



Newaygo County Board of Commissioners

MINUTES

March 24, 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 Brenda Bird.
COMMISSIONERS PRESENT	Brenda Bird, Mike Kruithoff, Ken DeLaat, Burt Cooper, James Maike, Charles Trapp, Bryan Kolk
AGENDA - MOTION NUMBER	22-121
Motion by James Maike, second by Mike Kruithoff, to approve the agenda for March 24, 2022. Ayes – Brenda Bird, Mike Kruithoff, Ken DeLaat, Burt Cooper, James Maike, Charles Trapp, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Motion carried.	
PUBLIC COMMENT	None
CONSENT AGENDA MOTION NO.	22-122
Motion by Brenda Bird, second by Charles Trapp, to approve the Consent Agenda dated March 24, 2022, including: the regular meeting minutes dated March 9, 2022; the Semi-Monthly Detail Analysis and Expenses dated March 16, 2022; the February 2022 Check Register; the February 2022 Budget Report. Ayes – Brenda Bird, Mike Kruithoff, Ken DeLaat, Burt Cooper, James Maike, Charles Trapp, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Motion carried.	
APPOINTMENT	Mental Health Board – Four (4) 3-Year Terms Expiring April 1, 2025
MOTION NUMBER	22-123
Motion by Ken DeLaat, second by Mike Kruithoff, to place the names of Sarah Boluyt, Catherine Kellerman, and Todd Koopmans in nomination and cast a unanimous ballot for appointment to the Mental Health Board; three (3) three-year terms, expiring April 1, 2025. Ayes – Burt Cooper, James Maike, Charles Trapp, Brenda Bird, Ken DeLaat, Mike Kruithoff, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Motion carried.	
PRESENTATION	FY 2021 Financial Audit
<i>Audit performed by Rehmann presented by Paul Matz, CPA, CGFM:</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The County received an unmodified clean audit opinion. There was no audit findings or recommendations identified. This is a testament to everyone in the County Offices working together to achieve this audit opinion. Discussed the Financial Statements provided by Rehmann. 	
STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT	Finance Committee
CHAIRPERSON	Commissioner Ken DeLaat
Reported the following actions (see below):	
MOTION NUMBER	22-096-1
Motion by Ken DeLaat, second by Charles Trapp, to approve the Assessor Services Agreement between the City of Grant and Newaygo County for the term of April 1, 2022, through March 31, 2026, and authorize the County Administrator, Board Chairman and County Clerk to sign any and all of the necessary documents. Ayes – Brenda Bird, Mike Kruithoff, Ken DeLaat James Maike, Charles Trapp, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Absent – Burt Cooper. Motion carried.	

MOTION NUMBER	22-097-1
Motion by Ken DeLaat, second by James Maike, to execute the new license agreement for Michigan's Dragon at Hardy Dam with Consumer's Energy, and authorize the Board Chairman to sign any and all necessary documents. Ayes – Brenda Bird, Mike Kruithoff, Ken DeLaat James Maike, Charles Trapp, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Absent – Burt Cooper. Motion carried.	

MOTION NUMBER	22-098-1
Motion by Ken DeLaat, second by Brenda Bird, to amend the Dragon Trail Prime Professional Contract with Spicer Group LLC from \$100,380.00 to a not to exceed the amount of \$180,960.00, and authorize the Board Chair to sign any and all necessary documents. Ayes – Brenda Bird, Mike Kruithoff, Ken DeLaat, Burt Cooper, James Maike, Charles Trapp, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Motion carried.	

MOTION NUMBER	22-107-1
Motion by Ken DeLaat, second by Burt Cooper, to approve the Newaygo County Campus Emergency Plan 2022 Edition and Flip Guide, rescind all prior editions of the Newaygo County Emergency Plan and Flip Guide; and authorize the Board Chair to sign any and all of the necessary documents. Ayes – Brenda Bird, Mike Kruithoff, Ken DeLaat, Burt Cooper, James Maike, Charles Trapp, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Motion carried.	

MOTION NUMBER	22-108-1
Motion by Ken DeLaat, second by Burt Cooper, to approve the MMRMA Risk Avoidance Program (RAP) Newaygo County Active Shooter and Hostile Event Response Project Grant Application; and authorize the Emergency Services Director and Newaygo County Administrator to sign any and all of the necessary documentation and submit the application electronically. Ayes – Brenda Bird, Mike Kruithoff, Ken DeLaat, Burt Cooper, James Maike, Charles Trapp, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Motion carried.	

MOTION NUMBER	22-115
Motion by Ken DeLaat, second by Charles Trapp, to accept the DTE Energy Foundation/St. Clair Community Foundation grant award for \$3,000 and authorize the County Administrator to sign any and all necessary documents. Ayes – Brenda Bird, Mike Kruithoff, Ken DeLaat, Burt Cooper, James Maike, Charles Trapp, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Motion carried.	

MOTION NUMBER	22-116
Motion by Ken DeLaat, second by Mike Kruithoff, to approve increasing the Veterans Benefits Counselor position (Position #6810003 – Pay Grade 5) from part-time to full-time effective March 24, 2022, and amend the Veterans Affairs Manning Table accordingly. This position is contingent upon the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency (MVAA) grant funding. Ayes – Brenda Bird, Mike Kruithoff, Ken DeLaat, Burt Cooper, James Maike, Charles Trapp, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Motion carried.	

