



Newaygo County Board of Commissioners

MINUTES

February 23, 2022

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 James Maike.
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COMMISSIONERS PRESENT	Brenda Bird, Mike Kruithoff, Burt Cooper, James Maike, Charles Trapp, Bryan Kolk
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COMMISSIONERS PRESENT	Ken DeLaat (Excused)
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AGENDA - MOTION NUMBER	22-078
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Motion by Brenda Bird, second by James Maike, to approve the agenda for February 23, 2022. Ayes – Brenda Bird, Mike Kruithoff, Burt Cooper, James Maike, Charles Trapp, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Absent – Ken DeLaat. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT	None
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CONSENT AGENDA MOTION NO.	22-079
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Motion by Charles Trapp, second by Mike Kruithoff, to approve the Consent Agenda dated February 23, 2022, including: the regular meeting minutes dated February 9, 2022; the special meeting minutes dated February 16, 2022; the Semi-Monthly Detail Analysis and Expenses dated February 16, 2022; the January 2022 Check Register; the January 2022 Budget Report. Ayes – Brenda Bird, Mike Kruithoff, Burt Cooper, James Maike, Charles Trapp, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Absent – Ken DeLaat. Motion carried.

RETIREMENT PRESENTATION	Rene Rochelle Tenbrink, Chief Criminal/Traffic Clerk & Certified Electronic Operator
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MOTION NO.	22-080
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Motion by Burt Cooper, second by Charles Trapp, to approve Resolution #02-001-22 recognizing René TenBrink’s retirement. Ayes – Brenda Bird, Mike Kruithoff, Burt Cooper, James Maike, Charles Trapp, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Absent – Ken DeLaat. Motion carried.

Commissioner Bryan Kolk presented René TenBrink with the Retirement Resolution.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT	Finance Committee
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VICE CHAIRPERSON	Commissioner Charles Trapp
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Reported the following actions (see below):

MOTION NUMBER	22-055-1
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Motion by Charles Trapp, second by James Maike, to ratify the grant application for Michigan’s Dragon at Hardy Dam to Quadratec for the amount of \$3,500.00, and authorize the County Administrator to sign all necessary documents. Ayes – Brenda Bird, Mike Kruithoff, Burt Cooper, James Maike, Charles Trapp, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Absent – Ken DeLaat. Motion carried.

MOTION NUMBER	22-056-1
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Motion by Charles Trapp, second by Brenda Bird, to ratify the grant application and accept the grant award for Michigan’s Dragon at Hardy Dam to ExtremeTerrain for the amount of \$250.00, and authorize the County Administrator to sign all necessary documents. Ayes – Brenda Bird, Mike Kruithoff, Burt Cooper, James Maike, Charles Trapp, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Absent – Ken DeLaat. Motion carried.

