



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

JUNE 22, 2005

Meeting called to order by Chairman Timothy Purcell at 9:31 A.M.

Prayer by Pamela Rolfe, Newaygo County Chief Deputy Clerk.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Commissioner Powell.

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

CORRESPONDENCE: Newaygo County Chief Deputy Clerk, Pamela Rolfe, read the personal comments and thank you contained in a card received from Janice Eaton.

05-314

MOTION BY MAIKE, SECONDED BY WRIGHT, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA OF JUNE 22, 2005. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

05-315

MOTION BY FULTON, SECONDED BY NIEBOER, TO APPROVE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 8, 2005. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

APPOINTMENT/VETERANS' AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

05-316

MOTION BY FULTON, SECONDED BY POWELL, TO PLACE THE NAMES OF GENE REID AND DENNIS WALKER IN NOMINATION FOR THE VETERANS' AFFAIRS COMMITTEE. ONE (1) TERM EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2009. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

WRIGHT	GENE REID	
POWELL	GENE REID	
MAIKE	GENE REID	
FULTON	GENE REID	
SANDERS	GENE REID	
NIEBOER		DENNIS WALKER
PURCELL		DENNIS WALKER

Gene Reid is duly appointed to the Veterans' Affairs Committee for the term expiring June 30, 2009.

A Michigan Works! West Central update was provided by the Executive Director, Paul Griffith. Michigan Works is a five-county organization consisting of Lake, Mason, Mecosta, Newaygo and Osceola Counties, and is one of 25 Michigan Works agencies in the state of Michigan. Mr. Griffith reported on the specific programs, enrollments and dollar allocations; indicating a total budget for 2004/2005 of \$6,053,919.00. A total of 41,391 customers were served in 2004 by Michigan Works! West Central.

COMMITTEE REPORT/FINANCE WAYS AND MEANS/WRIGHT  
05-298

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY WRIGHT, TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF JOHN ANUCI FROM THE PARKS BOARD. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

05-299

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY FULTON, TO RATIFY THE SEMI-MONTHLY DETAIL ANALYSIS DATED JUNE 15, 2005, CHECK #17056 THROUGH CHECK #17254 FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$278,382.47. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

05-300

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY POWELL, TO RATIFY THE MAY 2005 MONTHLY CHECK REGISTER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,897,367.35. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

05-301

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY FULTON, TO PAY JANICE EATON FOR 1450 HOURS OF BACK PAY FOR SUPERVISING THE MAPPING DEPARTMENT AT \$.90 EQUALING \$1,305.00 PLUS 33% BENEFITS EQUALING \$430.00 FOR A TOTAL OF \$1,735.00. MONEY TO COME FROM EQUALIZATION BUDGET.

Commissioner Wright requested his comments on Motion #05-301 be included in the minutes:

The Equalization Department in Newaygo County serves an essential function in the grand scheme of Newaygo County government. The director of this department is compensated using the same parameters as other department heads in the county.

The proposition of compensating the previous Equalization Director for past performance due to increased responsibilities is an unjustified increase.

A narrow majority of this board is willing to compensate a former employee of this county for duties that were included in their job description. After a lengthy discussion with Heather VanPoucker, from the Michigan Municipal League, I am convinced that this increase is unfounded and out of the scope of this pay grade.

A previous elected board of commissioners commissioned and adopted the county wage and compensation study. Due to this decision, Newaygo County has opted out of a 9 step increase for compensation and approved a 4 step wage compensation policy for all employees of the county.

The Equalization Director has been placed in a combined Grade 11 which receives a pay scale of \$19.8566 to \$23.3777. Ms. Eaton has been increased to the 4<sup>th</sup> step of this pay grade, the rate of \$23.3777. The wage and compensation study, commissioned by the county board, recommended that the Equalization Director, after receiving the added responsibilities, not be moved in grade, but perhaps in the range of pay in that grade.

The proposed .90 cent increase does not make sense and does not fit within either the 4 step or 9 step wage increase scale proposed by the Michigan Municipal League. I am curious how the original sponsor of this motion, and its supporters, came to the figure of .90.

I don't think, at this point, that we have enough and adequate information to make an informed vote on this motion. Without enough and adequate information we cannot, being good stewards of the taxpayers money, make the right decision today. I would like the county administrator to provide his insight to this matter. Is this pay increase a responsible move financially and does this fit and make sense in regard to the wage and compensation study adopted by the county board?

05-301-1

MOTION BY WRIGHT, SECONDED BY POWELL, TO TABLE MOTION #05-301 UNTIL THE ADMINISTRATOR CAN MAKE A RECOMMENDATION TO THE FULL BOARD ON THE IMPACT. ROLL CALL VOTE: MAIKE-NAY, FULTON-NAY, WRIGHT-AYE, SANDERS-NAY, POWELL-AYE, NIEBOER-AYE, PURCELL-NAY. MOTION FAILED.