MOTION NUMBER	22-117
Motion by Ken DeLaat, second by Charles Trapp, to approve the creation of a full-time, unclassified Parks Operation Supervisor position (Position #7510006) at a Pay Grade 6 effective March 24, 2022, and amend the Parks Manning Table accordingly. Ayes – Brenda Bird, Mike Kruithoff, Ken DeLaat, Burt Cooper, James Maike, Charles Trapp, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Motion carried.	

MOTION NUMBER	22-118
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Motion by Ken DeLaat, second by James Maike, to approve a contract with Spectrum LLC to construct Michigan's Dragon at Hardy Dam for an amount not to exceed \$670,000.00 and authorize the Board Chairman to sign all necessary documents. Ayes – Brenda Bird, Mike Kruithoff, Ken DeLaat, Burt Cooper, James Maike, Charles Trapp, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Motion carried.

MOTION NUMBER	22-119
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Motion by Ken DeLaat, second by Charles Trapp, to approve the 25-year lease of White Cloud County Park and authorize the Board Chairman to sign any and all necessary documents. Ayes – Brenda Bird, Mike Kruithoff, Ken DeLaat, Burt Cooper, James Maike, Charles Trapp, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Motion carried.

MISC. COMMITTEE REPORT	Commissioner Brenda Bird
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- Recently attended the Brooks and Croton Township meetings and they have both approved their budgets and are doing very well.

MISC. COMMITTEE REPORT	Commissioner Burt Cooper
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- Introduced an issue with EMS services in Newaygo County at the January 12, 2022 meeting, regarding transfers and response times. Would like a solution to this problem. Plans to “step away” from this but will continue to monitor moving forward and will bring for discussion at future Board meetings.

MISC. COMMITTEE REPORT	Commissioner Charles Trapp
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- Public safety and ambulance concerns have been an issue for quite some time. Believes there are multiple sides to this issue that should be portrayed.

MISC. COMMITTEE REPORT	Commissioner Bryan Kolk
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- Attended a presentation by the Fremont Chamber of Commerce and the Fremont Rotary last evening regarding introducing a “splash pad” in the City of Fremont

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT	Christopher Wren, County Administrator
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- Enjoys working with the financial team and other Departments regarding the audit.
- Looking into Wage Reform in Newaygo County.
- Currently scheduling interviews for the COA Director position.

PUBLIC COMMENT	Jason O’Connell, County Treasurer
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- Completed settlements with the local units. Took in 5,150 delinquent parcels which is down about 600 from the last 10-year average.

PUBLIC COMMENT	Amber Wakefield Muma, District 1 Resident
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- Have been transported 3 times in the last year by Life EMS ambulance and was pleased with each occurrence. Life EMS sends out a survey to those who have used their services and asked if those have been reviewed.

PUBLIC COMMENT	Pete Kardos, Newaygo County Resident
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- Has had to use ambulance services this past year and notices that the number of transfers being done is an issue. Believes that the transfer services should be Spectrum’s responsibility.

PUBLIC COMMENT	Eric Kolesnikovas, Newaygo County Resident
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appreciates Commissioner Cooper bringing up this issue. Believes that taxpayer paid EMS is appropriate and should be used from the scene to the hospital, but not for other transfers.
MISCELLANEOUS MOTION NO	22-124
	Motion by Charles Trapp, second by Brenda Bird, to accept the Department of Energy, Great Lakes, and Environment (EGLE) Scrap Tire Cleanup Grant Agreement for 2022, and authorize the Board of Public Works Chair to sign any and all of the necessary documents. Ayes – Brenda Bird, Mike Kruihoff, Ken DeLaat, Burt Cooper, James Maike, Charles Trapp, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Motion carried.
MISCELLANEOUS	Commissioner Burt Cooper
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plans to “step away” from this but will continue to monitor moving forward and will bring for discussion at future Board meetings.
MISCELLANEOUS	Commissioner Mike Kruihoff
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attended the MAC Conference that went very well. Attended presentation regarding electric vehicles that was interesting.
MISCELLANEOUS	Commissioner James Maike
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fortunate to have MAC and attended the electric vehicles presentation as well. Attended presentations regarding Parks, Road, ARPA funds and Broadband to name a few. Commissioner Kolk won an award for Newaygo County for being a County Commissioner with Advanced Certification. Newaygo County was also recognized for all Commissioners donating to the MAC PAC.
MISCELLANEOUS	Commissioner Bryan Kolk
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have received calls regarding the Gypsy Moths and Newaygo County has no intention of spraying. There is information and a recording of the gypsy moth forum on the County website. Life EMS brings in quarterly reports to the Public Safety and Judicial Committee. The Board met with Life EMS, Gerber and the Medical Control Authority in February. Appears they are aware of concerns and gave feedback on what they are trying to do to fix these issues.
MOTION – ADJOURNMENT	22-125
	Motion by James Maike, second by Charles Trapp, to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 a.m. Ayes – Brenda Bird, Mike Kruihoff, Ken DeLaat, Burt Cooper, James Maike, Charles Trapp, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Motion carried.
COUNTY CLERK CERTIFICATION	
CHAIRPERSON CERTIFICATION	
DATE CERTIFIED	April 13, 2022