



Newaygo County Board of Commissioners

MINUTES

April 13, 2022

9:30 A.M.

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| 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 Mike Kruihoff. |
| COMMISSIONERS PRESENT | Brenda Bird, Mike Kruihoff, Ken DeLaat, Burt Cooper, James Maike, Charles Trapp, Bryan Kolk |
| AGENDA - MOTION NUMBER | 22-135 |
| | Motion by Charles Trapp, second by Mike Kruihoff, to approve the agenda for April 13, 2022. Ayes – Brenda Bird, Mike Kruihoff, Ken DeLaat, Burt Cooper, James Maike, Charles Trapp, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Motion carried. |
| PUBLIC COMMENT | None |
| CONSENT AGENDA MOTION NO. | 22-136 |
| | Motion by Charles Trapp, second by Mike Kruihoff, to approve the Consent Agenda dated April 13, 2022, including: the regular meeting minutes dated March 24, 2022; the Semi-Monthly Detail Analysis and Expenses in the amount of \$561,663.51 dated April 6, 2022. Ayes – Brenda Bird, Mike Kruihoff, Ken DeLaat, Burt Cooper, James Maike, Charles Trapp, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Motion carried. |
| | Motion by Burt Cooper, second by Ken DeLaat, to amend the Consent Agenda dated April 13, 2022, including: the regular meeting minutes dated March 24, 2022; the Semi-Monthly Detail Analysis and Expenses in the amount of \$563,364.51 dated April 6, 2022. Ayes – Burt Cooper, Ken DeLaat, Brenda Bird, Charles Trapp, Mike Kruihoff, James Maike, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Motion carried. |
| RECOGNITION PRESENTATION | Joseph Fox, Commission on Aging Director |
| MOTION NO. | 22-137 |
| | Motion by James Maike, second by Brenda Bird, to approve <u>Resolution #04-004-22</u> recognizing Joseph Fox, Commission on Aging Director. Ayes – Burt Cooper, James Maike, Charles Trapp, Brenda Bird, Ken DeLaat, Mike Kruihoff, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Motion carried. |
| | Board Chairperson Bryan Kolk presented Joesph Fox with the Recognition Resolution. |
| DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE | Equalization Director, Joann Hunt |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Equalization will be presenting the published 2022 Equalization Report at the April 27th meeting. The Equalization Department is finalizing the new Equalization Report. |
| PRESENTATION | American Rescue Plan Act Funds, Administrator Christopher Wren |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussed the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) which was signed into law in March of 2021. The final rule was released in December 2021 and will take effect on April 1, 2022. The final rule provides a clear path for Newaygo County to utilize the funding to its full potential. Recommends the County pursue the “standard allowance” for the entirety of the monies received. Presented the Board with preliminary budget data which will remain flexible and subject to change during the reporting period ending December 31, 2024. |
| MOTION NO. | 22-138 |

Motion by Brenda Bird, second by James Maike to approve the Standard Allowance under the American Rescue Plan, State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Final Rule allowance. Ayes – Burt Cooper, James Maike, Charles Trapp, Brenda Bird, Ken DeLaat, Mike Kruithoff, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Motion carried.

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| STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT | Finance Committee |
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| CHAIRPERSON | Commissioner Ken DeLaat |
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Reported the following actions (see below):

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| MOTION NUMBER | 22-132 |
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Motion by Ken DeLaat, second by Charles Trapp, to approve the submission of the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy 2022 Recycling Infrastructure Grant Application, and authorize the County Administrator to sign any and all necessary documents. Ayes – Burt Cooper, James Maike, Charles Trapp, Brenda Bird, Ken DeLaat, Mike Kruithoff, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Motion carried.

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| MOTION NUMBER | 22-133 |
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Motion by Ken DeLaat, second by James Maike, to approve the Letter of Understanding by and between the Newaygo County Board of Commissioners and the Sheriff of Newaygo County and the Command Officers Association of Michigan (COAM) that places an annual cap on accumulation of compensatory time and clarifies language for accumulation, use, and payouts. Motion is contingent upon approval from the COAM. Ayes – Burt Cooper, James Maike, Charles Trapp, Brenda Bird, Ken DeLaat, Mike Kruithoff, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Motion carried.

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| MISC. COMMITTEE REPORT | Commissioner James Maike |
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- Met last week with Great Lakes Energy, TrueStream Fiber and the Road Commission. Very positive and collaborative meeting.
- Everett Township Planning Commission has a public hearing on Monday with Wolverine Power.
- Attended the Newaygo County Township Officers' meeting which was well attended and had a presentation regarding ARPA funds.

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| MISC. COMMITTEE REPORT | Commissioner Ken DeLaat |
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- Attended Garfield Township meeting where road upgrades were discussed.
- The AAA of West Michigan is currently searching for a new director.

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| MISC. COMMITTEE REPORT | Commissioner Bryan Kolk |
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- Attended the Newaygo County Township Officers' meeting also and agrees it was very well attended.
- Big Prairie Township has purchased a rescue boat which will be beneficial with the Dragon Trail.

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| ADMINISTRATOR REPORT | Christopher Wren, County Administrator |
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- Concluded the COA Director interviews yesterday and plans to offer the job by the end of the week.

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| PUBLIC COMMENT | Joseph Fox, Former COA Director |
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- Appreciates the recognition and enjoyed working for the County.
- Running for the 101 District Representative seat.

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| UPDATE | Road Commission |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lou Meeuwenberg has been on the Road Commission board for 22 years and gave his resignation notice. Bill Gonyon and Doug Harmon, of the Road Commission, attended in support of Mr. Meeuwenberg. |
| MISCELLANEOUS MOTION NO | 22-139 |
| | Motion by Charles Trapp, second by Brenda Bird, to approve <u>Resolution #04-005-22</u> proclaiming April 2022 as National County Government Month in Newaygo County. Ayes – Brenda Bird, Mike Kruihoff, Ken DeLaat, Burt Cooper, James Maike, Charles Trapp, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Motion carried. |
| REVIEW | Administrator Wren 2022 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 Board Members,” “Budgeting and Financial Management” and “Skills Sought” for this position. Administrator Wren appreciated all the positive comments and gives credit to his staff and the County as a whole. |
| MISCELLANEOUS | Commissioner Burt Cooper |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concerned that the ARPA funds budget doesn’t include support for Emergency Medical Services. Budget reflects priority and it doesn’t appear that EMS is a priority. |
| MISCELLANEOUS | Commissioner Charles Trapp |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hazardous Waste Clean-Up Day will be on May 21st. |
| MISCELLANEOUS | Commissioner Bryan Kolk |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Public Safety and Judicial Committee will begin 10 minutes following the conclusion of this meeting. |
| MISCELLANEOUS | Commissioner Burt Cooper |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requested that County Clerk, Jason VanderStelt, speak regarding the Parliamentarian Trainings that will be held on June 1st. |
| MOTION – ADJOURNMENT | 22-140 |
| | Motion by Brenda Bird, second by Mike Kruihoff, to adjourn the meeting at 10:34 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 27, 2022 |