



# Newaygo County Board of Commissioners

MINUTES

March 27, 2024

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.
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COMMISSIONERS PRESENT	James Maike, Ken DeLaat, Brenda Bird, Paul Mellema, Mike Kruithoff, Bryan Kolk
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COMMISSIONERS ABSENT	Charles Trapp (excused)
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AGENDA - MOTION NUMBER	24-108
Motion by Brenda Bird, second by James Maike, to approve the agenda for March 27, 2024. Ayes – Ken DeLaat, James Maike, Paul Mellema, Brenda Bird, Mike Kruithoff, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Absent – Charles Trapp. Motion carried.	

PUBLIC COMMENT	None
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CONSENT AGENDA MOTION NO.	24-109
Motion by Mike Kruithoff, second by Paul Mellema, to approve the Consent Agenda dated March 27, 2024, including: the regular meeting minutes dated March 13, 2024; the Semi-Monthly Detail Analysis and Expenses dated March 20, 2024; the January 2024 Check Register; the January 2024 Budget Report. Ayes – Ken DeLaat, James Maike, Paul Mellema, Brenda Bird, Mike Kruithoff, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Absent – Charles Trapp. Motion carried.	

PRESENTATION	Sheriff’s Department, Distinguished Service Award, Deputies of the Year
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sheriff Bob Mendham presented officers with recognition for service time. Deputies that were honored for 5 years of service were Deputies Tyler Selby, Trevor Sherman, Clint Hicks, Rachael Botello, Dave Kalinowski, Heather Kelly, Pat Fetterly, Korey Sitzema, Brian Van Singel, and Zac Cantu.</li> <li>• Deputy Sergeant Dylan Wimmer was honored for 10 years of service and Deputy Pat Green for 20 years of service, respectively.</li> <li>• Deputies of the Year awards were presented to Deputy Jonathon Vanderwall and Sergeant Dustin Runions.</li> </ul>	

RETIREMENT RESOLUTION	Philip Smalligan, Central Dispatch Director
MOTION NO.	24-110
Motion by James Maike, second by Paul Mellema, to approve <b>Resolution #03-012-24</b> recognizing the retirement of Newaygo County Central Dispatch Director Philip Smalligan. Ayes – Ken DeLaat, James Maike, Paul Mellema, Brenda Bird, Mike Kruithoff, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Absent – Charles Trapp. Motion carried.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Board Chair Bryan Kolk presented Director Smalligan with the Retirement Resolution.</li> <li>- Representative Joseph Fox also presented Director Smalligan with a recognition plaque from the State of Michigan.</li> </ul>	

RETIREMENT RESOLUTION	Phillip Green, Sheriff Deputy
MOTION NO.	24-111
Motion by James Maike, second by Paul Mellema, to approve <b>Resolution #03-013-24</b> recognizing the retirement of Newaygo County Deputy Phillip Green. Ayes – Ken DeLaat, James Maike, Paul,	

Mellema, Brenda Bird, Mike Kruithoff, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Absent – Charles Trapp. Motion carried.

- Board Chair Bryan Kolk presented Deputy Green with the Retirement Resolution.
- Representative Joseph Fox also presented Deputy Green with a recognition plaque from the State of Michigan.

<b>APPOINTMENTS</b>	Mental Health Board – Four (4) three-year terms expiring April 1, 2027
<b>MOTION NO.</b>	24-112

Motion by Paul Mellema, second by Mike Kruithoff, to place the names of Kathy Broome, Ken DeLat, Lori Schultz, and Helen Taube in nomination and cast a unanimous ballot for appointment to the Mental Health Board; three-year terms, expiring April 1, 2027. Ayes – Ken DeLaat, James Maike, Paul Mellema, Brenda Bird, Mike Kruithoff, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Absent – Charles Trapp. Motion carried.

<b>STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	Finance Committee
<b>CHAIRPERSON</b>	Commissioner Ken DeLaat

Ken DeLaat, Chairperson, reported the following actions (see below):

<b>MOTION NUMBER</b>	24-097-1
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Motion by Ken DeLaat, second by James Maike, to approve the partial 2024 Public Defender Agreement for the 27<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Court, Family/Juvenile Division with Attorney Cheryl L. Sterling, and authorize the Chief Judge Robert D. Springstead and Judge Melissa K. Dykman to sign any and all necessary documents. Ayes – Ken DeLaat, James Maike, Paul Mellema, Brenda Bird, Mike Kruithoff, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Absent – Charles Trapp. Motion carried.

