



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

SEPTEMBER 24, 2008

Meeting called to order by Chairman Adam Wright at 9:35 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; Stanley Nieboer; Daniel Powell; Charles Trapp; Robert VanBelzen; Adam Wright

CORRESPONDENCE: Newaygo County Clerk, Laurel J. Breuker, read correspondence from Peter C. LeFavour tendering his resignation from the Brownfield Authority Board.

08-382

MOTION BY POWELL, SECONDED BY VANBELZEN, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2008. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

08-383

MOTION BY VANBELZEN, SECONDED BY NIEBOER, TO APPROVE THE BOARD OF COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2008. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

08-384

MOTION BY POWELL, SECONDED BY GARDNER, TO APPROVE THE BOARD OF COMMISSION CLOSED SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2008. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

APPOINTMENTS/COMMISSION ON AGING

08-385

MOTION BY POWELL, SECONDED BY GARDNER, TO PLACE THE NAMES OF MELISSA HIGGINS, LOIS MADDOX, MARILYN SNELL, AND JUNE SQUIRES IN NOMINATION FOR THE COMMISSION ON AGING BOARD; TWO (2) THREE-YEAR TERMS EXPIRING SEPTEMBER 30, 2011. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

VANBELZEN		MADDOX		SNELL	
TRAPP		MADDOX		SNELL	
GARDNER	HIGGINS				SQUIRES
NIEBOER		MADDOX		SNELL	
POWELL	HIGGINS				SQUIRES
BIRD		MADDOX		SNELL	
WRIGHT	HIGGINS				SQUIRES

Lois M. Maddox and Marilyn Snell are duly appointed to the Commission on Aging Board; two (2) three-year terms expiring September 30, 2011.

08-386

MOTION BY BIRD, SECONDED BY NIEBOER, TO PLACE THE NAMES OF MELISSA HIGGINS AND JUNE M. SQUIRES IN NOMINATION FOR THE COMMISSION ON AGING BOARD; ONE (1) PARTIAL TERM EXPIRING SEPTEMBER 30, 2010. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

TRAPP	HIGGINS	
VANBELZEN	HIGGINS	
GARDNER	HIGGINS	
POWELL	HIGGINS	
BIRD	HIGGINS	
NIEBOER	HIGGINS	
WRIGHT		SQUIRES

Melissa Higgins is duly appointed to the Commission on Aging Board; one (1) partial term expiring September 30, 2010.

PUBLIC HEARING/APPLICATION TO ESTABLISH AN AGRICULTURAL RENAISSANCE ZONE - Chairman Wright declared the Public Hearing on the Application to Establish an Agricultural Renaissance Zone open at 9:43 A.M. Prior to Public Comment, Chairman Wright requested Andy Lofgren of Newaygo County Economic Development Office (NCEDO); Bill Kratz of Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC); Todd Blake, Interim Manager for the City of Fremont; and Dave Porter, Plant Manager at Gerber Products to provide a presentation with background information on the establishment of this Agricultural Renaissance Zone. This designation will allow for the elimination of taxes for Gerber Products, except voted bond debt, for the next 10 to 15 years. The 15 year application has certain capital investment, job retention, and job creation benchmarks which must be achieved over the life of the designation. The conditions for maintaining the Agricultural Renaissance Zone designation require that Gerber Products retain its current 1,100 jobs, create 200 additional jobs, and invest a minimum of \$75 million of net new capital investment beginning in January 2009 through the end of December 2017, which will allow the designation to be in place for 15 years. If the economic thresholds are not achieved, the designation could be reduced to 10 years. Failure to meet the requirements could enable the city, county and state to collect five years of back taxes. The overall estimated value of this incentive package to Gerber Products totals approximately \$43 million assuming a 15 year term. Commission members were given the opportunity for questions and comments. The Chairman then opened the hearing for Public Comment. No Public Comment was received. The Public Hearing was declared closed by Chairman Wright at 10:08 A.M.

