



Newaygo County Board of Commissioners

MINUTES

July 27, 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 Mike Kruithoff.
COMMISSIONERS PRESENT	Brenda Bird, Phil Deur, Mike Kruithoff, Ken DeLaat, James Maike, Charles Trapp, Bryan Kolk
AGENDA - MOTION NUMBER	22-281
Motion by Brenda Bird, second by James Maike, to approve the agenda for July 27, 2022. Ayes – Brenda Bird, Mike Kruithoff, Ken DeLaat, James Maike, Phil Deur, Charles Trapp, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Motion carried.	
PUBLIC COMMENT	Theresa Emshwiller, Newaygo County Resident
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Read a statement from an individual regarding the Red Project and the negative effects it had on their family. 	
PUBLIC COMMENT	Dorinda Vance, Newaygo County Resident
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed reading statement for Theresa. 	
PUBLIC COMMENT	Cheryl Hult, Newaygo County Resident
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would like to thank Commissioner Brenda Bird for bringing in Teen Challenge to speak at the last Board meeting. Does not support the Red Project or upcoming motion. 	
PUBLIC COMMENT	Dennis Hult, Newaygo County Resident
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has been protesting the Red Project since they came to White Cloud. 	
PUBLIC COMMENT	Dale Twing, Drain Commissioner
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Was involved and watched Ms. Petz interview for the Mental Health Board. Believes given her background she will do a great job. 	
PUBLIC COMMENT	Robert Lemson, Newaygo County Resident
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opposed to the Red Project and believes there is a conflict of interest appointing Ms. Petz to the Mental Health Board. 	
PUBLIC COMMENT	Derek Mason, Newaygo County Resident
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussed addiction being a huge issue in Newaygo County. Opposed to appointing Ms. Petz due to a conflict of interest. 	
PUBLIC COMMENT	Ken Thorne, Newaygo County Resident
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Question if the Board was aware of any conflicts of interest regarding Ms. Petz. 	
CONSENT AGENDA MOTION NO.	22-282
Motion by Charles Trapp, second by Mike Kruithoff, to approve the Consent Agenda dated July 27, 2022, including: the regular meeting minutes dated July 13, 2022; the Semi-Monthly Detail Analysis and Expenses dated July 20, 2022; the June 2022 Check Register; the June 2022 Budget Report.	

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

APPOINTMENT	Mental Health Board – Partial Term expiring April 1, 2025
MOTION NUMBER	22-283
Motion by Phil Deur, second by Charles Trapp, to place the name of Michelle Petz in nomination and cast a unanimous ballot for appointment to the Mental Health Board; one partial-term, expiring April 1, 2025. Ayes – Mike Kruithoff, Ken DeLaat, James Maike, Phil Deur, Charles Trapp, Bryan Kolk. Nays – Brenda Bird. Motion carried.	

PRESENTATION	Sisters of Sobriety
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Valeria Syswerda and Angela Kazemier presented information regarding “Sisters of Sobriety”. Sisters of Sobriety’s mission is to provide transitional housing, a safe moral environment, and to provide life skills training, for women recovering from substance abuse and to integrate residents back into society as productive, healthy individuals.	

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT	Finance Committee
CHAIRPERSON	Commissioner Ken DeLaat
Reported the following actions (see below):	
MOTION NUMBER	22-261-1
Motion by Ken DeLaat, second by Charles Trapp, to approve the 2022 Interlocal Agreements between Newaygo County Road Commission, Newaygo County Regional Education Association, White Cloud/Sherman Utilities Authority, and the Newaygo County Drain Commissioner, and authorize the Drain Commissioner to sign any and all of the he necessary documents. Ayes – Mike Kruithoff, Ken DeLaat, Brenda Bird, James Maike, Phil Deur, Charles Trapp, Bryan Kolk. Nays – None. Motion carried.	

MOTION NUMBER	22-270-1
Motion by Ken DeLaat, second by Mike Kruithoff, to approve the FY 2021 Homeland Security Grant Program Intergovernmental Agreement with the West Michigan Regional Medical Consortium; and authorize the Board Chair, County Administrator, and Emergency Services Director to sign any and all necessary documentation. Ayes – Mike Kruithoff, Ken DeLaat, Brenda Bird, James Maike, Phil Deur, Charles Trapp, Bryan Kolk. Nays – None. Motion carried.	

