



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

MAY 9, 2007

Meeting called to order by Chairman Adam Wright at 6:30 P.M.

Prayer by Newaygo County Clerk, Laurel J. Breuker.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Commissioner Nieboer.

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

CORRESPONDENCE: Newaygo County Clerk, Laurel J. Breuker, read correspondence received from the Michigan Association of Counties expressing appreciation for receipt of a copy of the resolution opposing the Governor's Directive to Stop State Grant Payments (Resolution #04-014-07 passed at the April 25, 2007 Board of Commission meeting).

07-209

MOTION BY NIEBOER, SECONDED BY TRAPP, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA OF MAY 9, 2007. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

07-210

MOTION BY BIRD, SECONDED BY VANBELZEN, TO APPROVE THE BOARD OF COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 25, 2007. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Steve Law appeared before the Board to provide an update on the Timberland Resource Conservation and Development Council (Timberland RC&D). The Resource Conservation and Development program is administered by the U. S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service. The program guides the conservation, development, and utilization of natural resources; improving the general level of economic activity and enhancing the environment and standard of living in authorized RC&D areas. Mr. Law reports there are eight RC&D areas in Michigan covering all counties in the state.

07-124-2

MOTION BY BIRD, SECONDED BY NIEBOER, TO UNTABLE MOTION #07-124 (TO RENEW NEWAYGO COUNTY'S ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES TO TIMBERLAND RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT AREA COUNCIL, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$350.00; MONEY TO COME FROM ACCOUNT NUMBER 101-101-957). AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

07-124-3

MOTION BY POWELL, SECONDED BY BIRD, TO APPROVE MOTION #07-124 TO RENEW NEWAYGO COUNTY'S ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES TO TIMBERLAND RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT AREA COUNCIL, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$350.00; MONEY TO COME FROM ACCOUNT NUMBER 101-101-957. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMITTEE REPORT/FINANCE/POWELL

07-191-1

MOTION BY POWELL, SECONDED BY GARDNER, TO REMOVE AND REPLACE THE SEVEN DYING SPRUCE TREES ALONG THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE DHS (DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES) BUILDING. THE SEVEN REPLACEMENT TREES ARE BEING DONATED. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

07-192-1

MOTION BY POWELL, SECONDED BY VANBELZEN, TO CONTRACT WITH SCHROEDER'S SERVICE TO DO THE RE-ROOFING JOB AT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT; MONEY TO COME FROM 120-901-975 (SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND). AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

07-193-1

MOTION BY POWELL, SECONDED BY GARDNER, TO SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING NEW JOB TITLES/DESCRIPTIONS TO MML (MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL LEAGUE) FOR SCORING: IT DIRECTOR/NETWORK ADMINISTRATOR, SYSTEMS ANALYST, TECHNICAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST, AND GIS/TECHNICAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST. MONEY TO COME FROM THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS:

636-228-818 (INFORMATION SERVICES-INFORMATION SERVICES-CONSULTANT SERVICES)

636-229-818 (INFORMATION SERVICES-GIS-CONSULTANT SERVICES)

636-2286-818 (PC COORDINATOR-PC COORDINATOR-CONSULTANT SERVICES).

07-193-2

MOTION BY GARDNER, SECONDED BY POWELL, TO AMEND MOTION #07-193-1 CHANGING ACCOUNT 636-2286-818 TO READ 647-2286-818 (PC COORDINATOR/TRAINING FUND-PC COORDINATOR-CONSULTANT FEES). AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

VOTE ON MOTION #07-193-1, AS AMENDED:

TO SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING NEW JOB TITLES/DESCRIPTIONS TO MML (MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL LEAGUE) FOR SCORING: IT DIRECTOR/NETWORK ADMINISTRATOR, SYSTEMS ANALYST, TECHNICAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST, AND GIS/TECHNICAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST. MONEY TO COME FROM THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS:

