



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

MAY 14, 2008

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 Nieboer.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Lavern Willett addressed the Board on his opposition to the contents of the Employment Agreement with the Administrator.

08-164

MOTION BY POWELL, SECONDED BY VANBELZEN, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA OF MAY 14, 2008, TO INCLUDE FOUR ADDITIONAL MOTIONS. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

08-165

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

An update was provided by Ryan Coffey, Michigan State University Extension Land Use Educator in Newaygo County. By way of background, the Land Use Educator position is funded through a partnership between Newaygo County, Fremont Area Community Foundation, and Michigan State University Extension. The position is funded by the Foundation and the County in amounts approximating \$34,000.00 each per year to cover salary and benefits. This position provides technical assistance, grant writing for the various townships and cities including the county, and GIS analysis. In the three years since Mr. Coffey has taken this position, he has raised nearly \$500,000.00 in grant dollars for projects throughout the county. The majority of Mr. Coffey's time is land use education with the local communities on planning and zoning in updating land use/master plans and ordinances.

COMMITTEE REPORT/FINANCE/POWELL

08-151-1

MOTION BY POWELL, SECONDED BY GARDNER, TO ACCEPT THE GRANT THROUGH THE CLEAN VESSEL ACT FOR A NEW PUMP AT HARDY MARINA IN AN AMOUNT UP TO \$7,650.00 AT 75% OF THE COST; AND AUTHORIZE THE PARKS DIRECTOR TO SIGN ANY AND ALL OF THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

08-155

MOTION BY POWELL, SECONDED BY VANBELZEN, TO APPROVE THE SEMI-MONTHLY DETAIL ANALYSIS DATED MAY 7, 2008, CHECK #43898 THROUGH CHECK #44144, FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$433,441.03. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

08-156

MOTION BY POWELL, SECONDED BY TRAPP, TO ADOPT THE 2008-2009 COUNTY OF NEWAYGO BUDGET CALENDAR. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

08-157

MOTION BY POWELL, SECONDED BY BIRD, TO APPROVE THE SUBMISSION OF THE FY 2009 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.

08-158

MOTION BY POWELL, SECONDED BY GARDNER, TO RENEW NEWAYGO COUNTY'S CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP WITH NEWAYGO COUNTY RECYCLING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$300.00; MONEY TO COME FROM 101-101-957 (BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS - SUBSCRIPTION & DUES). AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

08-159

MOTION BY POWELL, SECONDED BY TRAPP, TO APPROVE THE 2008 - 2011 EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT FOR COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, TOBI G. LAKE.

08-159-1

MOTION BY POWELL, SECONDED BY VANBELZEN, TO POSTPONE MOTION #08-159. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

08-160

MOTION BY POWELL, SECONDED BY NIEBOER, TO ALLOCATE FUNDS TO MOVE FORWARD WITH PRELIMINARY JAIL EXPANSION DESIGN INCLUDING COST ESTIMATES NOT TO EXCEED \$25,000.00.

08-160-2

MOTION BY POWELL, SECONDED BY NIEBOER, TO AMEND MOTION #08-160 TO INCLUDE, "MONEY TO COME FROM 120-901-975 (SPECIAL PROJECTS - CAPITAL OUTLAY - BUILDING, NEW, ADDITIONS, IMPROVEMENTS)." AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

VOTE ON MOTION #08-160, AS AMENDED:

TO ALLOCATE FUNDS TO MOVE FORWARD WITH PRELIMINARY JAIL EXPANSION DESIGN INCLUDING COST ESTIMATES NOT TO EXCEED \$25,000.00; MONEY TO COME FROM 120-901-975 (SPECIAL PROJECTS - CAPITAL OUTLAY - BUILDING, NEW, ADDITIONS, IMPROVEMENTS).

AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

08-161

MOTION BY POWELL, SECONDED BY GARDNER, TO APPROVE A MATCHING GRANT WITH THE FREMONT AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR UP TO \$25,000.00 FOR

THE NEWAYGO COUNTY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM; COUNTY PORTION TO BE PAID THROUGH IN KIND AND FUND RAISERS BY VARIOUS LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS; COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR AND BOARD CHAIRMAN TO SIGN ANY AND ALL OF THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

08-162

MOTION BY POWELL, SECONDED BY TRAPP, TO APPROVE THE POLICY FOR EMPLOYEES RUNNING FOR ELECTED COUNTY OFFICE.

08-162-1

MOTION BY BIRD, SECONDED BY VANBELZEN, TO AMEND MOTION #08-162 TO ADD, "EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2009." ROLL CALL VOTE: POWELL-NAY, NIEBOER-NAY, VANBELZEN-AYE, GARDNER-NAY, TRAPP-AYE, BIRD-AYE, WRIGHT-NAY. MOTION FAILED.

VOTE ON MOTION #08-162: AYES-6, NAY-BIRD. MOTION CARRIED.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORT/WRIGHT - Attended a Workers' Compensation Committee meeting; was appointed to the Dividends Committee.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT/LAKE - Informational items provided by the Administrator included: 1) Participated in the Brownfield Authority Exhibitors Forum in Detroit last week; 2) The Brownfield Authority Board approved an intergovernmental agreement and letter of understanding for approval by the City of Newaygo at its last meeting; 3) Attended a Labor Law training with additional Administrative staff; 4) The next edition of the County Newsletter has been completed; and 5) Requests for Qualifications on the Jail Expansion Project are expected to go out with a deadline of May 30th.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Lavern Willett reiterated his previous comments on the Administrator's Employment Agreement. Small business owner, Cheryl Billings, also commented on her opposition to the Administrator's Employment Agreement.

MISCELLANEOUS/POWELL

08-166

MOTION BY POWELL, SECONDED BY VANBELZEN, TO RESCHEDULE THE 9:30 A.M. JUNE 4TH FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING TO 1:00 P.M. THAT SAME DAY. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

MISCELLANEOUS/BIRD

08-167

MOTION BY BIRD, SECONDED BY TRAPP, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #05-013-08 TO INCLUDE THE BALLOT LANGUAGE FOR THE SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' RELIEF FUND TO READ "FOR THE YEAR 2008 AND CONTINUING THROUGH THE YEAR 2017. . ." AND DIRECT THE CLERK TO MAKE THE CORRECTION ON THE AUGUST PRIMARY BALLOT. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