08-377

MOTION BY POWELL, SECONDED BY BIRD, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #09-026-08 AUTHORIZING NEWAYGO COUNTY'S APPLICATION TO DEVELOP AN AGRICULTURAL RENAISSANCE ZONE, AND AUTHORIZE THE BOARD CHAIR TO SIGN ANY AND ALL OF THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS. ROLL CALL VOTE: POWELL-AYE, GARDNER-AYE, TRAPP-AYE, BIRD-AYE, VANBELZEN-AYE, NIEBOER-AYE, WRIGHT-AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

08-378

MOTION BY POWELL, SECONDED BY GARDNER, TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NEWAYGO AND GERBER PRODUCTS COMPANY, AND AUTHORIZE THE BOARD CHAIRMAN TO SIGN ANY AND ALL OF THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS. ROLL CALL VOTE: GARDNER-AYE, BIRD-AYE, NIEBOER-AYE, VANBELZEN-AYE, TRAPP-AYE, POWELL-AYE, WRIGHT-AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMITTEE REPORT/PUBLIC SAFETY/JUDICIAL/NIEBOER - None.

COMMITTEE REPORT/HEALTH EDUCATION & HUMAN SERVICES/BIRD - A special Health, Education & Human Services Meeting was held on September 17th with retirees regarding retiree health insurance options.

COMMITTEE REPORT/FINANCE/POWELL

08-342

MOTION BY POWELL, SECONDED BY BIRD, TO APPROVE PAYMENT TO MID SOUTH SUBSTANCE ABUSE COMMISSION FOR THE 2007 P.A. 2 OF 1986 "LIQUOR TAX" FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$29,485.50 FROM 101-631-8359 (GENERAL FUND - SUBSTANCE ABUSE INTERNATIONAL - APPROPRIATION TO OTHER AGENCIES).

08-342-2

MOTION BY VANBELZEN, SECONDED BY POWELL, TO POSTPONE MOTION #08-342 UNTIL THE OCTOBER 8, 2008 BOARD OF COMMISSION MEETING. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

08-350-1

MOTION BY POWELL, SECONDED BY VANBELZEN, TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NEWAYGO COUNTY JAIL AND NEWAYGO COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH FOR THE TERM OF OCTOBER 1, 2008 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2010, NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000.00 ANNUALLY, AND AUTHORIZE THE JAIL ADMINISTRATOR, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, AND BOARD CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

08-351-1

MOTION BY POWELL, SECONDED BY NIEBOER, TO APPROVE THE ELECTRONIC CRASH CAPTURE LETTER OF INTEREST, AND AUTHORIZE THE UNDERSHERIFF TO ELECTRONICALLY SUBMIT THE APPLICATION. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

08-352-1

MOTION BY POWELL, SECONDED BY VANBELZEN, TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN NEWAYGO COUNTY PROBATE COURT AND CLARK T. JOHNSON FOR THE TERM OF OCTOBER 1, 2008 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2009, IN THE AMOUNT OF

\$17,900.00 ANNUALLY TO PROVIDE GUARDIAN AD LITEM FOR PROBATE COURT.
AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

08-353-1

MOTION BY POWELL, SECONDED BY NIEBOER, TO APPROVE THE NEWAYGO COUNTY PROBATE COURT PUBLIC DEFENDER AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NEWAYGO COUNTY PROBATE COURT AND THE LAW FIRMS OF MARK R. SCHROPP AND DAVID JAUNESE FOR THE TERM OF OCTOBER 1, 2008 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2009, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,775.00 PER FIRM. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

08-354-1

MOTION BY POWELL, SECONDED BY TRAPP, TO APPROVE THE LIFE EMS AMBULANCE SERVICE AGREEMENT, AND AUTHORIZE THE BOARD CHAIRMAN TO SIGN ANY AND ALL OF THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

