



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

MARCH 9, 2005

Meeting called to order by Chairman Timothy Purcell at 9:30 A.M.

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

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Commissioner Nieboer.

PRESENT: Rosswell Fulton, Jr.; James Maike, Jr.; Stanley Nieboer;  
Daniel Powell; Timothy Purcell; Adam Wright

ABSENT: Ronald Sanders (excused)

05-132

MOTION BY MAIKE, SECONDED BY POWELL, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA OF MARCH 9, 2005, WITH THE ADDITIONS OF BRENT YEAGER WITH THE AUDIT REPORT AND LINDA LANDHEER, REGISTER OF DEEDS, AFTER APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES. AYES-6, ABSENT-SANDERS. MOTION CARRIED.

05-133

MOTION BY MAIKE, SECONDED BY FULTON, TO APPROVE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 23, 2005. AYES-6, ABSENT-SANDERS. MOTION CARRIED.

Brent Yeager of Pridnia LaPres, PLLC, appeared before the Board and presented a review of draft reports relating to the FY2003-2004 audit. Mr. Yeager reported the audit is complete and recommended finalization and forwarding to the state of Michigan.

Register of Deeds, Linda Landheer, declined to address the Board.

HOUSE NUMBERING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

05-134

MOTION BY FULTON, SECONDED BY MAIKE, TO ADOPT AMENDMENTS TO THE HOUSE NUMBERING ORDINANCE AND THE ADMINISTRATIVE RULES AND REGULATIONS AS PRESENTED. AYES-6, ABSENT-SANDERS. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMITTEE REPORT/FINANCE WAYS AND MEANS/WRIGHT

05-122

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY FULTON, TO RATIFY THE SEMI-MONTHLY DETAIL ANALYSIS DATED MARCH 2, 2005, CHECK #14435 THROUGH CHECK #14596, FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$182,358.77. AYES-6, ABSENT-SANDERS. MOTION CARRIED.

05-123

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY NIEBOER, TO LOOK INTO HIRING AN OUTSIDE CONSULTANT TO HIRE AN ADMINISTRATOR.

05-123-1

MOTION BY WRIGHT, SECONDED BY NIEBOER, TO AMEND MOTION #05-123, TO ADD THE WORDS "ASSIST IN HIRING" IN PLACE OF "HIRE." AYES-4; NAYS-MAIKE AND POWELL; ABSENT-SANDERS. MOTION CARRIED.

VOTE ON MOTION #05-123, AS AMENDED:

TO LOOK INTO HIRING AN OUTSIDE CONSULTANT TO ASSIST IN HIRING AN ADMINISTRATOR.

ROLL CALL VOTE: SANDERS-ABSENT, WRIGHT-AYE, POWELL-NAY, NIEBOER-AYE, MAIKE-NAY, FULTON-NAY, PURCELL-AYE. MOTION FAILED.

05-124

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY MAIKE, TO AUTHORIZE THE RESTRUCTURING OF THE EQUALIZATION DEPARTMENT AND THAT THE NEW JOB DESCRIPTIONS BE FORWARDED TO MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL LEAGUE FOR A RECOMMENDED GRADE PLACEMENT.

05-124-1

MOTION BY WRIGHT, SECONDED BY NIEBOER, TO AMEND MOTION #05-124 TO READ: TO AUTHORIZE THE RESTRUCTURING OF THE EQUALIZATION DEPARTMENT PENDING THAT NEW JOB DESCRIPTIONS BE FORWARDED TO MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL LEAGUE FOR RECOMMENDED GRADE PLACEMENT AND RETURNED FOR NEGOTIATIONS WITH TEAMSTERS UNION. AYES-6, ABSENT-SANDERS. MOTION CARRIED.

VOTE ON MOTION #05-124, AS AMENDED:

TO AUTHORIZE THE RESTRUCTURING OF THE EQUALIZATION DEPARTMENT PENDING THE NEW JOB DESCRIPTIONS TO BE FORWARDED TO MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL LEAGUE FOR RECOMMENDED GRADE PLACEMENT AND RETURNED FOR NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE TEAMSTERS UNION.

AYES-6, ABSENT-SANDERS. MOTION CARRIED.

05-125

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY FULTON, THAT A SERVICE AGREEMENT BE CREATED FOR APPROVAL FOR A MAPPING MANAGER IN THE EQUALIZATION DEPARTMENT WITH A TERMINATION DATE OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2005.

05-125-2

MOTION BY WRIGHT, SECONDED BY FULTON, TO REFER MOTION #05-125 TO THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE ON MARCH 16, 2005. AYES-6, ABSENT-SANDERS. MOTION CARRIED.

05-126

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY POWELL, TO RATIFY THE APPOINTMENT OF LAURIE GRACIK, INTERIM ADMINISTRATOR, AS THE COUNTY

GRANT ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE FOLLOWING SURVEY AND REMONUMENTATION GRANTS:

- CONTRACT #152004 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2004
- CONTRACT #152004-480 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2004 SUPPLEMENTAL
- CONTRACT #152005-480 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005

AND AUTHORIZE HER TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL OF THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS. AYES-6, ABSENT-SANDERS. MOTION CARRIED.

