



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

JUNE 11, 2008

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: James Maike, Jr., President of the White Cloud Area Chamber of Commerce, reported on summer activities occurring in White Cloud.

08-216

MOTION BY POWELL, SECONDED BY VANBELZEN, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA OF JUNE 11, 2008. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

08-217

MOTION BY NIEBOER, SECONDED BY TRAPP, TO APPROVE THE BOARD OF COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 28, 2008. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

INTERVIEWS - Applicants were interviewed for appointment to the Veterans' Affairs Committee and the Brownfield Authority Board.

PRESENTATION/JUNE 3<sup>RD</sup> DISASTER EXERCISE/MAREK - Emergency Services Director, Abby Marek, reported on the two-day exercise focusing on the failure of the Hardy and Croton Dams. The purpose of this collaborative exercise involving Consumers Energy, the National Weather Service, Region 6 Homeland Security Governing Board, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and local first responders, among others, was to ensure adequate response in the event of the catastrophic failure of the dams. Goals and objectives included, but were not limited to, door to door contact with 806 homes in the evacuation areas, disseminating informational packets to residents, identifying homebound residents, utilizing regional mutual aid in an attempt to test the Regional Response Plan and Mutual Aid Agreements, and testing community alert and notification systems. Incident Command corrective measures were identified and specifically include the need for additional 800 mega hertz radios, volunteer training through the Citizens Emergency Response Team, the establishment of more adequate information sharing capabilities from

the Emergency Operations Center to the Incident Command System, as well as improvements in utilization of the CityWatch System.

COMMITTEE REPORT/PHYSICAL & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/GARDNER - None.

COMMITTEE REPORT/FINANCE/POWELL

08-174-1

MOTION BY POWELL, SECONDED BY VANBELZEN, TO APPROVE AN INITIAL ALLOCATION OF \$5,000.00 TO ESTABLISH THE SILENT OBSERVER PROGRAM WHICH WILL BE ACCOUNTED FOR WITHIN FUND 2072 - LAW ENFORCEMENT FUND; MONEY TO COME FROM THE GENERAL FUND - FUND BALANCE. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

08-197-1

MOTION BY POWELL, SECONDED BY GARDNER, TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING CHANGE TO THE BUILDING SAFETY AND PERMITS DEPARTMENT MANNING TABLE:

JOB TITLE: CHIEF BUILDING OFFICIAL  
POSITION NUMBER: 3710001  
PAY GRADE: 09  
FTE: ~~1.00~~ .80  
EMPLOYMENT STATUS: ~~FULL-TIME~~ REGULAR PART-TIME  
EXPIRATION DATE: N/A  
AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED

08-198-1

MOTION BY POWELL, SECONDED BY TRAPP, TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING CHANGE TO THE EQUALIZATION DEPARTMENT MANNING TABLE STARTING JULY 1, 2008:

JOB TITLE: SECRETARY  
POSITION NUMBER: 2570004  
PAY GRADE: 04  
FTE: ~~.50~~ 1.00  
EMPLOYMENT STATUS: ~~PART-TIME~~ FULL-TIME  
EXPIRATION DATE: N/A  
AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

08-202

MOTION BY POWELL, SECONDED BY VANBELZEN, TO APPROVE THE SEMI-MONTHLY DETAIL ANALYSIS DATED JUNE 4, 2008, CHECK #44635 THROUGH CHECK #44816, FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$203,105.57. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

08-203

MOTION BY POWELL, SECONDED BY TRAPP, TO APPROVE THE 2008 TAX RATE REQUEST (L-4029) FOR THE COUNTY OF NEWAYGO. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

08-204

MOTION BY POWELL, SECONDED BY BIRD, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #06-018-08 AUTHORIZING NEWAYGO COUNTY TO LEVY AND COLLECT COUNTY ALLOCATED PROPERTY TAXES. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC SAFETY/JUDICIAL/NIEBOER - Due to the upcoming retirement of the current Central Dispatch Director, a 60-day timeline has been established outlining the process for choosing a new Central Dispatch Director.

HEALTH EDUCATION & HUMAN SERVICES/BIRD - None.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORT - None.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT/LAKE - The Administrator provided the following informational items: 1) Attorney Doug Hughes has reported that the County and the Village of Hesperia were victorious in the binding arbitration suit against an engineer providing services through the Village and the County Board of Public Works; 2) Notice of Intent to request release of federal funds for the Community Development Block Grant Program has been published; and 3) The preliminary 2008-2009 budgets are expected to be out to department heads early next week.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Veterans' Affairs Committee Chair, Sean Torongeau, addressed the Board and requested County Support on the need for an outpatient facility in Newaygo County for veterans. Lavern Willett reported receipt of information he previously requested.

MISCELLANEOUS/TRAPP - The Household Hazardous Waste Collection occurred last week; approximately 83 appointments were made and 12,000 pounds of hazardous waste collected.

MISCELLANEOUS/WRIGHT - The American Cancer Society Relay for Life occurred Saturday; special recognition goes out to county employees/team captains, Angela Cline and Shellie Perigo, for their participation and assistance in this event.

08-218

MOTION BY POWELL, SECONDED BY NIEBOER, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:38 P.M. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

          /Laurel J. Breuker/  
LAUREL J. BREUKER  
NEWAYGO COUNTY CLERK

          /Adam Wright/  
ADAM WRIGHT, CHAIRMAN  
NEWAYGO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

JUNE 19, 2008