636-228-818 (INFORMATION SERVICES-INFORMATION SERVICES-CONSULTANT SERVICES)

636-229-818 (INFORMATION SERVICES-GIS-CONSULTANT SERVICES)

647-2286-818 (PC COORDINATOR/TRAINING-PC COORDINATOR-CONSULTANT FEES)

AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

07-197

MOTION BY POWELL, SECONDED BY VANBELZEN, TO APPROVE THE SEMI-MONTHLY DETAIL ANALYSIS DATED MAY 2, 2007, CHECK #34634 THROUGH CHECK #34833,

FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$234,478.28. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

07-198

MOTION BY POWELL, SECONDED BY GARDNER, TO APPROVE THE SUBMISSION OF THE FY 2008 FUNDING PROPOSAL TO THE AREA AGENCY ON AGING OF WESTERN MICHIGAN, INC., FOR SENIOR SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED THROUGH THE COMMISSION ON AGING. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORT/VANBELZEN - Attended the Mid-South Substance Abuse retreat approximately 1 ½ weeks ago.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORT/TRAPP - The Board of Public Works Household Hazardous Waste Disposal will be held at the Road Commission on June 9th from 8:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. by appointment.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORT/WRIGHT - Attended the Workers' Compensation Board meeting last weekend; also attended the Parks Board meeting yesterday.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT/LAKE

07-211

MOTION BY GARDNER, SECONDED BY VANBELZEN, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #05-016-07 OPPOSING REDUCTIONS IN P.A. 2 (LIQUOR TAX) FUNDS. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

The Administrator provided the following informational items: 1) The Emergency Services Trailer previously awarded to Newaygo County by Region 6 Homeland Security will be placed elsewhere; 2) The 2008 Budget Timeline is forthcoming; 3) Additional budget cuts have been made to the Building Safety & Permits Department resulting in the elimination of another full-time position; 4) A first meeting of the Brownfield Authority Board to approve the by-laws is expected to occur within the next two months; 5) A preliminary meeting is scheduled to occur on Monday with the new Medical Examiner; and 6) Negotiations continue with the State of Michigan on the DHS (Department of Human Services) Building Lease and the mandated repairs.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Newaygo County Surveyor, Norman Ochs, expressed appreciation for the opportunity to attend an evening Board of Commission meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS/NIEBOER

07-212

MOTION BY NIEBOER, SECONDED BY TRAPP, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #05-015-07 SUPPORTING SENATE BILLS 410 AND 411 THAT WOULD PROVIDE A FUNDING SYSTEM FOR 9-1-1 OPERATIONS AS ORIGINALLY SUBMITTED. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

MISCELLANEOUS/BIRD

07-181-1

MOTION BY BIRD, SECONDED BY TRAPP, TO RESCIND MOTION #07-181, WHICH WAS TO APPROVE GIVING THE ADMINISTRATOR A 2% MERIT INCREASE BASED UPON HIS PERFORMANCE EVALUATION WITH THE INCREASE TO BE EFFECTIVE MAY 23, 2007. ROLL CALL VOTE: BIRD-AYE, TRAPP-AYE, NIEBOER-NAY, POWELL-NAY, VANBELZEN-NAY, GARDNER-NAY, WRIGHT-NAY. MOTION FAILED.

(Commissioner Bird requested the minutes reflect the reason for her vote on the previous motion is, "I do not agree with implementing a merit system in Newaygo County as a whole or for one position. A merit system is very difficult to quantify and implement fairly. The position of County Administrator was given a 3% raise effective January 1, 2007, along with many other County Officials. I believe giving this position an additional merit increase without a policy in place would set an unwarranted precedent and is inherently unfair to all other County employees.")

07-213

MOTION BY POWELL, SECONDED BY NIEBOER, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:05 P.M. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

LAUREL J. BREUKER
NEWAYGO COUNTY CLERK

ADAM WRIGHT, CHAIRMAN
NEWAYGO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MAY 17, 2007