



Newaygo County Board of Commissioners

MINUTES

August 25, 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 Bryan Kolk.
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COMMISSIONERS PRESENT	Burt Cooper, Ken DeLaat, Charles Trapp, Mike Kruithoff, Brenda Bird, James Maike, Bryan Kolk
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AGENDA - MOTION NUMBER	21-315
Motion by Burt Cooper, second by Mike Kruithoff, to approve the agenda for August 25, 2021. Ayes – Burt Cooper, Ken DeLaat, Brenda Bird, Charles Trapp, Mike Kruithoff, James Maike, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Motion carried.	

PUBLIC COMMENT	None
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CONSENT AGENDA MOTION NO.	21-316
Motion by James Maike, second by Brenda Bird, to approve the Consent Agenda dated August 25, 2021 including: the regular meeting minutes dated August 11, 2021; the Semi-Monthly Detail Analysis and Expenses dated August 18, 2021; the July 2021 Check Register; the July 2021 Budget Report. Ayes – Burt Cooper, Ken DeLaat, Brenda Bird, Charles Trapp, Mike Kruithoff, James Maike, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Motion carried.	

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT	Finance Committee
CHAIR	Commissioner Ken DeLaat

Reported the following actions (see below):

MOTION NUMBER	21-296-1
Motion by Ken DeLaat, second by Charles Trapp, to approve the FY 2022 Recycling Services Grant application to the Fremont Area Community Foundation, and authorize the Board of Public Works Chairman and Grants Manager to submit the application electronically. Ayes – Burt Cooper, Ken DeLaat, Brenda Bird, Charles Trapp, Mike Kruithoff, James Maike, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Motion carried.	

MOTION NUMBER	21-303-1
Motion by Ken DeLaat, second by Burt Cooper, to ratify the proposed Child Care Fund Budget Application for the fiscal year 2021-2022 and authorize the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners, the Presiding Judge, and the County Director of DHHS to approve sign any and all necessary documents in connection with the submission of the application to the Department of Human Services Bureau of Juvenile Justice. Ayes – Burt Cooper, Ken DeLaat, Brenda Bird, Charles Trapp, Mike Kruithoff, James Maike, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Motion carried.	

MOTION NUMBER	21-304-1
Motion by Ken DeLaat, second by Burt Cooper, to approve the FY 2022 Secondary Road Patrol and Traffic Accident Prevention Program Grant Application, and authorize the Board Chairman, Sheriff and Grants Manager to sign any and all of the necessary documents. Ayes – Burt Cooper, Ken DeLaat, Brenda Bird, Charles Trapp, Mike Kruithoff, James Maike, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Motion carried.	

MOTION NUMBER	21-311
<p>Motion by Ken DeLaat, second by Mike Kruihoff, to approve to resolve budget shortages for the 2021 fiscal year in compliance with Public Act 621; it is the intent of the Board of Commissioners to resolve any shortages in fund balances discovered as a result of the year-end closing; and authorize the County Administrator and the Finance Chair to approve budget amendments and appropriations as necessary, with the 2021 budgeted amount available to complete general ledger transactions for the year ending September 30, 2021. Ayes – Burt Cooper, Ken DeLaat, Brenda Bird, Charles Trapp, Mike Kruihoff, James Maike, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Motion carried.</p>	

MOTION NUMBER	21-312
<p>Motion by Ken DeLaat, second by Burt Cooper, to approve the Prosecuting Attorney’s Cooperative Reimbursement Program contract amendment for fiscal years 2022 and 2023, and authorize the Board of Commissioners Chair and Prosecuting Attorney to sign the contract electronically. Ayes – Burt Cooper, Ken DeLaat, Brenda Bird, Charles Trapp, Mike Kruihoff, James Maike, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Motion carried.</p>	

MOTION NUMBER	21-313
<p>Motion by Ken DeLaat, second by Charles Trapp, to approve the Friend of the Court’s Cooperative Reimbursement Program (CRP) contract amendment for fiscal years 2022 and 2023, and authorize the Board of Commissioners Chair and Circuit Court Judge to sign the contract electronically. Ayes – Burt Cooper, Ken DeLaat, Brenda Bird, Charles Trapp, Mike Kruihoff, James Maike, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Motion carried.</p>	

MISC. COMMITTEE REPORT	Commissioner James Maike
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended the Michigan Northern Counties Association meeting with the main topic of discussion being the COVID relief funds. • Attended the West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission Executive meeting. The are working on the budget and planning for next year. 	

MISC. COMMITTEE REPORT	Commissioner Brenda Bird
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended the Brooks, Croton, and Ensley Township Meetings recently and they are doing well. • Attended MSU Extension new building in Hart, which is being used for students to work on trees, asparagus, etc. • Attended the Ensley Nature Preserve meeting and they are discussing adding a playground. 	

