



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

DECEMBER 14, 2005

Meeting called to order by Chairman Timothy Purcell at 9:33 A.M.

Prayer by Laurel J. Breuker, Newaygo County 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 Clerk, Laurel J. Breuker, read a thank you note received from Commissioner Nieboer, which was addressed to the commissioners and expressed recognition for their kind concern for the loss of his father. Ms. Breuker also read correspondence received from Bev Cassidy, Executive Director, and Diane Szewczyk-Smith, Development Director, both of NCCS (Newaygo County Community Services), thanking the Newaygo County employees for their gift of \$448.03 to the NCCS children's Christmas Programs and Toys for Tots 2005.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Katherine Snow addressed the Board on the issue of a LIFE EMS Ambulance bill she received.

05-569

MOTION BY MAIKE, SECONDED BY POWELL, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA OF DECEMBER 14, 2005. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

05-570

MOTION BY NIEBOER, SECONDED BY POWELL, TO APPROVE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 23, 2005. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

Parks Director, Laurie Gracik, and Parks Commission Chairman, Richard Kooistra, appeared before the Board to provide an update on the Parks Commission covering a five-year period. Ms. Gracik reported the County Parks consist of Sandy Beach, Henning Park and Hardy Marina; Pettibone is managed on a day-to-day basis by the township in cooperation with the Parks Commission. In discussing revenues and expenditures during the last five years, it was revealed that Sandy Beach is the county's major revenue source for the Parks; likewise, the expenditures for that park are higher in some years as well. Improvements to the parks are possible through grant writing and cooperative efforts. Partnerships include, but are not limited to,

the Board of Commissioners, Newaygo City, Timberland RC&D, Fremont Area Community Foundation, NACPRAC Committee, Department of Natural Resources, Michigan State University, the Road Commission, Tourist Council and Newaygo County Economic Development Office. Ms. Gracik also reported on specific park events occurring during the last five years including the installation of the bath house at Sandy Beach. In closing, she thanked the commissioners for their support.

Community Mental Health Director, Greg Snyder, issued an invitation to the annual Legislative Breakfast, which is scheduled to occur at 8:30 A.M. the first Tuesday in January.

COMMITTEE REPORT/FINANCE WAYS AND MEANS/SANDERS

05-549

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY MAIKE, TO RATIFY THE SEMI-MONTHLY DETAIL ANALYSIS DATED DECEMBER 7, 2005, CHECK #21263 THROUGH CHECK #21511 FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$280,177.32. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

05-550

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY POWELL, TO ENTER INTO AN EXCLUSIVE AGREEMENT WITH J-BOS FOR VENDING EQUIPMENT FOR THE COUNTY BREAK ROOMS AND LOBBIES AND ALLOW THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN ANY AND ALL OF THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

05-551

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY WRIGHT, THAT THE INVESTMENT RISK POLICY BE ACCEPTED AS PRESENTED. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

05-552

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY POWELL, THAT THE NEWAYGO COUNTY FIXED ASSET CAPITALIZATION POLICY BE ACCEPTED AS PRESENTED. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

05-553

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY POWELL, TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION FROM HEATHER VANPOUCKER FROM MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL LEAGUE DATED DECEMBER 5, 2005, CONCERNING THE RESULTS FROM THE APPEALS PROCESS FOR THE CUSTODIAL & MAINTENANCE WORKER (JAIL) HELD BY GARY PALMITER. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE APPROPRIATE PLACEMENT FOR THIS CLASSIFICATION IS A GRADE 04, WHICH WAS THE GRADE PLACEMENT FOR THE POSITION PRIOR TO THE LAST PAY STUDY. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

05-554

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY FULTON, TO APPROVE THE LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN NEWAYGO COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER AND THE COUNTY OF NEWAYGO FROM OCTOBER 1, 2005 THRU SEPTEMBER 30, 2006, AND AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR AND CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD TO SIGN ANY AND ALL OF THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

05-557

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY POWELL, TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE NEWAYGO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND THE SHERIFF OF NEWAYGO COUNTY AND POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN (DEPUTIES) EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2006 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2008, AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD TO SIGN ANY AND ALL OF THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

05-558

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY NIEBOER, TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE NEWAYGO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND THE SHERIFF OF NEWAYGO COUNTY AND COMMAND OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2006 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2006, AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD TO SIGN ANY AND ALL OF THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

05-559

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY WRIGHT, TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN AND THE NEWAYGO COUNTY CENTRAL DISPATCH BOARD AND THE NEWAYGO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2006 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2008, AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD TO SIGN ANY AND ALL OF THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

05-560

MOTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY FULTON, TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE NEWAYGO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND THE SHERIFF OF NEWAYGO COUNTY AND POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN (CORRECTION OFFICERS) EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2006 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2008, AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD TO SIGN ANY AND ALL OF THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMITTEE REPORT/PUBLIC SAFETY/JUDICIAL/FULTON

05-571

MOTION BY FULTON, SECONDED BY NIEBOER, TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED COUNTY PLUMBING INSPECTION APPLICATION WITH THE ENCLOSED FEES. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORT/WRIGHT - Attended the Michigan Works! West Central meeting with Commission Powell last week. Newaygo County's unemployment rate dropped from 5.8 to 5.4. The Michigan Department of Corrections (DOC) has placed a total of 155 GEO Group employees from the Lake County facility as of November 28, 2005.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORT/POWELL - Attended the Michigan Works! West Central meeting. All five service contracts for Michigan Works are up for renewal in Spring 2006, including NC RESA (Newaygo County Regional Educational Service Agency).

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORT/NIEBOER - Attended the Michigan Northern Counties Association meeting in Grayling. The new board was elected. Topics for the next year will include asphalt, child care, and different county methods of working with the various Road Commissions.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORT/FULTON - Participated in the MAC (Michigan Association of Counties) Board of Director's meeting last Friday from home. Attended the 911 Central Dispatch Authority Board meeting last Wednesday. New officers were elected; Under Sheriff Brian Boyd was elected chairman and Deb Baesler was elected vice chair.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORT/PURCELL - Attended the Mental Health Board meeting yesterday. The county lease was approved. A Mental Health Building Project Ad Hoc Committee meeting is scheduled to be held December 21<sup>st</sup> at 1:30 P.M.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT/LAKE - Administrator Lake reported that three grants are currently in progress; two relating to Parks and Recreation and one on the Brownfield Authority. Preliminary plans on millage renewals for the Sheriff's Department and Commission on Aging have been discussed. He also discussed the upcoming renewal of the federal inmate contract with the Sheriff.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Parks Commission Chairman, Richard Kooistra, spoke about the Parks Commission visioning plan. Barton Township resident, Bill Richards, questioned the percentage of low to moderate income families in Newaygo County. Administrator Lake responded that the percentage is unknown county wide; within the jurisdictions of four cities and 24 townships, there are two to three jurisdictions falling within that income range.

05-572

MOTION BY FULTON, SECONDED BY POWELL, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 10:25 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

DECEMBER 19, 2005