



Newaygo County Board of Commissioners

MINUTES

December 22, 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 Commission Charles Trapp.
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COMMISSIONERS PRESENT	Ken DeLaat, Charles Trapp, Mike Kruithoff, Burt Cooper, James Maike, Bryan Kolk
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COMMISSIONERS ABSENT	Brenda Bird (excused)
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AGENDA - MOTION NUMBER	21-487
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Motion by James Maike, second by Mike Kruithoff, to approve the agenda for December 22, 2021, with the removal of Item #15 – Discussion – The State of Newaygo County’s Emergency Medical Service (EMS). Ayes – Ken DeLaat, Burt Cooper, Charles Trapp, Mike Kruithoff, James Maike, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Absent – Brenda Bird. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT	None
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CONSENT AGENDA MOTION NO.	21-488
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Motion by Charles Trapp, second by Mike Kruithoff, to approve the Consent Agenda dated December 22, 2021 including: the regular meeting minutes dated December 8, 2021; the Semi-Monthly Detail Analysis and Expenses dated December 15, 2021; the November 2021 Check Register; the November 2021 Budget Report. Ayes – Ken DeLaat, Burt Cooper, Charles Trapp, Mike Kruithoff, James Maike, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Absent – Brenda Bird. Motion carried.

MOTION NUMBER	21-489
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Motion by Charles Trapp, second by Burt Cooper, to approve the Closed Session Minutes from December 8, 2021. Ayes – Ken DeLaat, Burt Cooper, Charles Trapp, Mike Kruithoff, James Maike, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Absent – Brenda Bird. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS	21-490
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Motion by Charles Trapp, second by Mike Kruithoff, to place the name of Cynthia LaBelle in nomination and cast a unanimous ballot for appointment to the Area Agency on Aging for one (1) one-year term, expiring January 1, 2023. Ayes – Ken DeLaat, Burt Cooper, Charles Trapp, Mike Kruithoff, James Maike, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Absent – Brenda Bird. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS	21-491
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Motion by Charles Trapp, second by Burt Cooper, to place the names of Richard Kooistra and Sally Wagoner in nomination and cast a unanimous ballot for appointments to the Board of Public Works for two (2) three-year terms, expiring December 31, 2024. Ayes – Ken DeLaat, Burt Cooper, Charles Trapp, Mike Kruithoff, James Maike, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Absent – Brenda Bird. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS	21-492
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Motion by Burt Cooper, second by Mike Kruithoff, to place the names of Lindsay Hager, Kasey Jernberg, and Lora Kalkofen in nomination and cast a unanimous ballot for appointments to the Brownfield Authority Board for three (3) three-year terms, expiring December 31, 2024. Ayes – Ken DeLaat, Burt Cooper, Charles Trapp, Mike Kruithoff, James Maike, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Absent – Brenda Bird. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS	21-493
Motion by James Maike, second by Charles Trapp, to place the names of John Clark and Mark Pitzer in nomination and cast a unanimous ballot for appointments to the Parks Commission for two (2) three-year terms, expiring December 31, 2024. Ayes – Ken DeLaat, Burt Cooper, Charles Trapp, Mike Kruihoff, James Maike, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Absent – Brenda Bird. Motion carried.	
APPOINTMENTS	21-494
Motion by Charles Trapp, second by Mike Kruihoff, to approve the appointments of Timothy Looy, Mark Zimmer, Colin Wisner, Duane Ackerman, and Matt Ferguson to the Construction Board of Appeals for terms expiring December 31, 2023. Ayes – Ken DeLaat, Burt Cooper, Charles Trapp, Mike Kruihoff, James Maike, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Absent – Brenda Bird. Motion carried.	
STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT	Finance Committee
CHAIR	Commissioner Ken DeLaat
Reported the following actions (see below):	
MOTION NUMBER	21-458-1
Motion by Ken DeLaat, second by Charles Trapp, to approve the submission of the Survey and Remonumentation Grant Application for grant year 2022, and authorize the County Administrator to sign any and all of the necessary documents. Ayes – Ken DeLaat, Burt Cooper, Charles Trapp, Mike Kruihoff, James Maike, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Absent – Brenda Bird. Motion carried.	
MOTION NUMBER	21-469-1
Motion by Ken DeLaat, second by Burt Cooper, to approve the 2022 County Guardian Contract between Newaygo County Probate Court and Dianne Longoria, Attorney at Law PLC, effective January 1, 2022, and authorize Chief Judge Robert D. Springstead and Judge Melissa K. Dykman to sign any and all necessary documents. Ayes – Ken DeLaat, Burt Cooper, Charles Trapp, Mike Kruihoff, James Maike, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Absent – Brenda Bird. Motion carried.	
MOTION NUMBER	21-470-1
Motion by Ken DeLaat, second by Mike Kruihoff, to approve the 2022 Public Defender Agreements for the 27 th Judicial Circuit Court, Family/Juvenile Division with Attorney’s Lindsey Barkow, Ryan Good, David Jaunese, Mark Schropp, Valerie Smulders, and authorize Chief Judge Robert D. Springstead and Judge Melissa K. Dykman to sign any and all necessary documents. Ayes – Ken DeLaat, Burt Cooper, Charles Trapp, Mike Kruihoff, James Maike, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Absent – Brenda Bird. Motion carried.	
MOTION NUMBER	21-471-1
Motion by Ken DeLaat, second by Charles Trapp, to approve the 2022 Circuit Court Reporter Independent Contractor Agreement between the Newaygo County Circuit Court and Barbara Lynn Wiles, and authorize Chief Judge Robert D. Springstead to sign any and all necessary documents. Ayes – Ken DeLaat, Burt Cooper, Charles Trapp, Mike Kruihoff, James Maike, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Absent – Brenda Bird. Motion carried.	
MOTION NUMBER	21-472-1
Motion by Ken DeLaat, second by Burt Cooper, to approve the 2022 Public Defender Agreements for the 78 th District Court with Smulders Law Office, John Greer, Rick Prysock and David Jaunese, Barkow & Barkow effective January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022, and authorize the Board Chairman to sign any and all necessary documents. Ayes – Ken DeLaat, Burt Cooper, Charles Trapp, Mike Kruihoff, James Maike, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Absent – Brenda Bird. Motion carried.	

