

APPROVED
PROCEEDINGS OF THE OTTAWA COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
NOVEMBER SESSION - FIRST DAY

The Ottawa County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, November 12, 2002, at 1:30 p.m. and was called to order by the Chair.

Mrs. Ruiter pronounced the invocation.

The Clerk led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Present at roll call: Messrs. Rinck, Rycenga, Vander Kam, Mohr, VanderLaan, Berghorst, Kuyers, Schrotenboer, Haveman, Mrs. Ruiter, Mr. Swartout. (11)

Absent: Ms. Visscher, Mrs. Kortman. (2)

Public Comments and Communications from County Staff

Ken Rizzio, Ottawa County Economic Development Office, introduced Trisha Kieft, Assistant Vice-president for Community Relations at the Michigan Economic Development Corporation. A while back, the Commission and the EDC voted to become formal inter local partners of the MEDC. Ms. Kieft is here today to recognize and thank the Board for that. A plaque was presented to Dennis Swartout.

The following people addressed the Board with concerns on proposed CMH changes. They are:

- Alfont McCaro, 503 W. 28th, Holland, Michigan.
- Amy Sterk, 2093 Tyler St., Jenison, Michigan, advocate at the Lakeshore Center for Independent Living.
- Harold Zwyghuizen, 3115 Meadowview Dr., Hudsonville, Michigan.
- Rochelle Rawlings, 15881 - 32nd Ave., Coopersville, Michigan.
- Fran Beukema.

B/C 02-235 Mr. VanderLaan moved to approve the agenda of today as presented and amended to place the Discussion Items before Closed Session. Mr. Berghorst supported the motion and the motion passed.

B/C 02-236 Mr. VanderLaan moved to approve the following Consent Resolutions:

1. To approve the minutes of the October 22, 2002, Board of Commissioners' Meeting.
2. To receive as information the Correspondence Log 315.

3. To authorize the payroll of November 12, 2002, in the amount of \$544.39.
4. To approve the general claims in the amount of \$20,457,294.72 as presented by the summary report for October 14 through October 31, 2002.
5. To approve the appropriation changes greater than \$50,000 and those approved by the Administrator and Finance Director for \$50,000 or less which changed the total appropriation from the amended budget for the month of October 2002.
6. To receive as information the results of the public opinion survey of Ottawa County residents dated October 2002.

Mr. Schrotenboer supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Berghorst, Kuyers, Schrotenboer, Haveman, Mrs. Ruiter, Messrs. Rinck, Rycenga, Vander Kam, Mohr, VanderLaan, Swartout. (11)

B/C 02-237 Mr. Haveman moved to approve removing the former Community Haven property at 7851 Leonard Road, Coopersville, from the market to allow for further study and planning for use as a future County park. Dr. Mohr supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Kuyers, Schrotenboer, Haveman, Mrs. Ruiter, Messrs. Rinck, Rycenga, Vander Kam, Mohr, Berghorst, Swartout. (10)

Nays: Mr. VanderLaan. (1)

Discussion Items

Public Opinion Survey of Ottawa County Residents - John Naser, Planning and Grants Department, gave a brief synopsis of the 2002 Ottawa County Residents Opinion Survey.

West Michigan Strategic Alliance Report - John Naser, Planning and Grants Department, gave a brief synopsis of the West Michigan Strategic Alliance Report.

City of Holland Request - Roger Rycenga gave a brief summary of what was discussed at the Finance Committee Meeting regarding the \$965,000. He would like to see \$300,000 for the Geerling's Property, \$300,000 in the low-interest revolving fund and \$365,000 in the project fund. Mr. Swartout said there would be discussion at the next meeting on the Geerling's property. All that are associated with the project are invited to come to the next meeting to discuss this.

B/C 02-238 Mr. VanderLaan moved to go into a Closed Session at 2:35 p.m. to discuss pending litigation. (Two thirds roll call vote required). Mr. Vander Kam supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs.

Schrotenboer, Haveman, Mrs. Ruiter, Messrs. Rinck, Rycenga, Vander Kam, Mohr, VanderLaan, Berghorst, Kuyers, Swartout. (11)

B/C 02-239 Mr. Rinck moved to rise from Closed Session at 2:55 p.m. Mr. Schrotenboer supported the motion and the motion passed.

B/C 02-240 Mr. Rinck moved to go into a Closed Session at 2:56 p.m. to discuss contract negotiations. (Two thirds roll call vote required). Mr. Schrotenboer supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Mr. Haveman, Mrs. Ruiter, Messrs. Rinck, Rycenga, Vander Kam, Mohr, VanderLaan, Berghorst, Kuyers, Schrotenboer, Swartout. (11)

B/C 02-241 Mr. Rinck moved to rise from Closed Session at 3:45 p.m. Mr. Schrotenboer supported the motion and the motion passed.

Mr. Kuyers left at 3:45 p.m.

Several Commissioners gave reports on meetings attended and future meetings to be held.

Public Comments

The following people addressed the Board with concerns on proposed CMH changes. They are:

- Christine Brown, 287 Greenwood, Park Township.
- Catherine Vogler, 1681 S. 7 1/2 Road, Harrietta, Michigan.
- Christy Lasey, Zeeland, Michigan.

B/C 02-242 Mr. VanderLaan moved to adjourn at 3:55 p.m. subject to the call of the Chair. Mr. Rinck supported the motion and the motion passed.

DANIEL C. KRUEGER, Clerk DENNIS W. SWARTOUT, Chair
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