



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

APRIL 23, 2008

Meeting called to order by Chairman Adam Wright at 9:31 A.M.

Prayer by Newaygo County Clerk, Laurel J. Breuker.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Commissioner Trapp.

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

ABSENT: Stanley Nieboer (excused)

CORRESPONDENCE: Newaygo County Clerk, Laurel J. Breuker, read correspondence received from West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission regarding a correction to the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. Ms. Breuker also read correspondence received from the Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan regarding the local match requirement for federal and State of Michigan funding.

08-144

MOTION BY POWELL, SECONDED BY GARDNER, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA OF APRIL 23, 2008. AYES-6, ABSENT-NIEBOER. MOTION CARRIED.

08-145

MOTION BY VANBELZEN, SECONDED BY TRAPP, TO APPROVE THE BOARD OF COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 9, 2008. AYES-6, ABSENT-NIEBOER. MOTION CARRIED.

08-146

MOTION BY POWELL, SECONDED BY GARDNER, TO APPROVE THE BOARD OF COMMISSION MEETING CLOSED SESSION MINUTES OF APRIL 9, 2008. AYES-6, ABSENT-NIEBOER. MOTION CARRIED.

Newaygo County Equalization Director, Mark Johnson, appeared for the Statutory Equalization Session and presented the 2008 Equalization Report for approval and adoption. The total County Equalized Value for 2008 is \$2,047,577,297, which represents a real property value of \$1,950,376,489, together with a personal property value of \$97,200,808. Mr. Johnson reported this is the first time Newaygo County's Equalized Value has exceeded \$2 billion.

08-147

MOTION BY POWELL, SECONDED BY BIRD, TO ADOPT THE 2008 NEWAYGO COUNTY EQUALIZATION REPORT AS SUBMITTED BY THE NEWAYGO COUNTY EQUALIZATION DEPARTMENT:

REAL PROPERTY	\$1,950,376,489
PERSONAL PROPERTY	97,200,808
EQUALIZED VALUE	<u>\$2,047,577,297</u>

AYES-6, ABSENT-NIEBOER. MOTION CARRIED.

A presentation on foreclosure prevention efforts in Newaygo County was provided by Mr. Lindsay Hager, Director of NCCS (Newaygo County Community Services) Center for Non-Profit Housing. Newaygo County Treasurer, Holly Moon, was also present. The NCCS Center for Non-Profit Housing (CNH) was established in 1994 and is committed to providing access to quality, affordable housing. CNH also offers housing education to adult clients and students in a variety of programs including, but not limited to, assisting families in danger of losing their homes through foreclosure. According to Mr. Hager, mortgage foreclosures recorded in the Newaygo County Register of Deeds' Office has increased from 161 in 2005 to 376 as of the end of March of 2008. The housing situation in Newaygo County is challenged by housing affordability as well as credit and debt difficulties of the homeowners. In conjunction with the County Treasurer on the tax foreclosure process, CNH has been able to work out arrangements whereby families going through the tax delinquent process can receive assistance through CNH to work out a payment plan. Ms. Moon also reported on her efforts in assisting individuals going through the tax foreclosure process and the coordination of efforts with the NCCS Center for Non-Profit Housing. Additional information regarding other agencies and resources available to Newaygo County homeowners facing tax foreclosure is provided by the County Treasurer's Office.

COMMITTEE REPORT/FINANCE/POWELL

08-129-1

MOTION BY POWELL, SECONDED BY VANBELZEN, TO APPROVE THE MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL RISK MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (MMRMA) RISK AVOIDANCE PROGRAM APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FOR TWO (2) TASERS FOR NEWAYGO COUNTY SECURITY OFFICERS. AYES-6, ABSENT-NIEBOER. MOTION CARRIED.

08-130-1

MOTION BY POWELL, SECONDED BY TRAPP, TO ACCEPT THE 2008 MARINE SAFETY PROGRAM GRANT AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZE THE SHERIFF TO SIGN ANY AND ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS. AYES-6, ABSENT-NIEBOER. MOTION CARRIED.

08-131-1

MOTION BY POWELL, SECONDED BY VANBELZEN, TO ACCEPT THE 2008 COOPERATIVE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGREEMENT FINANCIAL AND OPERATING PLAN WITH THE USDA FOREST SERVICE, HURON-MANISTEE NATIONAL FORESTS, AND AUTHORIZE THE BOARD CHAIR TO SIGN ANY AND ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS. AYES-6, ABSENT-NIEBOER. MOTION CARRIED.

