Newaygo County Board of Commissioners

MINUTES June 24, 2026 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 Paul Mellema.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT	Charles Trapp, Lori Tubbergen Clark, Brenda Bird, Paul Mellema, James Maike, Mike Kruithoff, Bryan Kolk

AGENDA - MOTION NUMBER	26-231
Motion by Brenda Bird, second by James Maike, to approve the agenda for June 24, 2026. Ayes – Paul Mellema, Lori Tubbergen Clark, Brenda Bird, James Maike, Mike Kruithoff, Charles Trapp, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Motion carried.	

PUBLIC COMMENT	None

CONSENT AGENDA MOTION NO.	26-232
Motion by James Maike, second by Charles Trapp, to approve the Consent Agenda dated June 24, 2026, including: the regular meeting minutes dated June 10, 2026; the Semi-Monthly Detail Analysis and Expenses dated June 24, 2026; the June 2026 Check Register; the June 2026 Budget Report. Ayes – Paul Mellema, Lori Tubbergen Clark, Brenda Bird, James Maike, Mike Kruithoff, Charles Trapp, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Motion carried.	

PRESENTATION	Sheriff's Department – Appreciation Awards

- Deputy Nemcek and Animal Shelter Director, Jennifer Price were presented with the first "PAWS" Awards for exemplary work done with the Animal Shelter.

UPDATE	Michigan Association of Counties – Steve Currie, Executive Director

- The Michigan Association of Counties primary goals are Advocacy, Education, and Services.
- State Budgetary Priorities consist of revenue sharing with the anticipation of the budget being completed in the next week.
- Continued work on the State Septic code options.

APPOINTMENT MOTION NUMBER	26-233
Motion by Mike Kruithoff, second by Charles Trapp, to place Larry Norburg's name in nomination and cast a unanimous ballot for appointment to the Veterans' Affairs Committee; one (1) four-year term expiring June 30, 2030. Ayes – Paul Mellema, Lori Tubbergen Clark, Brenda Bird, James Maike, Mike Kruithoff, Charles Trapp, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Motion carried.	

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT	Finance Committee
CHAIRPERSON	Commissioner Lori Tubbergen Clark
Lori Tubbergen Clark, Chairperson, reported the following actions (see below):	
MOTION NUMBER	26-209-1
Motion by Lori Tubbergen Clark, second by Charles Trapp, to approve an agreement with Spicer Group to conduct a feasibility study for the Kosten Drain Drainage District/Rogue River Intercounty Drain pump station for an estimated cost of $25,000.00 and authorize the Newaygo County Drain Commissioner to execute any and all necessary documents. Ayes – Paul Mellema, Lori Tubbergen	

Clark, Brenda Bird, James Maike, Mike Kruithoff, Charles Trapp, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Motion carried.

MOTION NUMBER	26-210-1
Motion by Lori Tubbergen Clark, second by Paul Mellema, to pause the development of the former Four-Seasons Marina and authorize the Parks Director to sign any and all necessary documents. Ayes – Paul Mellema, Lori Tubbergen Clark, Brenda Bird, James Maike, Mike Kruithoff, Charles Trapp, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Motion carried.	

MOTION NUMBER	26-211-1
Motion by Lori Tubbergen Clark, second by Charles Trapp, to approve the partnership with the City of White Cloud to fund the reconstruction (milling and overlay) of Williams Street, between Wilcox and James Streets, at a cost not to exceed $51,200.00, payable from the Capital Improvements Fund, and authorize the Board Chair to sign any and all necessary documents. Ayes – Paul Mellema, Lori Tubbergen Clark, Brenda Bird, James Maike, Mike Kruithoff, Charles Trapp, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Motion carried.	

MOTION NUMBER	26-221-1
Motion by Lori Tubbergen Clark, second by Mike Kruithoff, to approve the FY 2027 Newaygo County Drug Court (NCDCP) Application and authorize the Trial Court Director/FOC to electronically submit the application by July 3, 2026. Ayes – Paul Mellema, Lori Tubbergen Clark, Brenda Bird, James Maike, Mike Kruithoff, Charles Trapp, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Motion carried.	

MOTION NUMBER	26-228
Motion by Lori Tubbergen Clark, second by Brenda Bird, to approve **Resolution #06-014-26** for the Veterans' Services Millage Renewal to be submitted to the Electorate at the General Election to be held on November 3, 2026. Ayes – Paul Mellema, Lori Tubbergen Clark, Brenda Bird, James Maike, Mike Kruithoff, Charles Trapp, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Motion carried.	

MOTION NUMBER	26-229
Motion by Lori Tubbergen Clark, second by Charles Trapp, to accept Grant Contract #74301-Spring 2026 from the Fremont Arewa Community Foundation in the total amount of $52,000.00 and authorize the Chair of the Board of Commissioners and County Administrator to sign any and all necessary documents. Ayes – Paul Mellema, Lori Tubbergen Clark, Brenda Bird, James Maike, Mike Kruithoff, Charles Trapp, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Motion carried.	