08-355-1

MOTION BY POWELL, SECONDED BY GARDNER, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #09-024-08 SUPPORTING HOUSE BILL 5398, AND AUTHORIZE THE BOARD CHAIRMAN TO SIGN ANY AND ALL OF THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

08-359-1

MOTION BY POWELL, SECONDED BY TRAPP, TO ACCEPT THE MDOT PROJECT AUTHORIZATION 2007-0266/Z4 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$32,410.00 FOR FY 2009 SPECIALIZED SERVICES OPERATING ASSISTANCE FOR THE COMMISSION ON AGING'S BUS TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM, AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD TO SIGN ANY AND ALL OF THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

08-360-1

MOTION BY POWELL, SECONDED BY BIRD, TO ACCEPT THE FY 2009 OLDER AMERICAN ACT CONTRACT 51.78-3 FROM THE AREA AGENCY ON AGING OF WESTERN MICHIGAN FOR \$124,970.00 FOR THE COMMISSION ON AGING'S ADULT DAY, HOMEMAKER, HOMEMAKER RESPITE, VOLUNTEER MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION, AND SENIOR CENTER STAFFING PROGRAMS, AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD TO SIGN ANY AND ALL OF THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

08-361-1

MOTION BY POWELL, SECONDED BY VANBELZEN, TO APPROVE THE SUBMISSION OF THE COA SENIOR SERVICES GRANT PROPOSAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$281,000.00 FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2009 TO THE FREMONT AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD AND THE COMMISSION ON AGING DIRECTOR TO SIGN ANY AND ALL OF THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

08-371

MOTION BY POWELL, SECONDED BY GARDNER, TO APPROVE THE SEMI-MONTHLY DETAIL ANALYSIS DATED SEPTEMBER 17, 2008, CHECK #47205 THROUGH CHECK #47398, FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$165,361.59. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

08-372

MOTION BY POWELL, SECONDED BY TRAPP, TO RATIFY THE AUGUST 2008 MONTHLY CHECK REGISTER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,941,045.65. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

08-373

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

08-374

MOTION BY POWELL, SECONDED BY GARDNER, TO APPROVE PAYMENT FOR FLU SHOTS FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES AND ALSO OFFER FLU SHOTS TO NEWAYGO COUNTY RETIREES UNDER THE COUNTY'S HEALTH PLAN AT 50% OF THE COST, AT AN ESTIMATED COST OF \$2,500.00; MONEY TO COME FROM 677-859-96571 (HEALTH & WELLNESS FUND - EMPLOYEE HOSPITAL INSURANCE - CLAIMS-MEDICAL). AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

08-375

MOTION BY POWELL, SECONDED BY TRAPP, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #09-025-08 OPPOSING HOUSE BILL 6112, AND AUTHORIZE THE BOARD CHAIRMAN TO SIGN ANY AND ALL OF THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS. AYES-6, NAY-NIEBOER. MOTION CARRIED.

08-376

MOTION BY POWELL, SECONDED BY BIRD, TO ACCEPT THE FY 2008 NUTRITION CONTRACT AMENDMENT FROM THE AREA AGENCY ON AGING OF WESTERN MICHIGAN FOR AN ADDITIONAL \$162.00 FOR THE COMMISSION ON AGING'S MEAL PROGRAMS, AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD TO SIGN ANY AND ALL OF THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORT/GARDNER - The Physical & Economic Development Committee meeting scheduled for today has been cancelled.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORT/WRIGHT - Attended the Local Emergency Planning Team Meeting; discussion surrounded emergency management officials attendance at the recent public information and media training seminar as well as upcoming emergency exercises involving the five functions of the Emergency Operations Center.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT/LAKE - None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Lavern Willett of Newaygo County News addressed the Board on issues relating to PRIDE and financial gain of commissioners during terms of office.

MISCELLANEOUS/POWELL - Expects to address retiree health insurance benefits for unclassified employees, department heads, and elected officials in the immediate future.

