



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

MARCH 28, 2007

Meeting called to order by Chairman Adam Wright at 9:32 A.M.

Prayer by Newaygo County Clerk, Laurel J. Breuker.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Commissioner Powell.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Dale Hettmansperger addressed the Board regarding the County's Veterans' Affairs Service Officer position.

07-127

MOTION BY POWELL, SECONDED BY VANBELZEN, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA OF MARCH 28, 2007, WITH THE ADDITION OF A PRESENTATION BY GAIL WARNEMENT, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE NEWAYGO CONSERVATION DISTRICT, FOLLOWING APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

07-128

MOTION BY BIRD, SECONDED BY TRAPP, TO APPROVE THE BOARD OF COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 14, 2007. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

Newaygo Conservation District Executive Director, Gail Warnement, together with several Conservation District Board members, appeared before the Board of Commission requesting support of the Conservation District in the form of a resolution. The Conservation District was formed in 1949 and provides conservation to the land. According to Ms. Warnement, the \$19,200.00 in state funding that each conservation district receives is in jeopardy.

07-129

MOTION BY NIEBOER, SECONDED BY VANBELZEN, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #03-010-07 IN SUPPORT OF NEWAYGO COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

APPOINTMENTS/BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

07-130

MOTION BY POWELL, SECONDED BY GARDNER, TO PLACE THE NAMES OF JAMES F. MAIKE, JR., RAYMOND A. OPPENHUIZEN, STANLEY L. STROVEN, AND ROLANDA RICHARDSON IN NOMINATION FOR THE NEWAYGO COUNTY BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS; TWO (2) VACANCIES WITH TERMS EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2009. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

VANBELZEN	STROVEN	RICHARDSON
POWELL	STROVEN	RICHARDSON
BIRD	STROVEN	RICHARDSON
NIEBOER	STROVEN	RICHARDSON
GARDNER	STROVEN	RICHARDSON
TRAPP	STROVEN	RICHARDSON
WRIGHT	STROVEN	RICHARDSON

Stanley L. Stroven and Rolanda Richardson are hereby appointed to the Board of Public Works; two (2) vacancies with terms expiring December 31, 2009.

APPOINTMENTS/MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

07-131

MOTION BY GARDNER, SECONDED BY VANBELZEN, TO PLACE THE NAMES OF MARY K. ANDERSON, GERARD T. DESCHAINED, CATHERINE KELLERMAN, TODD ALAN KOOPMANS, AND ARTHUR E. WUNSCH IN NOMINATION FOR THE NEWAYGO COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD; FOUR (4) THREE-YEAR TERMS EXPIRING APRIL 1, 2010. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

GARDNER	ANDERSON	DESCHAINED	KELLERMAN	KOOPMANS	
BIRD	ANDERSON	DESCHAINED		KOOPMANS	WUNSCH
TRAPP	ANDERSON	DESCHAINED		KOOPMANS	WUNSCH
VANBELZEN	ANDERSON	DESCHAINED	KELLERMAN	KOOPMANS	
NIEBOER	ANDERSON	DESCHAINED	KELLERMAN	KOOPMANS	
POWELL	ANDERSON	DESCHAINED	KELLERMAN	KOOPMANS	
WRIGHT	ANDERSON	DESCHAINED	KELLERMAN	KOOPMANS	

Mary K. Anderson, Gerard T. Deschained, Catherine Kellerman, and Todd Alan Koopmans are duly appointed to the Mental Health Board; four (4) three-year terms expiring April 1, 2010.

APPOINTMENT/AREA AGENCY ON AGING

07-132

MOTION BY BIRD, SECONDED BY POWELL, TO PLACE THE NAME OF JEAN ARTHUR CRABTREE IN NOMINATION FOR THE AREA AGENCY ON AGING BOARD; ONE (1) PARTIAL TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 1, 2008. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

07-133

MOTION BY POWELL, SECONDED BY GARDNER, TO CLOSE THE NOMINATIONS AND CAST A UNANIMOUS BALLOT FOR JEAN ARTHUR CRABTREE FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE AREA AGENCY ON AGING BOARD FOR ONE (1) PARTIAL TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 1, 2008. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Jean Arthur Crabtree is duly appointed to the Consumer Representative Position of the Area Agency on Aging for one (1) partial term expiring January 1, 2008.

APPOINTMENTS/BROWNFIELD AUTHORITY BOARD

07-134

MOTION BY GARDNER, SECONDED BY POWELL, TO PLACE THE NAMES OF VALERIE BYRNES, TERRY FETT, MARK JOHNSON, TOBI LAKE, PETER C. LeFAVOUR, ANDREW LOFGREN, JAMES F. MAIKE, JR., RAYMOND A. OPPENHUIZEN, JON SCHNEIDER, DAVE STOUT, AND CHRIS A YONKER IN NOMINATION FOR THE NEWAYGO COUNTY BROWNFIELD AUTHORITY BOARD. THREE (3) INITIAL ONE-YEAR TERMS EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2007; THREE (3) INITIAL TWO-YEAR TERMS EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2008; AND THREE (3) INITIAL THREE-YEAR TERMS EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2009. THEREAFTER, ALL TERMS SHALL BE FOR THREE YEARS. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

ROLL CALL VOTE: THREE (3) ONE-YEAR TERMS EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2007

NIEBOER	BYRNES	LAKE	LeFAVOUR	
GARDNER	BYRNES	LAKE	LeFAVOUR	
POWELL	BYRNES	LAKE	LeFAVOUR	
TRAPP	BYRNES	LAKE	LeFAVOUR	
BIRD		FETT	LeFAVOUR	LOFGREN
VANBELZEN	BYRNES	LAKE	LeFAVOUR	
WRIGHT	BYRNES	LAKE	LeFAVOUR	

Valerie Byrnes, Tobi Lake and Peter C. LeFavour are duly appointed to the Brownfield Authority Board for one-year partial terms expiring December 31, 2007.

