



Newaygo County Board of Commissioners

Finance Committee

MINUTES

October 7, 2026

9:30 A.M.

CALL TO ORDER, PRAYER, & PLEDGE	Meeting called to order by Chairperson Lori Tubbergen Clark, at 9:30 a.m., with Prayer by Newaygo County Clerk, Jason Vanderstelt, and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Commissioner James Maike.
COMMISSIONERS PRESENT	James Maike, Charles Trapp, Paul Mellema, Bryan Kolk, Lori Tubbergen Clark.
AGENDA - MOTION NUMBER	26-380
Motion by Charles Trapp, second by Paul Mellema, to approve the agenda for October 7, 2026, with the amendment to remove 12e, the motion regarding the Emergency Watershed Protection Program. Ayes – James Maike, Paul Mellema, Charles Trapp, Bryan Kolk, Lori Tubbergen Clark. Nays – none. Motion carried.	
PUBLIC COMMENT	None
MINUTES - MOTION NUMBER	26-381
Motion by Bryan Kolk, second by Charles Trapp, to approve the minutes of September 16, 2026, regular Finance Committee meeting. Ayes – James Maike, Paul Mellema, Charles Trapp, Bryan Kolk, Lori Tubbergen Clark. Nays – none. Motion carried.	
MOTION NUMBER	26-382
Motion by James Maike, second by Paul Mellema, to approve the Semi-Monthly Detail Analysis dated October 14, 2026, for a total amount of \$724,673.62. Ayes – James Maike, Paul Mellema, Charles Trapp, Bryan Kolk, Lori Tubbergen Clark. Nays – none. Motion carried.	
STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT	Health, Education and Human Services
CHAIRPERSON	Commissioner James Maike
MOTION NUMBER	26-377-1
Motion by James Maike, second by Bryan Kolk, to approve the Commission on Aging entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan to distribute respite certificates during FY 2027 and authorize the Board Chair to sign any and all necessary documents. Ayes – James Maike, Charles Trapp, Paul Mellema, Bryan Kolk, Lori Tubbergen Clark. Nays – none. Motion carried.	
MOTION NUMBER	26-378-1
Motion by James Maike, second by Charles Trapp, to approve the Medical Examiner Contract with Paul A. Wagner, D.O., and Mid Michigan Medical Examiner Group, LLC, to provide medical examiner services for the period of October 1, 2026, through September 30, 2030, and authorize the Board Chair to sign any and all necessary documents. Ayes – James Maike, Charles Trapp, Paul Mellema, Bryan Kolk, Lori Tubbergen Clark. Nays – none. Motion carried.	

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT	Administrator Christopher Wren
	• The Newaygo County Transit Department began on October 1, 2026. Currently sold over 600 tokens. • Due to excessive spam calls the Administration Office has instituted a phone tree for their department. • Budget season has concluded and looking forward to the beginning of the Audit. • Jodie McGarry was nominated and is a finalist for the Newaygo County Influential Women award.
PUBLIC COMMENT	None
MISC MOTION NUMBER	26-383
	Motion by Bryan Kolk, second by James Maike, to renew Newaygo County's annual membership dues to the National Association of Counties (NACo) in the amount of \$1,000.00; money to come from the General Fund: Board of Commissioners – Subscription – Dues. Ayes – James Maike, Paul Mellema, Charles Trapp, Bryan Kolk, Lori Tubbergen Clark. Nays – none. Motion carried.
MISC MOTION NUMBER	26-384
	Motion by Charles Trapp, second by Paul Mellema, to ratify the agreement for the FY 2027 Snowmobile Law Enforcement Program grant in the amount of \$6,000, and authorize the Sheriff to sign any and all necessary documents. Ayes – James Maike, Paul Mellema, Charles Trapp, Bryan Kolk, Lori Tubbergen Clark. Nays – none. Motion carried.
MISC MOTION NUMBER	26-385
	Motion by James Maike, second by Bryan Kolk, to approve the fiscal year 2027 Michigan Department of Natural Resources Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) Law Enforcement Program grant agreement in the amount of \$25,500.00 and authorize the Sheriff to sign any and all necessary documents. Ayes – James Maike, Paul Mellema, Charles Trapp, Bryan Kolk, Lori Tubbergen Clark. Nays – none. Motion carried.
MISC MOTION NUMBER	26-386
	Motion by Bryan Kolk, second by Paul Mellema, to approve the Cooperative Reimbursement Program agreement with the State of Michigan's Department of Health and Human Services for Title IV-D services effective October 1, 2026, through September 30, 2028, for a total amount of \$2,909,901.00, and authorize the Chief Judge, Prosecutor, and Board Chair to sign any and all necessary documents electronically. Ayes – James Maike, Paul Mellema, Charles Trapp, Bryan Kolk, Lori Tubbergen Clark. Nays – none. Motion carried.
MISCELLANEOUS	None
ADJOURNMENT	26-387
	Motion by Paul Mellema, second by Bryan Kolk, to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 a.m. Ayes – James Maike, Paul Mellema, Charles Trapp, Bryan Kolk, Lori Tubbergen Clark. Nays – none. Motion carried.
COUNTY CLERK CERTIFICATION	Jason Vanderstelt, Newaygo County Clerk
CHAIRPERSON CERTIFICATION	Lori Tubbergen Clark, Committee Chair
DATE CERTIFIED	October 21, 2026