08-132-1

MOTION BY POWELL, SECONDED BY GARDNER, TO ADOPT THE CITIZEN CORPS COUNCIL RESOLUTION #04-010-08 ESTABLISHING THE NEWAYGO COUNTY CITIZEN CORPS COUNCIL AS THE NEWAYGO COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING TEAM AND DISBANDING ANY PREVIOUSLY ESTABLISHED COUNCILS; AND AUTHORIZE THE NEWAYGO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSION CHAIRMAN TO SIGN ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTATION REGISTERING THE CITIZEN CORPS COUNCIL WITH THE STATE OF MICHIGAN. AYES-6, ABSENT-NIEBOER. MOTION CARRIED.

08-133-1

MOTION BY POWELL, SECONDED BY TRAPP, TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD CHAIRMAN TO APPOINT AN AMBULANCE COMMITTEE TO ADDRESS ISSUES WITH AMBULANCE FUNDING. AYES-6, ABSENT-NIEBOER. MOTION CARRIED.

08-137

MOTION BY POWELL, SECONDED BY GARDNER, TO APPROVE THE SEMI-MONTHLY DETAIL ANALYSIS DATED APRIL 16, 2008, CHECK #43410 THROUGH CHECK #43601, FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$271,130.63. AYES-6, ABSENT-NIEBOER. MOTION CARRIED.

08-138

MOTION BY POWELL, SECONDED BY BIRD, TO RATIFY THE MARCH 2008 MONTHLY CHECK REGISTER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,053,186.36. AYES-6, ABSENT-NIEBOER. MOTION CARRIED.

08-139

MOTION BY POWELL, SECONDED BY TRAPP, TO APPROVE THE NEWAYGO COUNTY BUDGET REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2008, WITH BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND TRANSFERS AS PRESENTED. AYES-6, ABSENT-NIEBOER. MOTION CARRIED.

08-140

MOTION BY POWELL, SECONDED BY TRAPP, TO APPROVE MILEAGE RATE REIMBURSEMENT FOR BUSINESS USE OF AN AUTOMOBILE FROM \$.445 TO \$.505 PER MILE (INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE STANDARD MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT RATE) FOR REIMBURSABLE MILEAGE OCCURRING AFTER APRIL 30, 2008, FOR ALL COUNTY DEPARTMENTS. DEPARTMENTAL BUDGETS WILL NOT BE AMENDED; THEREFORE, THIS INCREASE MUST COME FROM OTHER SOURCES WITHIN THE DEPARTMENTAL BUDGETS. AYES-6, ABSENT-NIEBOER. MOTION CARRIED.

08-141

MOTION BY POWELL, SECONDED BY VANBELZEN, TO APPROVE THE CLINICAL JAIL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NEWAYGO AND NEWAYGO COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH FOR THE TERM OF OCTOBER 1, 2007 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2008, AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD AND THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN ANY AND ALL OF THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS. AYES-6, ABSENT-NIEBOER. MOTION CARRIED.

08-142

MOTION BY POWELL, SECONDED BY TRAPP, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #04-011-08 AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF THE SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' RELIEF FUND

BALLOT LANGUAGE AND DIRECT THE CLERK TO PLACE IT ON THE AUGUST PRIMARY BALLOT. AYES-6, ABSENT-NIEBOER. MOTION CARRIED.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORT/POWELL - Attended the Tax Allocation Board organizational meeting on Monday; review hearings are scheduled to occur May 7th at 6:00 P.M.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT/LAKE - Mr. Lake provided the following informational items: 1) A draft preliminary budget timeline is expected to be presented to the Finance and Board Chairs for approval; 2) Citizens Insurance, the County's Workers' Compensation carrier/underwriter, was at the County on March 24th for a loss prevention service; and 3) Mental Health has declined a portion of grant dollars from Mid-South Substance Abuse Commission due to a change in requirements.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Newaygo County employee/Bridgeton Township Supervisor, Richard Kooistra, spoke on foreclosure effects on home sales. Mr. Kooistra also provided the Board with handouts relating to a possible incompatibility issue and a 60-day leave of absence issue. Commission on Aging Director, Flora Sermon, thanked the Board on behalf of the Commission on Aging volunteers regarding the increase in the mileage reimbursement. Newaygo County Treasurer, Holly Moon, indicated that information on foreclosure in the Treasurer's Office is available for distribution.

MISCELLANEOUS/VANBELZEN - A Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon at the Commission on Aging is scheduled to occur on Friday.

MISCELLANEOUS/GARDNER - A Jail Expansion Committee meeting is scheduled to occur on Friday.

08-148

MOTION BY POWELL, SECONDED BY VANBELZEN, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 10:25 A.M. AYES-6, ABSENT-NIEBOER. MOTION CARRIED.

/s/
LAUREL J. BREUKER
NEWAYGO COUNTY CLERK

/s/
ADAM WRIGHT, CHAIRMAN
NEWAYGO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

APRIL 30, 2008