #12-039-96, WHICH CREATED THE POSITION OF COUNTY CONTROLLER IN NEWAYGO COUNTY, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2005. ROLL CALL VOTE: WILLETT-AYE, FULTON-AYE, DeKUIPER-NAY, ANDERSON-NAY, MAIKE-AYE, PURCELL-AYE, DERKS-NAY. MOTION FAILED.

COMMITTEE REPORT/FINANCE WAYS AND MEANS/PURCELL

04-449

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY MAIKE, TO APPROVE THE SEMI-MONTHLY DETAIL ANALYSIS DATED DECEMBER 1, 2004, CHECK #12058 THROUGH CHECK #12208, FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$138,032.08. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

04-450

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY FULTON, TO HAVE AN OPEN HOUSE ON THE DATE THAT THE ELECTED OFFICIALS ARE AVAILABLE AND HAVE SANTA CLAUS PRESENT. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

04-451

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY ANDERSON, TO EXTEND E. J. JONES AS THE INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR FOR SIX MONTHS, SALARY AND CONDITIONS TO BE NEGOTIATED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONER CHAIRMAN AND THE FINANCE/WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN AND AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONER CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS.

04-451-2

MOTION BY MAIKE, SECONDED BY FULTON, TO AMEND MOTION #04-451 TO READ: TO EXTEND E. J. JONES AS THE INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR UNTIL THE POSITION CAN BE FILLED BY THE NEW COUNTY BOARD. ROLL CALL VOTE: FULTON-AYE, MAIKE-AYE, PURCELL-NAY, WILLETT-NAY, ANDERSON-NAY, DeKUIPER-AYE, DERKS-NAY. MOTION FAILED.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON MOTION #04-451: ANDERSON-AYE, DeKUIPER-AYE, MAIKE-NAY, PURCELL-AYE, FULTON-NAY, WILLETT-NAY, DERKS-AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

04-452

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY FULTON, TO RATIFY THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #12-035-04; UNIFORM RESOLUTION ADOPTING BENEFIT PROGRAM "E" INCREASE TO BE EFFECTIVE ON ADJUSTMENT DATE JANUARY 1, 2005. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORT/FULTON - The Personnel Committee met.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORT/ANDERSON - Attended the 9-1-1 Central Dispatch/Authority Board meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORT/MAIKE - Attended the Michigan Northern Counties Association meeting on Monday. Also reported that Recycling for Newaygo County opened last Monday.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT/JONES - Attended a meeting on the recycling project. The project's funding is a three-year grant from Fremont Area Foundation payable at \$77,000.00 per year. Following that three-year period, it is possible the project will be self supporting. Mr. Jones also reported attendance at a meeting on the County

Comprehensive Plan and the 9-1-1 Central Dispatch/Authority Board meeting. Discussions occurred with the Sheriff, Undersheriff and 9-1-1 Director on policies for building closings in bad weather. Separate meetings occurred with the Prosecuting Attorney and Everett Township Supervisor, Georgia Burns, regarding the license/lease for the Sports Park. Correspondence was sent to the Mid-South Consortium regarding the split of the Liquor Tax money for Mental Health.

PUBLIC COMMENT: District #7 Commissioner-elect, Daniel Powell, spoke on issues relating to the hiring of a new administrator.

MISCELLANEOUS/FULTON - The coloring contest open house will be held December 16th from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

MISCELLANEOUS/BALBERDE - Presented the Board with a dividend check in the amount of \$30,898.00 from the Michigan Counties Workers' Compensation Fund.

04-457

MOTION BY ANDERSON, SECONDED BY PURCELL, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 10:03 A.M. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

LAUREL J. BREUKER
NEWAYGO COUNTY CLERK

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

DECEMBER 14, 2004