



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

JANUARY 23, 2008

Meeting called to order by Vice Chairman Stanley Nieboer 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: Patrick Gardner; Stanley Nieboer; Daniel Powell;
Charles Trapp; Robert VanBelzen

ABSENT: Julia Bird (excused); Adam Wright (excused)

PUBLIC COMMENT: Circuit Court Director/Friend of the Court, Ward Staffeld, introduced Wendy Jarvis as his new Deputy Director.

08-036

MOTION BY POWELL, SECONDED BY VANBELZEN, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA OF JANUARY 23, 2008. AYES-5, ABSENT-BIRD AND WRIGHT. MOTION CARRIED.

08-037

MOTION BY VANBELZEN, SECONDED BY GARDNER, TO APPROVE THE BOARD OF COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 9, 2008. AYES-5, ABSENT-BIRD AND WRIGHT. MOTION CARRIED.

An update on the Michigan State University Extension 4-H Program was provided to the Board by 4-H Extension Educator, Sandy Risedorph. Also present with Ms. Risedorph were 4-H Volunteer, Curt Crandell, and 4-H Member, Melissa Boverhof. Ms. Risedorph expressed her appreciation for the Board's continuing support of the MSU Extension 4-H Program. The mission of the Michigan 4-H is to create non-formal, educational opportunities to help youth thrive in a complex and changing world. Studies indicate that the more than 6.5 million youths who participate in 4-H perform better in school, experience higher motivation in helping others, acquire a higher sense of self-esteem, and develop more lasting friendships. There are 41 registered 4-H clubs in Newaygo County with 309 direct adult volunteers and 812 indirect adult volunteers. 4-H Member, Melissa Boverhof, attends the 4-H Club in Ensley Center where she's involved in showing pigs, crafts and dogs at the fair. Melissa expressed her enjoyment in the many activities the 4-H Program has offered her. 4-H Volunteer, Curt Crandell, also serves on the 4-H Council and through his involvement in the 4-H community service program, assists in conducting food drives for NCCS (Newaygo County Community Services), making blankets and quilts for Bethany Christian Services, packing boxes for military servicemen

overseas, and assisting with the handicap riding program. Stephen Blann, CPA, CGFM, and Kristin Saper, CPA, of Rehmann Robson, appeared before the Board with a presentation on the 2007 Audit Report. Mr. Blann provided a brief overview of the Annual Financial Report, the single Audit Act Compliance, and the Rehmann Robson letter to the Board of Commissioners, which included comments and recommendations.

Friend of the Court, Ward Staffeld, appeared before the Board regarding the Friend of the Court Conciliation Plan. Following a brief history on conciliation, which started with the Clinton County Friend of the Court in 1986, Mr. Staffeld explained what the conciliation program actually involves and why he believes the program will be beneficial to the people of Newaygo County. Simply put, the program will eliminate unfair advantages of one parent over another in divorce actions involving minor children; thereby defining and addressing the best interests of the children in the community. Conciliation conferences would be required of the parents upon notification from the Friend of the Court Office following the filing of a divorce action and will ultimately result in the issuance of a Temporary Order in that action. Of course, concurrence and approval of the Circuit Court Chief Judge is required, together with coordination with Region 3 of the State Court Administrator's Office and receipt of authority via Court Order, prior to the creation and institution of this program. Mr. Staffeld's intention is to link departmental structural changes to the institution of the Conciliation Program; although changes to the Friend of the Court Administrator position will occur with or without the Conciliation Program.

COMMITTEE REPORT/FINANCE/POWELL

08-028

MOTION BY POWELL, SECONDED BY GARDNER, TO APPROVE THE DRAFT OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2007 AUDIT REPORT.

08-028-1

MOTION BY POWELL, SECONDED BY GARDNER, TO AMEND MOTION #08-028 BY REMOVING THE WORDS "THE DRAFT OF." AYES-5, ABSENT-BIRD AND WRIGHT. MOTION CARRIED.

VOTE ON MOTION #08-028, AS AMENDED:

TO APPROVE THE FISCAL YEAR 2007 AUDIT REPORT.
AYES-5, ABSENT-BIRD AND WRIGHT. MOTION CARRIED.

07-544

MOTION BY POWELL, SECONDED BY TRAPP, TO RENEW NEWAYGO COUNTY'S ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES TO WEST MICHIGAN SHORELINE REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (WMSRDC) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,925.98; MONEY TO COME FROM ACCOUNT NUMBER 101-7211-883 (WEST MICHIGAN SHORELINE REGIONAL-APPR-OTHER AGENCIES). AYES-5, ABSENT-BIRD AND WRIGHT. MOTION CARRIED.

08-025

MOTION BY POWELL, SECONDED BY VANBELZEN, TO APPROVE THE SEMI-MONTHLY DETAIL ANALYSIS DATED JANUARY 16, 2008, CHECK #41324 THROUGH CHECK #41521, FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$335,526.96. AYES-5, ABSENT-BIRD AND WRIGHT. MOTION CARRIED.

08-026

MOTION BY POWELL, SECONDED BY GARDNER, TO RATIFY THE DECEMBER 2007 MONTHLY CHECK REGISTER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,244,851.13. AYES-5, ABSENT-BIRD AND WRIGHT. MOTION CARRIED.

08-027

MOTION BY POWELL, SECONDED BY VANBELZEN, TO APPROVE THE NEWAYGO COUNTY BUDGET REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2007 WITH BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND TRANSFERS AS PRESENTED. AYES-5, ABSENT-BIRD AND WRIGHT. MOTION CARRIED.

08-029

MOTION BY POWELL, SECONDED BY TRAPP, TO APPROVE THE CASH TRANSFER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,455.59 FOR THE COUNTY'S SHARE OF THE DRAIN TAX AT LARGE WITH THE REMAINDER TO COME FROM THE NEWAYGO COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION. AYES-5, ABSENT-BIRD AND WRIGHT. MOTION CARRIED.

08-030

MOTION BY POWELL, SECONDED BY TRAPP, TO ALLOCATE THE CIGARETTE TAX FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OF 2008 (OCTOBER 1, 2007 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2008) AS FOLLOWS: \$16,308.71 TO DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT #10 AND \$6,795.29 TO THE NEWAYGO COUNTY JAIL. AYES-5, ABSENT-BIRD AND WRIGHT. MOTION CARRIED.

08-031

MOTION BY POWELL, SECONDED BY GARDNER, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #01-001-08 TO BORROW AGAINST ANTICIPATED DELINQUENT 2007 REAL PROPERTY TAXES. AYES-5, ABSENT-BIRD AND WRIGHT. MOTION CARRIED.

08-032

MOTION BY POWELL, SECONDED BY GARDNER, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #01-002-08 OF AGENCY PURSUANT TO SECTION 87c OF ACT 206. AYES-5, ABSENT-BIRD AND WRIGHT. MOTION CARRIED.

08-033

MOTION BY POWELL, SECONDED BY TRAPP, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #01-003-08 TO AMEND THE NEWAYGO COUNTY FINAL 911 SERVICE PLAN. AYES-5, ABSENT-BIRD AND WRIGHT. MOTION CARRIED.

08-034

MOTION BY POWELL, SECONDED BY VANBELZEN, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #01-004-08 ADOPTING A MONTHLY 911 SURCHARGE WITHIN NEWAYGO COUNTY. AYES-5, ABSENT-BIRD AND WRIGHT. MOTION CARRIED.

