



Newaygo County Board of Commissioners

MINUTES

March 24, 2021

9:30 A.M.

CALL TO ORDER, PRAYER, & PLEDGE	Meeting called to order by Chairperson Bryan Kolk, at 9:30 a.m., with Prayer by Newaygo County Clerk, Jason VanderStelt, and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Commissioner Brenda Bird.
COMMISSIONERS PRESENT	Burt Cooper, Ken DeLaat, Charles Trapp, Mike Kruihoff, Brenda Bird, James Maike, Bryan Kolk
AGENDA - MOTION NUMBER	21-115
	Motion by Charles Trapp, second by Burt Cooper, to approve the agenda for March 24, 2021. Ayes – Burt Cooper, Ken DeLaat, Brenda Bird, Charles Trapp, Mike Kruihoff, James Maike, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Motion carried.
PUBLIC COMMENT	None
CONSENT AGENDA MOTION NO.	21-116
	Motion by James Maike, second by Mike Kruihoff, to approve the Consent Agenda dated March 24, 2021 including: the regular meeting minutes dated March 10, 2021; the Semi-Monthly Detail Analysis and Expenses dated March 17, 2021; the February 2021 Check Register; The February 2021 Budget Report. Ayes – Burt Cooper, Ken DeLaat, Brenda Bird, Charles Trapp, Mike Kruihoff, James Maike, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Motion carried.
APPOINTMENT MOTION NO.	21-117
	Motion by Charles Trapp, second by Brenda Bird, to place the names of Ralph Bell, Kathy Broome, Ken DeLaat, and Helen Taube in nomination and cast a unanimous ballot for appointment to the Mental Health Board; four (4) three-year terms, expiring April 1, 2024. Ayes – Burt Cooper, Ken DeLaat, James Maike, Charles Trapp, Brenda Bird, Mike Kruihoff, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Motion carried.
APPOINTMENT MOTION NO.	21-118
	Motion by Charles Trapp, second by James Maike, to place the name of April Pickard in nomination and cast a unanimous ballot for appointment to the Pere Marquette & White River Zoning Board; one (1) partial term, expiring December 31, 2024. Ayes – Burt Cooper, Ken DeLaat, James Maike, Charles Trapp, Brenda Bird, Mike Kruihoff, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Motion carried.
STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT	Finance Committee
CHAIR	Commissioner Ken DeLaat
	Reported the following actions (see below):
MOTION NUMBER	21-098-1
	Motion by Ken DeLaat, second by Burt Cooper, to approve the 2-year contract with NeoGov for an applicant tracking system in the amount of \$7,812.00 for year 1 and \$10,012.00 for year 2, paid from GL #101-270-820 (software service contracts), and authorize the County Administrator to sign any necessary documents. Ayes – Burt Cooper, Ken DeLaat, Brenda Bird, Charles Trapp, Mike Kruihoff, James Maike, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Motion carried.
MOTION NUMBER	21-106-1

Motion by Ken DeLaat, second by Mike Kruithoff, to approve the change of position #3010020 from deputy to detective sergeant and amend the Sheriff's manning table accordingly. Motion to take effect March 24, 2021. Ayes – Burt Cooper, Ken DeLaat, Brenda Bird, Charles Trapp, Mike Kruithoff, James Maike, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Motion carried.

MISC. COMMITTEE REPORT	Commissioner James Maike
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended the NC3 meeting and discussed the plan they have been working on for the last 6 months. The plan was voted on at the meeting. • Attended the Everett Township meeting and they are looking for guidance on how to spend the stimulus monies. • Plans to attend the DNR meeting tonight and the DHD #10 meeting on Monday. 	

MISC. COMMITTEE REPORT	Commissioner Brenda Bird
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Ensley Nature Preserve is planning for Arbor Day and the “tree measuring” competition will continue this year. 	

MISC. COMMITTEE REPORT	Commissioner Ken DeLaat
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended the AAA of West Michigan meeting and they are dealing with many COVID related issues. 	

MISC. COMMITTEE REPORT	Commissioner Bryan Kolk
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended the Michigan Association of Counties Judicial and Law Enforcement Committee meeting and the State is working on rewriting the 911 Enabling Act due to the current act expiring on December 31, 2021. Also, looking into getting an increase to the secondary road patrol funding as well as the additional time jails have had to hold state prisoners due to COVID. 	

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT	Christopher Wren, County Administrator
<p>The following updates were reported by the Administrator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The FY2021 Audit has been completed and will be presented to the Board in the beginning of April. • Worked with the Treasurer regarding which accounts to deposit the Recovery Act funds to until it is clear what these funds can be used for. • Had a great meeting with the new President of the Right Place, Randy Thelen. 	

PUBLIC COMMENT	Jason O'Connell, County Treasurer
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Asbestos Assessment of Hardy Grocery is complete, and the building has begun to be torn down. • Currently working on finishing detlements for the Townships and Cities. 	

PUBLIC COMMENT	Chad Palmiter, Undersheriff
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with a COVID outbreak at the Jail. 74 inmates and 7 employees have been diagnosed. The jail is currently on lockdown and MDHHS is there doing variant testing. The peak was last week and cases have slowed down and are under control. 	

PUBLIC COMMENT	Joseph Fox, COA Director
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would like to thank everyone who participated in the Potato Fundraiser. It went very well this year. 	

REVIEW	Administrator Wren 2021 County Administrator Performance review
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Positive response from the Board on the job that Administrator Wren is doing. Discussed the “Relationship with the Elected Officials and Department Heads,” “Communication” and “Budgetary Skills” for this position. • Administrator Wren appreciated all of the positive comments and gives credit to his staff and the County as a whole.
MISCELLANEOUS	Commissioner James Maike
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Township Officers meeting will be on April 7th in the BOC room.
MISCELLANEOUS	Commissioner Brenda Bird
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The monthly Ensley Township meeting has been changed to March 30th.
MISCELLANEOUS	Commissioner Bryan Kolk
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Michigan Association of Counties is working on getting the 4-year term for Commissioners re-introduced. The MAC is also working on redistricting and will have a presentation for the Board if that is something the Board is interested in.
MOTION – ADJOURNMENT	21-119
	Motion by Mike Kruithoff, second by Charles Trapp, to adjourn the meeting at 10:41 a.m. Ayes – Burt Cooper, Ken DeLaat, Brenda Bird, Charles Trapp, Mike Kruithoff, James Maike, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Motion carried.
COUNTY CLERK CERTIFICATION	
CHAIRPERSON CERTIFICATION	
DATE CERTIFIED	April 14, 2021