<b>MOTION NUMBER</b>	24-098-1
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Motion by Ken DeLaat, second by Mike Kruithoff, to approve the FY 2023 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 – Ken DeLaat, James Maike, Paul Mellema, Brenda Bird, Mike Kruithoff, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Absent – Charles Trapp. Motion carried.

<b>MOTION NUMBER</b>	24-105
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Motion by Ken DeLaat, second by Mike Kruithoff, to approve a contract with Allied Waste Systems Inc. D/B/A Republic Services of Pierson for Rubbish Services for \$17,300.00 annually for two years, with an optional third year, and authorize the Board Chairman and County Administrator to sign any and all necessary documents. Ayes – Ken DeLaat, James Maike, Paul Mellema, Brenda Bird, Mike Kruithoff, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Absent – Charles Trapp. Motion carried.

<b>MOTION NUMBER</b>	24-106
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Motion by Ken DeLaat, second by James Maike, to authorize the Newaygo County Board of Public Works (BPW) to enter into a three-year contract with Republic Services for the Household Hazardous Waste Collection events, and authorize the Board Chairman to sign any and all of the necessary documents. Ayes – Ken DeLaat, James Maike, Paul Mellema, Brenda Bird, Mike Kruithoff, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Absent – Charles Trapp. Motion carried.

<b>MISC COMMITTEE REPORTS</b>	James Maike, Commissioner
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- Attended Sherman Township, Everett Township, Northern Michigan Counties Association, DHD #10 and Big Prairie Township meetings recently. Plans to attend Goodwell Township meeting tonight.

MISC COMMITTEE REPORTS	Brenda Bird, Commissioner
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attended the Brooks Township meeting and everything is going well there.</li> </ul>
ADMINISTRATOR REPORT	Administrator Christopher Wren
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Newaygo County is in a strong financial position. Tire cleanup day is June 15<sup>th</sup>.</li> </ul>
PUBLIC COMMENT	Dale Twing, Drain Commissioner
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hazardous Waste Cleanup Day is May 18<sup>th</sup>. Will take place at the Road Commission.</li> </ul>
PUBLIC COMMENT	Julie Burrell, Economic Development Director
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The City of White Cloud is a finalist for a pitch competition for communities on April 29<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>WMSRDC was awarded a fellowship from the Economic Development Council.</li> </ul>
PUBLIC COMMENT	Joseph Fox, State Representative
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Handed out March update newsletter to the board.</li> <li>The State is currently in a “Stale Mate” in the House of Representatives.</li> <li>Monitoring House Bill 5532, which would prohibit the use of wake boats within 500 feet of a shoreline and in water less than 20 feet deep.</li> </ul>
MISCELLANEOUS	James Maike, Commissioner
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Don Arquette, Lake County Commissioner recently passed away.</li> <li>Happy Birthday to Commissioner Kolk.</li> </ul>
MISCELLANEOUS	Brenda Bird, Commissioner
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Happy Birthday to Commissioner Kolk.</li> </ul>
MISCELLANEOUS	Ken DeLaat, Commissioner
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Happy Birthday to Commissioner Kolk and there will be cake following the meeting.</li> </ul>
MISCELLANEOUS	Mike Kruihoff, Commissioner
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Happy Birthday to Commissioner Kolk.</li> </ul>
MISCELLANEOUS	Paul Mellema, Commissioner
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Happy Birthday to Commissioner Kolk. Disappointed with Broadband in Newaygo County. Some areas have multiple options for internet while other areas have none.</li> </ul>
MISCELLANEOUS	Bryan Kolk, Commissioner
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reminder that the Administrators evaluation was sent out and is due on Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup>.</li> </ul>
MOTION – ADJOURNMENT	24-113
	Motion by Mike Kruihoff, second by Brenda Bird, to adjourn the meeting at 10:32 a.m. Ayes – Ken DeLaat, James Maike, Paul Mellema, Brenda Bird, Mike Kruihoff, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Absent – Charles Trapp. Motion carried.
COUNTY CLERK CERTIFICATION	Jason VanderStelt, County Clerk
CHAIRPERSON CERTIFICATION	Bryan Kolk, Board Chair
DATE CERTIFIED	April 10, 2024