05-127

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY MAIKE, TO AUTHORIZE THE FOLLOWING JOURNAL VOUCHER/TRANSFER VOUCHERS AS SUBMITTED:

| EXPLANATION   | AMOUNT      |
|---|-------------|
| TO CHARGE BUILDING & GROUNDS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2005   | \$74,041.34 |
| TO CHARGE CENTRAL SERVICE ALLOCATION FOR FEBRUARY 2005  | \$50,434.79 |
| TO TRANSFER HEALTH & WELLNESS PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION REVENUES TO WELLNESS PROGRAM FOR FEBRUARY 2005 | \$900.00    |
| TO CHARGE JAIL MEALS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2005   | \$74,070.66 |
| TO CHARGE INSURANCE FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2005  | \$52,829.18 |

AYES-6, ABSENT-SANDERS. MOTION CARRIED.

05-128

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY FULTON, TO AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF \$343.00 FROM OLD PRIDE NUMBER TO NEW SHERIFF TRUANCY ACCOUNT OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, DECEMBER, AND JANUARY FOR TRUANCY LIABILITY. AYES-6, ABSENT-SANDERS. MOTION CARRIED.

05-129

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY FULTON, TO AUTHORIZE THE FOLLOWING BUDGET ADJUSTMENT AS SUBMITTED BY COMMISSION ON AGING:

| FUND    | DEPARTMENT | CURRENT BUDGET | AMENDED BUDGET |
|---------|------------|----------------|----------------|
| 295-672 | 685        | \$51,892.00    | \$55,490.00    |

AYES-6, ABSENT-SANDERS. MOTION CARRIED.

05-130

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY MAIKE, TO PAY WILLIAMS, HUGHES & STAPLETON, P.C., \$1,955.00 FOR DOUG HUGHES' JANUARY 2005 ATTORNEY FEES (PREVIOUSLY WITHHELD AT THE FINANCE MEETING ON FEBRUARY 16, 2005) AND THAT, AT THE SUGGESTION OF OUR AUDITOR, TO OBTAIN A WRITTEN LEGAL OPINION ON THE LOAN FROM THE TAX REVOLVING FUND DIRECTLY TO THE CHAIN OF LAKES PROJECT. AYES-6, ABSENT-SANDERS. MOTION CARRIED.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORT/ MAIKE - Attended a "walk through" of the campus buildings with Maintenance Supervisor, Rick Bacheller, and Terrence VanDoren of MMRMA (Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority) on safety issues; Mr. VanDoren will be providing a written report. Attended the Parks Board meeting yesterday. The first Lunch Time Learning Session will be held tomorrow at 12:15 P.M.; the topic is Identity Theft.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORT/POWELL - The Wellness Committee Health Fair will be held on March 24<sup>th</sup> at the Commission on Aging Building.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORT/NIEBOER - Attended meeting regarding the Fair Board and maintenance problems at the building in Fremont as reported previously by MSU Extension Director, Kathryn Cummings. Also attended the Fire Chiefs meeting last night.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORT/FULTON - Attended the NACo (National Association of Counties) meeting as a MAC (Michigan Association of Counties) Director. Also attended the 9-1-1 Board meeting last week.

05-135

MOTION BY FULTON, SECONDED BY WRIGHT, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #03-008-05 IN OPPOSITION OF CLOSING THE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY IN LAKE COUNTY. AYES-6, ABSENT-SANDERS. MOTION CARRIED.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT/GRACIK - The written report of Deputy Administrator Gracik indicated, among other things, 1) attendance at the Central Dispatch meeting; 2) working with Sue Carson and Don Betts and two grants associated with homeland security; 3) meeting with the Register of Deeds on the First American Title Company lawsuit; 4) attendance at the Parks Commission meeting; 5) Attorney Peter Cohl sent the Corrections officers' contract to the union for signing; and 6) the budget and tax allocation are expected to be addressed in the very near future.

05-136

MOTION BY WRIGHT, SECONDED BY POWELL, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #03-009-05 SEEKING ATTORNEY REPRESENTATION FOR THE LAWSUIT THAT HAS BEEN FILED AGAINST NEWAYGO COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS ALONG WITH FOUR OTHER COUNTY REGISTERS OF DEEDS. AYES-6, ABSENT-SANDERS. MOTION CARRIED.

05-137

MOTION BY FULTON, SECONDED BY NIEBOER, TO APPOINT STANLEY DeKUIPER TO THE TAX ALLOCATION BOARD. AYES-6, ABSENT-SANDERS. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Barton Township resident, Bill Richards, introduced himself as a possible candidate for 100<sup>th</sup> District Representative. Newaygo County Treasurer, Holly Moon, requested a meeting with the Audit Committee, to address concerns expressed in the audit report.

MISCELLANEOUS/NIEBOER - The Land Use Education position has been narrowed down to four applicants; interviews to be held on March 29<sup>th</sup>. The firemen are sponsoring a dinner at the American Legion Hall in Croton on March 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M.

05-138

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

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LAUREL J. BREUKER  
NEWAYGO COUNTY CLERK

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TIMOTHY PURCELL, CHAIRMAN  
NEWAYGO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MARCH 15, 2005