MOTION NUMBER	21-473-1
Motion by Ken DeLaat, second by Charles Trapp, to approve the 2022 Public Defender Agreement for the 27 th Circuit Court – Criminal Division with John Greer, Rick Prysock and Christine Frisbie from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022, and authorize the Board Chairman to sign any and all necessary documents. Ayes – Ken DeLaat, Burt Cooper, Charles Trapp, Mike Kruihoff, James Maike, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Absent – Brenda Bird. Motion carried.	
MOTION NUMBER	21-480
Motion by Ken DeLaat, second by Charles Trapp, to approve the submission of the 2022 Medical Marihuana Operation and Oversight Grant, and authorize the County Administrator to sign any and all necessary documents. Ayes – Ken DeLaat, Burt Cooper, Charles Trapp, Mike Kruihoff, James Maike, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Absent – Brenda Bird. Motion carried.	
MOTION NUMBER	21-481
Motion by Ken DeLaat, second by Burt Cooper, to approve the Agreement by and between the Michigan Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council and the Newaygo County Board of Commissioners for the Newaygo County 911 Central Dispatchers from January 1, 2022 through September 30, 2024. Ayes – Ken DeLaat, Burt Cooper, Charles Trapp, Mike Kruihoff, James Maike, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Absent – Brenda Bird. Motion carried.	
MOTION NUMBER	21-482
Motion by Ken DeLaat, second by Charles Trapp, to amend Section 6.5 of the Newaygo County Personnel Manual to add two additional paid funeral days for the death of a legal spouse, child or stepchild effective December 22, 2021. Ayes – Ken DeLaat, Burt Cooper, Charles Trapp, Mike Kruihoff, James Maike, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Absent – Brenda Bird. Motion carried.	
MOTION NUMBER	21-483
Motion by Ken DeLaat, second by James Maike, to approve a contract with Midstates Recreation to install a new playground at Sandy Beach County Park at a price not to exceed \$61,255.00, and authorize the County Administrator to sign any and all of the necessary documents. Ayes – Ken DeLaat, Burt Cooper, Charles Trapp, Mike Kruihoff, James Maike, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Absent – Brenda Bird. Motion carried.	
MOTION NUMBER	21-484
Motion by Ken DeLaat, second by James Maike, to approve a contract with Brant Electric LLC for the design and installation of electrical upgrades at Diamond Lake County Park at a price not to exceed \$64,942.00, and authorize the County Administrator to sign any and all necessary documents. Ayes – Ken DeLaat, Burt Cooper, Charles Trapp, Mike Kruihoff, James Maike, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Absent – Brenda Bird. Motion carried.	
MOTION NUMBER	21-485
Motion by Ken DeLaat, second by Charles Trapp, to approve a contract for Professional Services between the County of Newaygo and Assessing Solutions, Inc. to provide Equalization consulting services from January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022, at a cost not to exceed \$1,650.00 per month, and authorize the County Administrator to sign any and all documents. Ayes – James Maike, Bryan Kolk, Burt Cooper, Ken DeLaat. Nays – none. Absent – Burt Cooper. Motion carried.	
MISC. COMMITTEE REPORT	Commissioner James Maike