MISC. COMMITTEE REPORT	Commissioner Bryan Kolk
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended the Local EMS planning team meeting and it is focusing on a plan for failure of Hardy Dam. • Adult foster care home during power outage was unable to run air conditioning with generator. They moved to a Hotel in Big Rapids but had to leave by the weekend and after contacting EMS Director Abby Watkins regarding this, power was thankfully restored in time. Appreciate the job Emergency Services does. 	

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT	Christopher Wren, County Administrator
<p>The following updates were reported by the Administrator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue work on the Budget and plans to present at the second meeting in September. The process is going well. 	

PUBLIC COMMENT	Nate Thompson, Grant Resident
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spoke regarding masks being worn in schools and would like the Board to express their opposition to the District Health Department.
PUBLIC COMMENT	Tammie Holanger, Grant Resident
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spoke regarding masks being worn in schools and would like the Board to express their opposition to the District Health Department.
PUBLIC COMMENT	Mandy Henry, Grant Resident
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spoke regarding masks being worn in schools and would like the Board to express their opposition to the District Health Department.
PUBLIC COMMENT	Raeanne Huskey, Grant Resident
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spoke regarding masks being worn in schools and would like the Board to express their opposition to the District Health Department.
PUBLIC COMMENT	Kaitlyn Thompson, Grant Resident
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spoke regarding masks being worn in schools and would like the Board to express their opposition to the District Health Department.
PUBLIC COMMENT	Nikki Hilbrand, Grant Resident
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spoke regarding masks being worn in schools and would like the Board to express their opposition to the District Health Department.
PUBLIC COMMENT	Mike Connel, Grant Pastor
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spoke regarding masks being worn in schools and would like the Board to express their opposition to the District Health Department.
PUBLIC COMMENT	Theresa Emshwiller, Newaygo County Resident
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spoke regarding masks being worn in schools and would like the Board to express their opposition to the District Health Department.
PUBLIC COMMENT	Rachel Gort, Grant Resident
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spoke regarding masks being worn in schools and would like the Board to express their opposition to the District Health Department.
PUBLIC COMMENT	Joseph Fox, COA Director
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduced new Nutrition and Meals Coordinator Tammie McCracken. Handed out Silver Tsunami.
MISC MOTION NUMBER	21-317
<p>Motion by James Maike, second by Brenda Bird, to accept the 2021 Loss Prevention Grant from the Michigan Counties Workers' Compensation Fund, and authorize the County Administrator's signature on any necessary documents. Ayes – Burt Cooper, Ken DeLaat, Brenda Bird, Charles Trapp, Mike Kruithoff, James Maike, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Motion carried.</p>	
MISCELLANEOUS	Commissioner Burt Cooper
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understands topics can come before the Board that can be very emotional. Some counties handle the Health Department differently as they are under the control of the Board of

Commissioners, but that is not the case in Newaygo County.	
MISCELLANEOUS	Commissioner Mike Kruithoff
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The District Health Department reports at the Board meetings and quite often their “numbers don’t add up”. Despite not having control over the Health Department we have a voice to represent our constituents. Agrees strongly that masks should not be mandated and forced on our kids. 	
MISCELLANEOUS	Commissioner Charles Trapp
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agrees with Commissioner Kruithoff and appreciates everyone for coming and expressing their views. Will do everything we can to pass this on to the Health Department. 	
MISCELLANEOUS	Commissioner James Maike
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would like to thank everyone who took time out of their day to come and speak today regarding masks. Serves on the Health Department Board and will share the thoughts of today at that meeting. 	
MISCELLANEOUS	Commissioner Brenda Bird
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appreciates everyone’s comments today and as a Home School graduate will be happy to assist anyone with information who is interested. Doesn’t agree that recycling is garbage. We need to think in a different avenue to find a sustainable way to recycle 	
MISCELLANEOUS	Commissioner Ken DeLaat
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would like to thank everyone for coming and sharing their opinions as this is a hot button issue. Hopes that the vaccination rate would go up so there would be no need for masks. 	
MISCELLANEOUS	Commissioner Bryan Kolk
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would like to thank everyone for coming and the input is appreciated. It is not the Newaygo County Boards’ decision to make as the Health Department acts independently. However, will pass this information on to the Health Department. 	
MOTION – ADJOURNMENT	21-318
<p>Motion by Mike Kruithoff, second by Charles Trapp, to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 a.m. Ayes – Burt Cooper, Ken DeLaat, Brenda Bird, Charles Trapp, Mike Kruithoff, James Maike, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Motion carried.</p>	
COUNTY CLERK CERTIFICATION	
CHAIRPERSON CERTIFICATION	
DATE CERTIFIED	September 8, 2021