



Newaygo County Board of Commissioners

Finance Committee

MINUTES

September 2, 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 Charles Trapp.
COMMISSIONERS PRESENT	James Maike, Charles Trapp, Paul Mellema, Bryan Kolk, Lori Tubbergen Clark
AGENDA - MOTION NUMBER	26-331
Motion by Charles Trapp, second by Paul Mellema, to approve the agenda for September 2, 2026. Ayes – James Maike, Paul Mellema, Charles Trapp, Bryan Kolk, Lori Tubbergen Clark. Nays – none. Motion carried.	
PUBLIC COMMENT	None
MINUTES - MOTION NUMBER	26-332
Motion by Bryan Kolk, second by James Maike, to approve the minutes of August 19, 2026, regular Finance Committee meeting. Ayes – James Maike, Paul Mellema, Charles Trapp, Bryan Kolk, Lori Tubbergen Clark. Nays – none. Motion carried.	
PRESENTATION	Administrator Christopher Wren, FY2027 Budget
Administrator Wren presented the 2027 budget to the Board. The 2027 fiscal year budget is the primary policy statement on County programs and priorities from the Board of Commissioners to the citizens of Newaygo County. The budget provides information to the public on the funding priorities and programs that have been established.	
MOTION NUMBER	26-333
Motion by Bryan Kolk, second by Charles Trapp, to adopt Resolution #09-020-26 to approve the Newaygo County General Appropriations Act for the fiscal year 2027 Operating Budget. Ayes – James Maike, Charles Trapp, Paul Mellema, Bryan Kolk, Lori Tubbergen Clark. Nays – none. Motion carried.	
MOTION NUMBER	26-334
Motion by Charles Trapp, second by Paul Mellema, to approve the Semi-Monthly Detail Analysis dated September 9, 2026, for a total amount of \$502,415.51. Ayes – James Maike, Paul Mellema, Charles Trapp, Bryan Kolk, Lori Tubbergen Clark. Nays – none. Motion carried.	
MOTION NUMBER	26-335
Motion by James Maike, second by Bryan Kolk, to approve Resolution #09-021-26 for fiscal year 2027 annual wage increases for Elected Officials, appointed Department Heads, Unclassified Employees, and Part-time Employees effective October 1, 2026. This motion is contingent upon approval of the fiscal year 2027 Budget. Ayes – James Maike, Charles Trapp, Paul Mellema, Bryan Kolk, Lori Tubbergen Clark. Nays – none. Motion carried.	

MOTION NUMBER	26-336
Motion by Bryan Kolk, second by James Maike, to approve the expense of \$504,751.00 to Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority (MMRMA) for liability insurance for the period of October 1, 2026, through September 30, 2027, and authorize the County Administrator to sign any and all necessary documents. Payment will be made in three (3) installments and paid from Fund 678: Liability Insurance Fund. Ayes – James Maike, Paul Mellema, Charles Trapp, Bryan Kolk, Lori Tubbergen Clark. Nays – none. Motion carried.	
STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT	Health, Education & Human Services
CHAIRPERSON	Commissioner James Maike
MOTION NUMBER	26-327-1
Motion by James Maike, second by Bryan Kolk, to ratify the application of the FY 2027 Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency (MVAA) County Veterans Service Fund grant in an amount not to exceed \$65,799.00 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	26-328-1
Motion by James Maike, second by Charles Trapp, to approve the increase of the headstone, plaque, and marker allotment for Newaygo County veteran burials from \$75.00 to \$250.00 per application. Ayes – James Maike, Charles Trapp, Paul Mellema, Bryan Kolk, Lori Tubbergen Clark. Nays – none. Motion carried.	
MOTION NUMBER	26-329-1
Motion by James Maike, second by Bryan Kolk, to approve the Michigan Department of Transportation FY 2027 Resolution of Intent authorizing Newaygo County to apply for State operating assistance under Act 51, approving the proposed FY 2027 transit budget and funding plan, and designating Brad Hinken as Transportation Coordinator and official representative for public transportation matters related to Act 51. Ayes – James Maike, Charles Trapp, Paul Mellema, Bryan Kolk, Lori Tubbergen Clark. Nays – none. Motion carried.	
ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT	Administrator Christopher Wren
• Next week's board meetings are on Tuesday due to the MAC Conference. • The Michigan public service commission is anticipated to vote on the sale of the Dams soon.	
PUBLIC COMMENT	None
MISCELLANEOUS	None
ADJOURNMENT	26-337
Motion by James Maike, second by Bryan Kolk, to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 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	September 16, 2026