- DHD#10 recently met with State Legislators where funding and no mask or vaccine mandates were discussed. Also spoke regarding State-wide septic code and inspections.
- Drain Commissioner Dale Twing spoke at the Everett Township Board meeting yesterday and that went very well.

MISC. COMMITTEE REPORT

Commissioner Ken DeLaat

- Attended the Brooks Township meeting last night and they are doing well.

MISC. COMMITTEE REPORT

Commissioner Bryan Kolk

- Spoke with Senator Bumstead's office regarding a bill that would raise the personal property exemption from 80K to 180K to assist small businesses, however, these funds were taken from counties' and cities' revenues.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Christopher Wren, County Administrator

The following updates were reported by the Administrator:

- Appreciates Commissioner Kolk's comments regarding the State balancing their budgets on the backs of counties and cities as this has been the norm for years.
- The Audit is close to being complete and has went very well.
- Have spoken with Treasurer O'Connell and Commissioner Kolk regarding foreclosure lawsuits and there will be a closed session at the beginning of the year to discuss this with the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Theresa Emshwiller, Newaygo County Resident

- Spoke regarding many cities mandating masking and vaccine passports, as well as the President's support for these items.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dale Twing, Drain Commissioner

- Have had many meetings with Julie Burrell of the Right Place, as well as Administrator Wren and is very pleased with the direction recycling is headed. Look forward to sharing more information in the near future.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Nick Smith, Vice President Tourism Council

- Handed out quarterly flier of the County's Top Ten activities during the winter in Newaygo County.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Rich Houtteman, Consumers Energy

- Invited all to visit the Colors of Christmas drive-thru lights display in Croton.
- Many power outages during the recent wind storm and very appreciative of residents' understanding.
- Would like to thank Julie Burrell of the Right Place for all that she does to assist Consumers Energy projects.

MISC MOTION NUMBER

21-495

Motion by James Maike, second by Charles Trapp, to accept Fremont Area Community Foundation Grants #44630-BGF2021-2 and #44631-BGF2021-2 for a total award of \$94,000.000 for the Commission on Aging's Medical Van and Volunteer Medical Transportation Programs for Calendar Year 2022, and authorize the Chairman of the Board and the Commission on Aging Director to sign

all of the necessary documents. Ayes – Ken DeLaat, Burt Cooper, Charles Trapp, Mike Kruithoff, James Maike, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Absent – Brenda Bird. Motion carried.

MISC MOTION NUMBER	21-496
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Motion by Mike Kruithoff, second by James Maike, to accept Fremont Area Community Foundation Grants #44696-BGF2021-2 and #44697-BGF2021-2 for a total award of \$72,500.000 for the Commission on Aging’s Congregate/Community Meals and Home Delivered/Meals on Wheels Programs for Calendar Year 2022, and authorize the Chairman of the Board and the Commission on Aging Director to sign all of the necessary documents. Ayes – Ken DeLaat, Burt Cooper, Charles Trapp, Mike Kruithoff, James Maike, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Absent – Brenda Bird. Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS	Commissioner Burt Cooper
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- Would like to thank all those who sent cards or other support during this difficult time dealing with the loss of a brother.

MOTION – ADJOURNMENT	21-497
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Motion by Mike Kruithoff, second by Charles, to adjourn the meeting at 10:23 a.m. Ayes – Ken DeLaat, Burt Cooper, Charles Trapp, Mike Kruithoff, James Maike, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Absent – Brenda Bird. Motion carried.

COUNTY CLERK CERTIFICATION	
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CHAIRPERSON CERTIFICATION	
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DATE CERTIFIED	January 12, 2022
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