



Newaygo County Board of Commissioners

Physical & Economic Development Committee

MINUTES

September 2, 2026

10:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER	Meeting called to order by Commissioner Charles Trapp, Chair, at 10:37 a.m.
MEMBERS PRESENT	Paul Mellema, Charles Trapp
MEMBERS ABSENT	Mike Kruithoff (Excused)
AGENDA - MOTION NUMBER	26-338
Motion by Paul Mellema, second by Charles Trapp, to approve the agenda of September 2, 2026. Ayes – Paul Mellema, Charles Trapp. Nays - none. Absent – Mike Kruithoff. Motion carried.	
PUBLIC COMMENT	None
MINUTES – MOTION NUMBER	26-339
Motion by Paul Mellema, second by Charles Trapp, to approve the Physical & Economic Development Committee meeting minutes of August 12, 2026. Ayes – Paul Mellema, Charles Trapp. Nays - none. Absent – Mike Kruithoff. Motion carried.	
DEPARTMENT UPDATE	Derek Wawsczyk, Road Commission
Not in attendance	
DEPARTMENT UPDATE	Mark Kraus, Economic Development Director
- Continuing professional development training with a recent meeting in Detroit. - The Right Place hosted its annual Pitch North competition.	
DEPARTMENT UPDATE	Darrick VanBoven, Maintenance Supervisor
- Serviced the door to the cat room at the Animal Shelter. - Large mailing for Jury duty. - Replaced thermostat on water heater at DHHS.	
DEPARTMENT UPDATE	Asa Vermulen, Parks Director
- Filled all positions to finish out the season. - Rode the entirety of the Dragon Trail and it is in great shape.	
DEPARTMENT UPDATE	Dale Twing, Drain Commissioner
Not in attendance	
DEPARTMENT UPDATE	Leticia Nelson, Equalization
Not in attendance	
DEPARTMENT UPDATE	IT Department
Not in attendance	

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT	Christopher Wren, Administrator
Nothing to report	
PUBLIC COMMENT	None
MISCELLANEOUS	None
ADJOURN – MOTION NUMBER	26-340
Motion by Paul Mellema, second by Charles Trapp, to adjourn the meeting at 11:06 a.m. Ayes – Paul Mellema, Charles Trapp. Nays - none. Absent – Mike Kruithoff. Motion carried.	
COUNTY CLERK CERTIFICATION	Jason VanderStelt, County Clerk
CHAIRPERSON CERTIFICATION	Charles Trapp, Committee Chair
DATE	October 7, 2026