MISC. COMMITTEE REPORT	Commissioner Lori Tubbergen Clark
• Attended the Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan Board meeting and they approved their budget for the year with the addition of a Health Promotion line item. Unfortunately, a 3% decrease on home delivered meals was included.	

MISC. COMMITTEE REPORT	Commissioner Bryan Kolk
• Attended the Bridgeton Township meeting and they currently have a lot of projects on their plate including a livery service that had previously been closed but would like to be re-opened by new owner.	

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT	Administrator Christopher Wren
• Supreme Court Ruling questioning capacity for local municipalities to auction homes after the foreclosure process is completed was announced yesterday with a unanimous vote supporting the current County Treasurer's following of the law.	

- Continue to navigate the Consumers Dam sale and will speak with representatives from Consumers tomorrow.
- Budget process continues to move forward with all budgets submitted and in the process of review.

PUBLIC COMMENT	Doug Harmon, Road Commission

- Recently finalized contract with Norwich Township and there will be $4 million in road work done this year.
- Roads are being mowed and lines are being repainted.

PUBLIC COMMENT	April Storms, White Cloud City Manager

- Would like to thank the County for the continued partnership and relationship between the County and the City of White Cloud.

PUBLIC COMMENT	Luke Eising, Running for State Representative

- Currently sits on the Goodwell Township Planning Commission and discussed reasons for running for State Representative.

MISCELLANEOUS MOTION NUMBER	26-234

Motion by James Maike, second by Charles Trapp, to approve **Resolution #06-015-26** supporting the sale of the Hardy and Croton Dams from Consumers Energy to Confluence Hydro, LLC. Ayes – Paul Mellema, Lori Tubbergen Clark, Brenda Bird, James Maike, Mike Kruithoff, Charles Trapp, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS MOTION NUMBER	26-235

Motion by Lori Tubbergen Clark, second by Paul Mellema, to approve **Resolution #06-016-26** terminating the Local State of Emergency declared on April 15, 2026, and extended on April 22, 2026, and authorize the Board Chair to sign any and all necessary documents. Any motion or resolution that conflicts with this resolution is hereby rescinded. Ayes – Paul Mellema, Lori Tubbergen Clark, Brenda Bird, James Maike, Mike Kruithoff, Charles Trapp, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS MOTION NUMBER	26-236

Motion by Mike Kruithoff, second by Paul Mellema, to approve an amendment to motion #26-198-1 for the submission of an Infrastructure Projects Authority Fund grant application to the State of Michigan for funding to establish a transit agency as a department of Newaygo County to increase the total amount by $300,000.00 to not exceed $4,300,000.00 and authorize the Commission on Aging Director to submit the digital grant application and the Board Chair to sign any and all necessary documents. Ayes – Paul Mellema, Lori Tubbergen Clark, Brenda Bird, James Maike, Mike Kruithoff, Charles Trapp, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS MOTION NUMBER	26-237

Motion by Charles Trapp, second by Mike Kruithoff, to authorize the County Treasurer to enter into an agreement with Lilley Township to collect 2026 Property Taxes as required by Public Act 206 of 1893 (General Property Tax Act), and allow the County Treasurer to sign any and all necessary documents. Ayes – Paul Mellema, Lori Tubbergen Clark, Brenda Bird, James Maike, Mike Kruithoff, Charles Trapp, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS	Commissioner Brenda Bird

- Would like to thank the VFW for installing a flag on the property of Birds Market.
- Thank you for the Animal Shelter and all the work being done by the Sheriff's Department to improve the facilities.

CLOSED SESSION MOTION NO.	26-238

Motion by Mike Kruithoff, second by Charles Trapp, to adjourn to closed session at 10:31 a.m. to discuss Deputies and Command Unit Union Contract Negotiations. Roll Call Vote: James Maike – aye, Brenda Bird – aye, Paul Mellema – aye, Mike Kruithoff – aye, Lori Tubbergen Clark – aye, Charles Trapp - aye, Bryan Kolk – aye. Motion carried.

OPEN SESSION MOTION NO.	26-239

Motion by Charles Trapp, second by Brenda Bird, to return to open session at 10:45 a.m. Ayes – Lori Tubbergen Clark, James Maike, Charles Trapp, Brenda Bird, Mike Kruithoff, Paul Mellema, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Motion carried.

MOTION – ADJOURNMENT	26-240

Motion by Brenda Bird, second by Mike Kruithoff, to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 a.m. Ayes – Paul Mellema, Lori Tubbergen Clark, Brenda Bird, James Maike, Mike Kruithoff, Charles Trapp, Bryan Kolk. Nays – none. Motion carried.

COUNTY CLERK CERTIFICATION	Jason VanderStelt, County Clerk
CHAIRPERSON CERTIFICATION	Bryan Kolk, Board Chair
DATE CERTIFIED	July 8, 2026