



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

FEBRUARY 13, 2008

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

Prayer by Newaygo County Clerk, Laurel J. Breuker.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Commissioner VanBelzen.

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

08-049

MOTION BY VANBELZEN, SECONDED BY BIRD, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA OF
FEBRUARY 13, 2008.

08-049-1

MOTION BY GARDNER, SECONDED BY POWELL, TO AMEND MOTION #08-049 BY
ADDING A MOTION ON TAX ALLOCATION BOARD APPOINTMENT UNDER
MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORTS AND A MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION ON STATE
REVENUE SHARING UNDER MISCELLANEOUS. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

VOTE ON MOTION #08-049, AS AMENDED:

TO APPROVE THE AGENDA OF FEBRUARY 13, 2008, WITH THE
ADDITION OF A MOTION ON TAX ALLOCATION BOARD APPOINTMENT
UNDER MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORTS AND A MOTION FOR A
RESOLUTION ON STATE REVENUE SHARING UNDER MISCELLANEOUS.

AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

08-050

MOTION BY NIEBOER, SECONDED BY POWELL, TO APPROVE THE BOARD OF
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 23, 2008. AYES-ALL. MOTION
CARRIED.

Scott Alsgaard of WIRED West Michigan provided the Board with a presentation on the Work Keys program. The Work Keys Program is a basic skills assessment used to measure a student's ability to apply what they've learned in school to actual workplace examples. The program assists upcoming graduates in improving skills associated with the workforce by preparing students for success in the global economy. To that end, a new initiative, the National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC), has been launched on behalf of the students and was awarded beginning in the Spring of 2007. The certificate is intended to complement the high school diploma and is based on three skill areas that employers say are most needed: math, reading, and how to locate information. The certificate is also a local and

national credential. Earning an NCRC demonstrates a particular skill level and lets employers know a candidate is qualified for the job. According to Mr. Alsgaard, efforts are currently underway to obtain Governor approval and adopt the Work Keys Program as a state mandated credential.

COMMITTEE REPORT/FINANCE/POWELL

08-041-1

MOTION BY POWELL, SECONDED BY GARDNER, TO APPROVE THE REMODELING PROJECT AT THE DBH (DRAIN COMMISSIONER, BUILDING SAFETY & PERMITS AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT) BUILDING NOT TO EXCEED \$20,000.00, AND AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN ANY AND ALL OF THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

08-045

MOTION BY POWELL, SECONDED BY VANBELZEN, TO APPROVE THE SEMI-MONTHLY DETAIL ANALYSIS DATED FEBRUARY 6, 2008, CHECK #41767 THROUGH CHECK #41991, FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$395,441.64. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

08-046

MOTION BY POWELL, SECONDED BY TRAPP, TO AMEND SECTION 2-105 OF THE COUNTY OF NEWAYGO PURCHASING POLICY TO INCREASE THE THRESHOLD ON INDIVIDUAL PURCHASES MADE BY DEPARTMENT HEADS NOT REQUIRING THE AUTHORIZATION OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR FROM \$500.00 TO \$1,500.00. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

08-047

MOTION BY POWELL, SECONDED BY BIRD, TO APPROVE THE AMENDED LEASE BETWEEN CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY AND NEWAYGO COUNTY DATED JANUARY 1, 2008 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2028, FOR LAND USED BY HARDY DAM MARINA AND SANDY BEACH PARK, AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD TO SIGN ANY AND ALL OF THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORT/TAX ALLOCATION BOARD APPOINTMENT

08-051

MOTION BY NIEBOER, SECONDED BY VANBELZEN, TO APPOINT STANLEY DeKUIPER TO THE 2008 TAX ALLOCATION BOARD REPRESENTING THE PUBLIC. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT/LAKE - None.

MISCELLANEOUS/RESOLUTION REGARDING STATE REVENUE SHARING

08-052

MOTION BY BIRD, SECONDED BY TRAPP, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #02-005-08 REQUESTING THAT THE STATE LEGISLATION RESTORE STATE REVENUE SHARING. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

MISCELLANEOUS/GARDNER/WRIGHT - Reported on attendance at the MAC (Michigan Association of Counties) Conference in Lansing.