MOTION NUMBER	22-065-1
<p>Motion by Charles Trapp, second by Burt Cooper, to approve the TC Energy Build Strong Program Grant Application for Tactical Emergency Casualty Care Training in the amount of \$10,310.00; and authorize the Emergency Services Director to submit the application electronically. Ayes – Brenda Bird, Mike Kruithoff, Burt Cooper, James Maike, Charles Trapp, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Absent – Ken DeLaat. Motion carried.</p>	
MOTION NUMBER	22-066-1
<p>Motion by Charles Trapp, second by Burt Cooper, to approve the Great Lakes Energy People Fund Grant Application for Tactical Emergency Casualty Care Training in the amount of \$5,155.00; and authorize the Emergency Services Director to submit the application electronically. Ayes – Brenda Bird, Mike Kruithoff, Burt Cooper, James Maike, Charles Trapp, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Absent – Ken DeLaat. Motion carried.</p>	
MOTION NUMBER	22-073
<p>Motion by Charles Trapp, second by James Maike, to approve the submission of the COA Bus Access Transportation Grant Application to FAFCF in the amount of \$45,000.00 for fiscal year 2023, and authorize the Commission on Aging Director to submit this application electronically. Ayes – Brenda Bird, Mike Kruithoff, Burt Cooper, James Maike, Charles Trapp, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Absent – Ken DeLaat. Motion carried.</p>	
MOTION NUMBER	22-074
<p>Motion by Charles Trapp, second by Brenda Bird, to approve the submission of the COA Homemaker Grant Application to FAFCF in the amount of \$22,500.00 for fiscal year 2023, and authorize the Commission on Aging Director to submit this application electronically. Ayes – Brenda Bird, Mike Kruithoff, Burt Cooper, James Maike, Charles Trapp, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Absent – Ken DeLaat. Motion carried.</p>	
MISC. COMMITTEE REPORT	Commissioner James Maike
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Executive Committee has been meeting monthly to discuss ARPA funds. • Recently attended the EMS Workshop, as well as, Sherman and Everett Township Board meetings. Plans to attend ORV meeting with the DNR this evening. 	
MISC. COMMITTEE REPORT	Commissioner Brenda Bird
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recently attended the Croton Township and the MSU Extension meeting. 	
MISC. COMMITTEE REPORT	Commissioner Bryan Kolk
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recently attended the NC3 meeting and they are looking at collaboration with County agencies to prevent duplication of services in the County. 	
ADMINISTRATOR REPORT	Christopher Wren, County Administrator
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COA Director Joseph Fox is retiring and the position has been posted. • Newaygo County Economic Outlook meeting yesterday was very informative. • There were 4 workers' compensation claims yesterday due to the ice. 	
DISCUSSION	Recap of EMS Workshop and Next Steps

- Commissioner Kolk began discussion with a recap of the February 16, 2022 Emergency Medical Services Workshop meeting. Many actions are being put in place to try to improve services.
- Commissioner Cooper discussed the intent of the meeting was to learn.
- Commissioner Maike agrees with Commissioner Kolk's assessment regarding continued monitoring and that Life EMS and Spectrum are looking for ways to improve services.
- Commissioner Bird appreciates all parties able to attend. It seems these agencies are striving to improve services and warns against dictating services to independent businesses.
- Commissioner Trapp stated that the meeting went well and was very informative. It appears as work is being done for improvement.
- Commissioner Kruithoff appreciates those who attended and believes we all have the same goal and should continue to monitor for improvements.
- Craig Dodge from Life EMS stated that he felt the meeting went well. Would like financial support for Newaygo County and staffing is a huge issue.
- Administrator Wren will work with Life EMS regarding their contract and a motion will be brought forward in the future.

PUBLIC COMMENT	Julie Burrell, The Right Place
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic Development meeting went very well yesterday.

PUBLIC COMMENT	Theresa Emshwiller, Newaygo County Resident
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spoke regarding father's recent health issues and inability to get him into a rehabilitation facility due to his vaccination status. Also discussed the County taking ARPA funds.

PUBLIC COMMENT	Joseph Fox, COA Director
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Handed out the Silver Tsunami.

MISC. MOTION NUMBER	22-081
<p>Motion by Burt Cooper, second by James Maike, to approve the submission of the National Association of County and City Health Officials MRC COVID-19 RISE Awards Grant Application in the amount of \$25,000.00; and authorize the Emergency Services Director to submit the application electronically. Ayes – Brenda Bird, Mike Kruithoff, Burt Cooper, James Maike, Charles Trapp, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Absent – Ken DeLaat. Motion carried.</p>	

MISCELLANEOUS	Commissioner James Maike
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended the COA lunch a few weeks ago and it went very well.

MOTION – ADJOURNMENT	22-082
<p>Motion by Mike Kruithoff, second by Charles Trapp, to adjourn the meeting at 10:54 a.m. Ayes – Brenda Bird, Mike Kruithoff, Burt Cooper, James Maike, Charles Trapp, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Absent – Ken DeLaat. Motion carried.</p>	

COUNTY CLERK CERTIFICATION	
CHAIRPERSON CERTIFICATION	
DATE CERTIFIED	March 9, 2022