ROLL CALL VOTE: THREE (3) TWO-YEAR TERMS EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2008

BIRD	FETT	JOHNSON	STOUT
TRAPP	FETT	JOHNSON	STOUT
NIEBOER	FETT	JOHNSON	STOUT
POWELL	FETT	JOHNSON	STOUT
VANBELZEN	FETT	JOHNSON	STOUT
GARDNER	FETT	JOHNSON	STOUT
WRIGHT	FETT	JOHNSON	STOUT

Terry Fett, Mark Johnson, and Dave Stout are duly appointed to the Brownfield Authority Board for two-year partial terms expiring December 31, 2008.

ROLL CALL VOTE: THREE (3) THREE-YEAR TERMS EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2009

POWELL	LOFGREN	SCHNEIDER	YONKER
NIEBOER	LOFGREN	SCHNEIDER	YONKER
VANBELZEN	LOFGREN	SCHNEIDER	YONKER
GARDNER	LOFGREN	SCHNEIDER	YONKER
TRAPP	LOFGREN	SCHNEIDER	YONKER
BIRD	LOFGREN	SCHNEIDER	YONKER
WRIGHT	LOFGREN	SCHNEIDER	YONKER

Andrew Lofgren, Jon Schneider, and Chris A. Yonker are duly appointed to the Brownfield Authority Board for three-year partial terms expiring December 31, 2009.

Newaygo County Surveyor, Norman Ochs, appeared before the Board of Commissioners providing an update on the Remonumentation Project. Mr. Ochs reported there are approximately 4,000 government section and controlling corners in Newaygo County. Since 2005-2006, there were 135 corners set in place; this year 162 corners are scheduled to be completed. Contingent upon funding, it is anticipated that half of all corners in Newaygo County should be remonumented by 2009.

COMMITTEE REPORT/FINANCE/POWELL

07-121

MOTION BY POWELL, SECONDED BY VANBELZEN, TO APPROVE THE SEMI-MONTHLY DETAIL ANALYSIS DATED MARCH 21, 2007, CHECK #33619 THROUGH CHECK #33817, FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$262,739.45. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

07-122

MOTION BY POWELL, SECONDED BY BIRD, TO RATIFY THE FEBRUARY 2007 MONTHLY CHECK REGISTER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,041,749.54. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

07-123

MOTION BY POWELL, SECONDED BY GARDNER, TO APPROVE THE NEWAYGO COUNTY BUDGET REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2007 WITH BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND TRANSFERS AS PRESENTED. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

07-125

MOTION BY POWELL, SECONDED BY VANBELZEN, TO APPROVE OPTION #2 TO RECOUP THE \$500,000.00 FOR THE COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH EXPANSION PROJECT.

07-125-1

MOTION BY BIRD, SECONDED BY POWELL, TO AMEND MOTION #07-125 TO INCLUDE AT THE END OF THE MOTION "IN ONE LUMP SUM PRIOR TO 12/31/2015." AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

VOTE ON MOTION #07-125, AS AMENDED:

TO APPROVE OPTION #2 TO RECOUP THE \$500,000.00 FOR THE COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH EXPANSION PROJECT IN ONE LUMP SUM PRIOR TO 12/31/2015.

AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORT/VANBELZEN - Attended a meeting of the P.R.I.D.E. Coalition with the Administrator; also attended the Mid-South Substance Abuse Commission meeting in Lansing on Monday.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORT/GARDNER - The increase in Building Permit fees is scheduled to go into effect next week.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORT/WRIGHT - Attended a MAC (Michigan Association of Counties) Economic Development/Taxation meeting.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT/LAKE - Administrator Lake reported that 1) he will be attending the next regularly scheduled Veterans' Affairs meeting to address such topics as compensation and assistance for that office; 2) the new, updated Newaygo County Emergency Guide has been provided to the offices of the Elected Officials and Department Heads; 3) the Municipal Qualifying Statement has been submitted to the State of Michigan for approval; and 4) the Annual Report to the State of Michigan is in progress.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Bridgeton Township Supervisor, Richard Kooistra, addressed the Board on the topics of township revenue sharing and the importance of remonumentation.

MISCELLANEOUS/NIEBOER

07-135

MOTION BY NIEBOER, SECONDED BY VANBELZEN, TO APPOINT STANLEY DeKUIPER TO THE 2007 TAX ALLOCATION BOARD. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

MISCELLANEOUS/POWELL

07-136

MOTION BY POWELL, SECONDED BY TRAPP, TO CHANGE THE TIME OF THE MAY 9, 2007 BOARD OF COMMISSION MEETING FROM 9:30 A.M. TO 6:30 P.M. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

07-137

MOTION BY POWELL, SECONDED BY TRAPP, TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION PER THE EMPLOYEE REQUEST AT 10:20 A.M. REGARDING THE ADMINISTRATOR'S EVALUATION. ROLL CALL VOTE: TRAPP-AYE, VANBELZEN-AYE, POWELL-AYE, BIRD-AYE, GARDNER-AYE, NIEBOER-AYE, WRIGHT-AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

07-138

MOTION BY BIRD, SECONDED BY NIEBOER, TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AT 11:30 A.M. AYES-6, ABSENT-POWELL. MOTION CARRIED.

07-139

MOTION BY VANBELZEN, SECONDED BY NIEBOER, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 11:30 A.M. AYES-6, ABSENT-POWELL. MOTION CARRIED.

---

LAUREL J. BREUKER  
NEWAYGO COUNTY CLERK

---

ADAM WRIGHT, CHAIRMAN  
NEWAYGO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MARCH 30, 2007