



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

JANUARY 24, 2007

Meeting called to order by Chairman Adam Wright at 9:30 A.M.

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

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Commissioner Trapp.

PRESENT: Julia Bird; Patrick Gardner; Stanley Nieboer; Daniel Powell;  
Charles Trapp; Robert VanBelzen; Adam Wright

07-053

MOTION BY POWELL, SECONDED BY GARDNER, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA OF JANUARY 24, 2007. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

07-054

MOTION BY NIEBOER, SECONDED BY VANBELZEN, TO APPROVE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 10, 2007. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMITTEE REPORT/FINANCE COMMITTEE/POWELL

07-030-1

MOTION BY POWELL, SECONDED BY NIEBOER, TO INCREASE THE SHERIFF'S ANNUAL SALARY BY \$2,500.00 A YEAR WHEN THE ADDITIONAL DUTIES OF THE ANIMAL CONTROL DEPARTMENT AND ANIMAL SHELTER COME UNDER HIS DIRECTION. AYES-6, NAY-BIRD. MOTION CARRIED.

07-034-1

MOTION BY POWELL, SECONDED BY VANBELZEN, TO APPROVE THE COA (COMMISSION ON AGING) WELLNESS PROGRAMMING GRANT PROPOSAL TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE FREMONT AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,000.00 FOR JANUARY THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2007, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD AND THE COMMISSION ON AGING DIRECTOR TO SIGN ANY AND ALL OF THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

07-038

MOTION BY POWELL, SECONDED BY NIEBOER, TO APPROVE THE SEMI-MONTHLY DETAIL ANALYSIS DATED JANUARY 17, 2007, CHECK #31221 THROUGH CHECK #31399, FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$472,163.36. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

07-039

MOTION BY POWELL, SECONDED BY GARDNER, TO RATIFY THE DECEMBER 2006 MONTHLY CHECK REGISTER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,303,892.89. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

07-040

MOTION BY POWELL, SECONDED BY NIEBOER, TO APPROVE THE NEWAYGO COUNTY BUDGET REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2006 WITH BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND TRANSFERS AS PRESENTED. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

07-041

MOTION BY POWELL, SECONDED BY VANBELZEN, TO APPROVE THE CASH TRANSFER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,319.73 FOR THE COUNTY'S SHARE OF THE DRAIN TAX AT LARGE WITH THE REMAINDER TO COME FROM THE NEWAYGO COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

07-042

MOTION BY POWELL, SECONDED BY VANBELZEN, TO ALLOCATE THE CIGARETTE TAX FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OF 2007 (OCTOBER 1, 2006 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2007); \$19,958.62 TO DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT #10 AND \$8,315.38 TO THE NEWAYGO COUNTY JAIL. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

07-043

MOTION BY POWELL, SECONDED BY GARDNER, TO APPROVE 1<sup>ST</sup> QUARTER SUPPORT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,500.00 TO NEWAYGO COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICE (NCEDO). AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

07-044

MOTION BY POWELL, SECONDED BY BIRD, TO AUTHORIZE \$15,776.09 THAT IS CURRENTLY HELD IN FUND 2081 (NACPRAC) FOR NACPRAC TO BE TURNED OVER TO THE NEWAYGO COMMUNITY RECREATION AUTHORITY. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

07-045

MOTION BY POWELL, SECONDED BY NIEBOER, TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS FOR BETHANY CHRISTIAN SERVICES SO THEY CAN GET THEIR MICHIGAN STATE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FUNDING. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

07-046

MOTION BY POWELL, SECONDED BY VANBELZEN, TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS FOR NEWAYGO COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES RURAL HOMELESS INITIATIVE GRANT. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

07-047

MOTION BY POWELL, SECONDED BY GARDNER, TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS FOR NEWAYGO COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANT. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

07-048

MOTION BY POWELL, SECONDED BY TRAPP, TO APPROVE THE COA (COMMISSION ON AGING) CAMP ABILITY ARTIST IN RESIDENCE GRANT PROPOSAL TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE MICHIGAN COUNCIL FOR ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$850.00 FOR JUNE 2007 AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD TO

SIGN ANY AND ALL OF THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

07-049

MOTION BY POWELL, SECONDED BY BIRD, TO TRANSFER MONEY FROM THE RETIREE HEALTH INSURANCE FUND TO THE EMPLOYEE WELLNESS FUND TO BALANCE PAST YEAR LIABILITY; NOT TO EXCEED \$40,000.00. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

07-050

MOTION BY POWELL, SECONDED BY GARDNER, TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATION FROM MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL LEAGUE TO UPGRADE THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT HOUSING COORDINATOR POSITION FROM A PAY GRADE 07 TO A PAY GRADE 08 CONTINGENT UPON APPROVAL FROM THE TEAMSTERS LOCAL 214. IN ADDITION, AUTHORIZE THE ADMINISTRATOR TO SUBMIT A LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING TO TEAMSTERS LOCAL 214 REQUESTING THEIR ACCEPTANCE OF MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL LEAGUE'S RECOMMENDATION. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

07-051

MOTION BY POWELL, SECONDED BY GARDNER, TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATION FROM MML (MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL LEAGUE) CONCERNING THE ASSISTANT MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR POSITION; A PAY GRADE INCREASE IS NOT WARRANTED AT THIS TIME. AYES-3. NAYS-BIRD, GARDNER, TRAPP AND VANBELZEN. MOTION FAILED.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORT/POWELL - The Health Insurance Committee meeting held on Friday resulted in a vote recommending the selection of Cadillac Insurance as the County's Insurance Agent.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORT/VANBELZEN - Attended meetings for the Mid-South Substance Abuse Commission and FEMA.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT/LAKE - Mr. Lake reported that 1) delivery of the Animal Control incinerator is anticipated; 2) a water leak on Monday morning flooded some of the departments in the Administration Building; 3) quotes on asbestos tile removal at the MSU Building are expected to be presented to the Physical & Economic Development Committee later this morning; and 4) Commission on Aging has received \$3,000.00 from the Fremont Area Community Foundation as a donation from the Anna Ryerson Benevolent Fund of the First Christian Reformed Church of Fremont designated for general operating support.

Sheriff, Mike Mercer, and Undersheriff, Brian Boyd, addressed the Board on the plan to restructure the Sheriff's Department. The proposal is to break the county down into three areas based on population and calls for service: The South Area encompassing the area south of the Muskegon River; the Central Area encompassing the area North of the Muskegon River to Baseline; and the North Area encompassing the area north from Baseline. The intent is to permanently assign four deputies to the South and Central areas and two deputies to the North area on a permanent basis, leaving seven

deputies for deployment from the Sheriff's Office as needed. Undersheriff Boyd explained that although officers are assigned to patrol specific areas, responses to complaints will still be based on the closest car concept. The addition of a substation at the Grant Township Hall is also anticipated in lieu of the contract with Ashland, Ensley and Grant Townships. The changes will require in-house adjustments and a demotion in order to provide more efficient service for initial calls.

07-055

MOTION BY POWELL, SECONDED BY VANBELZEN, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 10:00 A.M. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

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LAUREL J. BREUKER  
NEWAYGO COUNTY CLERK

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ADAM WRIGHT, CHAIRMAN  
NEWAYGO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

JANUARY 25, 2007