



# Newaygo County Board of Commissioners

MINUTES

July 13, 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, James Maike, Charles Trapp, Bryan Kolk
AGENDA - MOTION NUMBER	22-263
	Motion by Brenda Bird, second by Mike Kruithoff, to approve the agenda for July 13, 2022. Ayes – Brenda Bird, Mike Kruithoff, Ken DeLaat, James Maike, Charles Trapp, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Motion carried.
PUBLIC COMMENT	None
CONSENT AGENDA MOTION NO.	22-264
	Motion by Charles Trapp, second by Mike Kruithoff, to approve the Consent Agenda dated July 13, 2022, including: the regular meeting minutes dated July 6, 2022; the Semi-Monthly Detail Analysis and Expenses dated June 15, 2022. Ayes – Brenda Bird, Mike Kruithoff, Ken DeLaat, James Maike, Charles Trapp, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Motion carried.
CLOSED SESSION MINUTES MOTION NUMBER	22-265
	Motion by Brenda Bird, second by Mike Kruithoff, to approve the June 22, 2022, closed session minutes. Ayes – Brenda Bird, Mike Kruithoff, Ken DeLaat, James Maike, Charles Trapp, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Motion carried.
APPOINTMENT	Commissioner District 1
	Motion by James Maike, second by Ken DeLaat, to appoint Philip Deur to the vacant District #1 Board of Commissioner seat, appointment to take effect immediately upon approval. Ayes – Brenda Bird, Mike Kruithoff, Ken DeLaat, James Maike, Charles Trapp, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Motion carried.
	<i>Note: Newaygo County Clerk Jason VanderStelt gave the Oath of Office to Mr. Deur, and he took his seat immediately following.</i>
PRESENTATION	West Michigan Adult & Teen Challenge, Pastor Bill Payette, Men's Director
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pastor Bill Payette discussed the Adult &amp; Teen Challenge of Western Michigan. Pastor Payette discussed the Purpose and Philosophy of the program as well as the history and results. A student of the program (Joe) discussed his testimony and changes he made with the assistance of the program.</li> </ul>
INTERVIEW	Mental Health Board, Partial-Term Expiring April 1, 2025
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interviewed Michelle Petz for the Mental Health Board partial-term. Ms. Petz discussed her experiences in this area and expressed the importance of what the Mental Health Board does.</li> </ul>
STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT	Finance Committee
CHAIRPERSON	Commissioner Ken DeLaat

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nothing to Report</li> </ul>	
MISC. COMMITTEE REPORT	Commissioner James Maike
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attended recent Parks meeting which was very informative.</li> </ul>	
MISC. COMMITTEE REPORT	Commissioner Brenda Bird
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attended Croton Township Meeting and everything is going well. The “Freedom Fest” had a good turnout with few issues.</li> </ul>	
MISC. COMMITTEE REPORT	Commissioner Ken DeLaat
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attended AAA of West Michigan meeting as progress continues in hiring a new director.</li> </ul>	
MISC. COMMITTEE REPORT	Commissioner Mike Kruihoff
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attended the Economic Development meeting yesterday that went very well.</li> </ul>	
MISC. COMMITTEE REPORT	Commissioner Charles Trapp
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Board of Public Works is working regularly on Hazardous Waste Clean-Up and tire collection, but may not be able to take tires in the Fall.</li> </ul>	
MISC. COMMITTEE REPORT	Commissioner Phil Deur
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public Safety and Judicial meeting at 10:30 a.m.</li> </ul>	
ADMINISTRATOR REPORT	Christopher Wren, County Administrator
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Budget meetings have begun and are going well. The budget situation in Newaygo County is very positive.</li> <li>Recently extended an offer to an individual for the COA Director position.</li> <li>The Economic Development Board is doing a great job with great ideas and lots of participation.</li> </ul>	
PUBLIC COMMENT	Joseph Fox, Newaygo County Resident
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attended this meeting due to the Adult and Teen Challenge presentation. Commends them for their direction in Newaygo County.</li> </ul>	
PUBLIC COMMENT	Micky Hilbrand, Newaygo County Resident
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supports Team Challenge and the work they do. Does not support the Red Project.</li> </ul>	
PUBLIC COMMENT	Michelle Petz, Newaygo County Resident
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discussed how the Red Project was beneficial to her family.</li> </ul>	
MISCELLANEOUS MOTION NO	
<p>Motion by James Maike, second by Charles Trapp, to approve the submission of the Ice Mountain Environmental Stewardship Fund Grant Application to the Fremont Area Community Foundation in the amount of \$30,000.00 for 2023 construction of Michigan’s Dragon at Hardy Dam, and authorize the Parks Director to sign any and all of the necessary documents. Ayes – Brenda Bird, Mike</p>	

Kruithoff, Ken DeLaat, James Maike, Charles Trapp, Bryan Kolk, Phil Deur. Nays – none. Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS	Commissioner Phil Deur
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Would like to thank the Board for having confidence in appointing him back to this board following the unfortunate passing of Commissioner Burt Cooper.</li></ul>	

MISCELLANEOUS	Commissioner Brenda Bird
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Addiction is a rapidly growing issue in Newaygo County and have seen many women step forward regarding this issue voicing their concerns. Would like men step forward as well to assist with this issue. Something must be done.</li></ul>	

MISCELLANEOUS	Commissioner Bryan Kolk
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• New cell towers will be added to Big Prairie and Bridgeton Townships.</li></ul>	

MOTION – ADJOURNMENT	22-267
Motion by Mike Kruithoff, second by Charles Trapp, to adjourn the meeting at 10:57 a.m. Ayes – Brenda Bird, Mike Kruithoff, Ken DeLaat, James Maike, Charles Trapp, Bryan Kolk, Phil Deur. Nays – none. Motion carried.	

COUNTY CLERK CERTIFICATION	
CHAIRPERSON CERTIFICATION	
DATE CERTIFIED	July 27, 2022