



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

AUGUST 12, 2009

Meeting called to order by Chairman Adam Wright at 9:33 A.M.

Prayer by Newaygo County Clerk, Laurel J. Breuker.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Commissioner Trapp.

PRESENT: Patrick Gardner; Barbara Geno; James Maike, Jr.; Stanley Nieboer; Simon Scholtens; Charles Trapp; Adam Wright

CORRESPONDENCE: Newaygo County Clerk, Laurel J. Breuker, reported receipt of correspondence addressed to the Board of Commissioners from the Michigan Association of Counties expressing appreciation for the Board's resolution supporting HB 5017, HB 5018, HB 5088, and HB 5089. Ms. Breuker also read correspondence addressed to the Board and received from Sean Torongeau tendering his resignation from the Newaygo County Veterans' Affairs Committee effective August 6, 2009, as well as correspondence received from the Newaygo County Veterans' Affairs Committee members requesting the Board consider their recommendation for appointment to the vacancy this resignation creates.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Newaygo County Treasurer, Holly Moon, introduced Samantha Fowle, who has been interning in the Treasurer's Office through a grant from NC RESA and the Fremont Area Community Foundation.

09-361

MOTION BY MAIKE, SECONDED BY NIEBOER, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA OF AUGUST 12, 2009. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

09-362

MOTION BY NIEBOER, SECONDED BY TRAPP, TO APPROVE THE BOARD OF COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 22, 2009. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

09-363

MOTION BY TRAPP, SECONDED BY NIEBOER, TO APPROVE THE BOARD OF COMMISSION CLOSED SESSION MINUTES OF JULY 22, 2009. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

INTERVIEWS/LIBRARY BOARD - Applicant, Janet Westfield, was interviewed for appointment to the Library Board.

PRESENTATION/COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PROTECTION PLAN - Zone Communications Center Manager for the National Forest Service, Paul Forrest, made a presentation to the Board on the Community Wildfire Protection Plan. Mr. Forrest has been approached by Abby Marek and Dan Dowdy of the Emergency Services Department regarding the establishment of a Community Wildfire Protection Plan in Newaygo County. Many of these plans have been established throughout the country since inception in 2003. To date, Lake County is the only county in Michigan close to completing a Community Wildfire Protection Plan. This plan identifies potential problem areas in the event of a fire, and especially a catastrophic fire event. The minimum requirements for establishing a Community Wildfire Protection Plan include: 1) collaboration and sharing of crucial information with surrounding local and state government representatives, including consultation with federal agencies and other interested parties; 2) identifying and prioritizing areas for hazardous fuel reduction treatments with recommendations for types and methods of protection; and 3) recommending measures to homeowners and communities to reduce the fire hazards to structures throughout the areas addressed by the plan. Emergency Services Director, Abby Marek, reported grant funding has been received through the Department of Natural Resources; the Plan still requires signatures by local fire departments and the Board of Commission.

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

COMMITTEE REPORT/FINANCE/GARDNER

09-335-1

MOTION BY GARDNER, SECONDED BY NIEBOER, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #07-021-09 ACCEPTING THE PROJECT AGREEMENT WITH THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR THE NEWAYGO COUNTY PARKS COMMISSION TO MAKE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AT SANDY BEACH CAMPGROUND AND COMMITTING \$90,000.00 AS A LOCAL MATCH. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

09-351-1

MOTION BY GARDNER, SECONDED BY TRAPP, TO AUTHORIZE THE ADMINISTRATOR AND EQUALIZATION DIRECTOR TO AMEND THE EXISTING 28 AGREEMENTS WITH THE LOCAL UNITS OF GOVERNMENT FOR MAINTENANCE OF TAX AND ASSESSMENT RECORDS TO INCLUDE LANGUAGE PROVIDING FOR AN ANNUAL 2% INCREASE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2010. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

09-355

MOTION BY GARDNER, SECONDED BY SCHOLTENS, TO APPROVE THE SEMI-MONTHLY DETAIL ANALYSIS DATED AUGUST 5, 2009, CHECK #54872 THROUGH CHECK #55105, FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$349,484.93. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

09-356

MOTION BY GARDNER, SECONDED BY MAIKE, TO SEND A LETTER OF INTENT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES REQUESTING 15% "STATE PAYMENT" OF THE NATIONAL FOREST REVENUES PASS-THROUGH PROGRAM FUNDS FOR TITLE III

PROJECTS, AND AUTHORIZE THE BOARD CHAIRMAN TO SIGN ANY AND ALL OF THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

09-357

MOTION BY GARDNER, SECONDED BY TRAPP, TO ACCEPT GRANT AWARD #2009-SB-B9-1908 FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FOR THE FY2009 RECOVERY ACT JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM, AND AUTHORIZE THE BOARD CHAIR TO SIGN ANY AND ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

09-358

MOTION BY GARDNER, SECONDED BY MAIKE, TO ACCEPT GRANT CONTRACT #20090401 FROM THE FREMONT AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR \$5,000.00 TO FUND REWARDS FOR INFORMATION USED TO SOLVE CRIMES, AND AUTHORIZE THE BOARD CHAIR AND THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN ANY AND ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

09-359

MOTION BY GARDNER, SECONDED BY TRAPP, TO APPROVE THE REVISED DESIGN OF THE JAIL EXPANSION PROJECT, WHICH INCLUDES THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND JAIL ADMINISTRATION, AS PRESENTED BY LANDMARK DESIGN DATED JULY 27, 2009. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORT/MAIKE - Attended the West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission meeting at the Starting Block in Hart. Also attended the MAC (Michigan Association of Counties) Transportation meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORT/SCHOLTENS - Attended the District #10 Health Department meeting. Also attended the Michigan Works! West Central meeting; the unemployment rate in Newaygo County for June 2009 is 15.3%.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORT/GARDNER - Reported on the boat dock improvement project at Sandy Beach.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORT/TRAPP - Reported on attendance at a Disability Connection meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORT/GENO - Attended the West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission meeting with Commissioner Maike.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORT/WRIGHT - Also reported on the students working on the boat dock improvement project at Sandy Beach.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT/LAKE - The Administrator reported the following informational items:

- The County's bond rating has been increased to AA-;
- HUD has notified that the CDBG Funds for Community Development have been increased by 25% translating into approximately \$282,000.00 from \$226,000.00; and
- Provided the Board with a budget update indicating nearly \$62,000,000.00 for this fiscal year, which includes the Jail Expansion Construction Fund.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Newaygo County Treasurer, Holly Moon, reported a successful sale of foreclosed properties on July 23, 2009. The next sale is scheduled to occur on September 1st.

MISCELLANEOUS/NIEBOER - Issued comments regarding continuation of service and budget status of the County.

MISCELLANEOUS/GARDNER - The Park Department reconstruction and funding will add 22 new camp sites with full hookup; six with allow ADA (American Disability Act) accessibility. A picnic shelter with ADA walkway and ADA compliant courtesy pier are also being added.

MISCELLANEOUS/MAIKE - Work continues with the Sheriff, Undersheriff and Michigan Association of Counties on the LEIN fees issue.

09-364

MOTION BY SCHOLTENS, SECONDED BY NIEBOER, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 10:25 A.M. AYES-ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

Laurel J. Breuker
LAUREL J. BREUKER
NEWAYGO COUNTY CLERK

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

AUGUST 17, 2009