MOTION NUMBER	22-277
Motion by Ken DeLaat, second by James Maike, to approve 2022-2023 Michigan Association of Counties (MAC) Dues in the amount of \$9,192.75; money to come from 101-101-957 (General Fund, Board of Commissioners – Subscriptions & Dues). Ayes – Mike Kruithoff, Ken DeLaat, Brenda Bird, James Maike, Phil Deur, Charles Trapp, Bryan Kolk. Nays – None. Motion carried.	

MOTION NUMBER	22-278
Motion by Ken DeLaat, second by Mike Kruithoff, to approve the submission of the FY 2023 Crime Victim Rights Grant Application, and authorize the Prosecuting Attorney to sign all necessary documents for submitting the application electronically. Ayes – Mike Kruithoff, Ken DeLaat, Brenda Bird, James Maike, Phil Deur, Charles Trapp, Bryan Kolk. Nays – None. Motion carried.	

MOTION NUMBER	22-279
Motion by Ken DeLaat, second by Charles Trapp, to approve the MERS Temporary Modification to Benefit Provisions for the purpose of including the Public Safety Recognition (COVID) Pay issued in May 2020 with employee defined benefit final average compensation. Ayes – Mike Kruithoff, Ken	

DeLaat, Brenda Bird, James Maike, Phil Deur, Charles Trapp, Bryan Kolk. Nays – None. Motion carried.

MISC. COMMITTEE REPORT	Commissioner James Maike
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Northern Michigan Counties Association meeting involved a presentation from Spectrum regarding broad band internet.• The Governor budgeted 4.6 million dollars to the DNR for new trails and trail improvements.	

MISC. COMMITTEE REPORT	Commissioner Brenda Bird
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attended recent Brooks Township meeting and everything there is going well. The recent Gus Macker Tournament went well and was a success.	

MISC. COMMITTEE REPORT	Commissioner Charles Trapp
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hazardous Waste Clean-Up went very, however will not be able to take tires in the Fall.	

MISC. COMMITTEE REPORT	Commissioner Bryan Kolk
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attended the West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission (WMSRDC) along with Commissioner Maike. They are currently planning a White River Economic impact study.	

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT	Christopher Wren, County Administrator
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Budget meetings have been completed and went well. Plans to report within next 60 days.• Attended meeting hosted by the Foundation regarding public transportation.	

PUBLIC COMMENT	Dale Twing, Drain Commissioner
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Appreciates the programs that are offered to assist with addiction. There is a huge problem with drug and alcohol addiction and would like everyone to work together on this issue.	

PUBLIC COMMENT	Cheryl Hult, Newaygo County Resident
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The last few meetings there were two programs presented that have shown great results. Would like to know if there is a choice of where these individuals are referred?	

PUBLIC COMMENT	Patty Steffes, Newaygo County Resident
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discussed opposition to the Red Project.	

PUBLIC COMMENT	Robert Lemson, Newaygo County Resident
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discussed opposition to the Red Project and to the appointment to the Mental Health Board.	

PUBLIC COMMENT	Theresa Emshwiller, Newaygo County Resident
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Disappointed by appointment made to the Mental Health Board.	

PUBLIC COMMENT	Lori Shears, Newaygo County Resident
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discussed opposition to the Red Project and the protests. Would like the Board to research this and get involved.	

PUBLIC COMMENT	Dennis Hult, Newaygo County Resident
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussed opposition to the Red Project.
PUBLIC COMMENT	Amber Wakefield-Muma, Newaygo County Resident
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Great to hear from the Sisters of Sobriety today. Does not support the Red Project and believes there are better solutions. Discussed election integrity believes there was election fraud in 2020 that needs to be researched further. Would like the ballots to be hand counted.
MISCELLANEOUS	Commissioner James Maike
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would like to thank those who came to speak today. Would also like to thank those who stepped forward and talked about the addictions they have dealt with.
MISCELLANEOUS	Commissioner Brenda Bird
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would like to encourage everyone present to “fight the good fight”.
MISCELLANEOUS	Commissioner Bryan Kolk
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New cell towers will be added to Big Prairie and Bridgeton Townships.
MOTION – ADJOURNMENT	22-284
	Motion by Mike Kruithoff, second by James Maike, to adjourn the meeting at 11:05 a.m. Ayes – Brenda Bird, Mike Kruithoff, Ken DeLaat, James Maike, Phil Deur, Charles Trapp, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Motion carried.
COUNTY CLERK CERTIFICATION	
CHAIRPERSON CERTIFICATION	
DATE CERTIFIED	August 10, 2022