05-301-2

MOTION BY WRIGHT, SECONDED BY POWELL, TO AMEND MOTION #05-301 BY CHANGING \$.90 TO .2496. ROLL CALL VOTE: NIEBOER-AYE, SANDERS-NAY, WRIGHT-AYE, FULTON-NAY, POWELL-AYE, MAIKE-NAY, PURCELL-NAY. MOTION FAILED.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON MOTION #05-301: NIEBOER-NAY, POWELL-NAY, SANDERS-AYE, WRIGHT-NAY, FULTON-AYE, MAIKE-AYE, PURCELL-AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

05-302

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY MAIKE, TO AUTHORIZE A JOURNAL ENTRY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$207,075.00 TO TRANSFER FUND FROM BUILDING

AUTHORITY TO DEBT SERVICE FOR BOND #2880 PAYMENT THAT IS DUE JULY 1, 2005 FIA. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

05-303

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY POWELL, TO CLOSE P.R.I.D.E. FUNDS WITH FIRST PAYMENT MONEY AND DEPOSIT REMAINDER INTO THE CONTINGENCY FUND (695) AS A REIMBURSEMENT. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

05-304

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY WRIGHT, TO MOVE ONE-THIRD (1/3) OF 2004 PROPERTY TAX MONEY FROM THE GENERAL FUND (101) TO THE REVENUE SHARING RESERVE FUND (285) PER DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY LETTER DATED 12-7-04; AND TO INCLUDE THE TRANSFER FROM THE OTHER AGENCY HEALTH DEPARTMENT FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$42,644.00.

05-304-2

MOTION BY FULTON, SECONDED BY WRIGHT, TO REFER MOTION #05-304 TO THE NEXT FINANCE/WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE MEETING. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

05-305

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

EXPLANATION	AMOUNT
TO CHARGE INDIVIDUAL DEPARTMENTS FOR COPIER CHARGES FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2005	\$6,483.20
TO CHARGE INDIVIDUAL DEPARTMENTS FOR POSTAGE FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2005	\$8,059.72
TO CHARGE INDIVIDUAL DEPARTMENTS FOR TELEPHONE FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2005	\$10,576.10
TO CHARGE THE JAIL & SHERIFF FOR THE COFFEE TRANSFER FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2005	\$162.00
TO CHARGE THE JAIL & SHERIFF FOR THE COFFEE TRANSFER FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2005	\$202.50
TO MOVE THE NON-REFUNDABLE SCHOOL CANDIDATE FEE FROM THE TRUST & AGENCY ACCOUNT TO THE ELECTION FUND	\$500.00
DRAIN COMMISSION OFFICE SUPPLY ACCOUNT CHARGED FOR SOIL EROSION OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$21.13

AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

05-307

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY POWELL, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #06-025-05 APPROVING THE AGREEMENTS FOR ENFORCEMENT SERVICES FOR THE TOWNSHIPS OF ASHLAND, ENSLEY AND GRANT AT AN ANNUAL COST OF \$28,599.93 TO EACH TOWNSHIP. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

05-308

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY NIEBOER, TO APPROVE THE GRANT APPLICATION TO CONTINUE A K-9 PROGRAM THAT ENHANCES THE ABILITY OF LAW ENFORCEMENT TO PROTECT OUR COMMUNITY FROM DRUGS AND ALSO TO ASSIST IN DEVELOPING POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS WITH OUR YOUTH, THE AMOUNT REQUESTED IS \$5,500.00, AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD TO SIGN AND EXECUTE ANY AND ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

05-309

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY MAIKE, TO APPROVE THE FISCAL YEAR 2005 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT AWARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,845.00 AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD TO SIGN AND EXECUTE ANY AND ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

05-310

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY FULTON, TO APPROVE THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH MSU EXTENSION WITH END DATE SEPTEMBER 30, 2007, AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD TO SIGN ANY AND ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS, AND TO REPEAL ALL PRIOR AGREEMENTS AND MOTIONS REGARDING THE MSU EXTENSION LAND USE PROGRAM. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORT/FULTON - Attended the Veterans' Affairs Committee and the Pere Marquette River Zoning Board meetings.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORT/POWELL - Attended a special finance meeting of the District #10 Health Department.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORT/MAIKE - Attended the Michigan Northern Counties Association meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORT/WRIGHT - The Personnel Committee meets today at noon to review the three applicants for the Equalization Director position.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORT/PURCELL - Attended a two-day meeting of the Area Agency on Aging.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT/LAKE

05-306-2

MOTION BY MAIKE, SECONDED BY POWELL, TO UNTABLE MOTION #05-306:  
TO APPROVE THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NEWAYGO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND JANICE EATON. MONEY TO COME FROM EQUALIZATION BUDGET.  
AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

VOTE ON MOTION #05-306: AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

05-270-2

MOTION BY FULTON, SECONDED BY SANDERS, TO APPROVE THE SCHOOL-TO-WORK INTERN FOR THE TREASURER'S OFFICE THROUGH THE 2006 SCHOOL YEAR. MONEY TO COME FROM 101-253-704. ROLL CALL VOTE: MAIKE-NAY, WRIGHT-NAY, SANDERS-AYE, NIEBOER-AYE, POWELL-NAY, FULTON-NAY, PURCELL-AYE. MOTION FAILED.

The Administrator reported that the lease with the state of Michigan for the Henning Park boat ramp and the bids received on the air conditioning in the server room will be brought to the next Finance/Ways & Means Committee meeting. There was a power fuse down on the Consumer Power line yesterday, which caused partial power outages in four buildings on the County campus.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Bridgeton Township Supervisor/Equalization Department Administrative Clerk, Richard Kooistra, commented on issues relating to the Equalization Department and Equalization Director position.

05-317

MOTION BY WRIGHT, SECONDED BY SANDERS, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 10:55 A.M. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

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LAUREL J. BREUKER  
NEWAYGO COUNTY CLERK

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TIMOTHY PURCELL, CHAIRMAN  
NEWAYGO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

JUNE 27, 2005