

**PROPOSED  
PROCEEDINGS OF THE OTTAWA COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
FEBRUARY SESSION – FIRST DAY**

The Ottawa County Board of Commissioners met on Thursday, February 16, 2023, at 9:01 a.m. and was called to order by the Chairperson.

The invocation was pronounced.

Commissioner Cosby led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Present at roll call: Gretchen Cosby, Lucy Ebel, Douglas Zylstra, Jacob Bonnema, Joe Moss, Rebekah Curran, Sylvia Rhodea, Roger Belknap, Roger Bergman, Allison Miedema.  
(10)

Absent: Kyle Terpstra (1)

Public Comments

Public comments were made by the following:

1. Bob Collins-Spring Lake Village
2. Derrick Mullenburg-Holland Township
3. Dan Zimmer-Port Sheldon
4. Holly Little-Park Township
5. Jeff King-Jamestown Township
6. Stephen Rockman-Grand Haven Township
7. Marcia Vandenbrink-Holland Township
8. Karen Obits-Spring Lake
9. Pam Driesenga-Blendon Township
10. Cindy Kornoelje-Tallmadge Township
11. Lisa Bosch-Wright Township
12. David Barnosky-Port Sheldon Township
13. David Lee Morren-Allendale Township
14. Harvey Nikkel-Georgetown Township
15. Gail Roelofs-Allendale Township
16. Don Bergman-Park Township
17. Walter Davis-Grand Haven Township
18. Deb Cizek-Port Sheldon Township
19. Krista Mason-Park Township
20. Cindy Spielmaker-Grand Haven Township
21. Rebecca Patrick-Allendale Township
22. Gail Harrison-Grand Haven Township
23. Mary Bockheim-Tallmadge Township
24. Christi Meppelink-Zeeland Township

25. Orlando Estrada-Holland City
26. Ken Schwallier-Wright Township
27. Rich Dausman-Wright Township
28. Kristen Hintz-Holland Township
29. Megan Ryan-Holland Township
30. Abby Jones-Kent County
31. Al Alfonso-Holland Township

B/C 23-058 Sylvia Rhodea moved to approve the agenda of today with the following amendments to strike 7N, Community Health Needs Assessment Contract, and 9A, Community Action Agency Advisory Board.

The motion passed with the following votes: Yeas: Gretchen Cosby, Roger Bergman, Douglas Zylstra, Jacob Bonnema, Allison Miedema, Rebekah Curran, Lucy Ebel, Roger Belknap, Sylvia Rhodea, Joe Moss. (10)

B/C 23-059 Douglas Zylstra moved to amend the amended agenda to add 9C to go into Closed Session to discuss personnel matters.

The motion failed by the following votes: Nays: Roger Belknap, Gretchen Cosby, Sylvia Rhodea, Allison Miedema, Lucy Ebel, Joe Moss. (6)

Yeas: Rebekah Curran, Jacob Bonnema, Douglas Zylstra, Roger Bergman. (4)

B/C 23-060 Sylvia Rhodea moved to take a brief recess at 10:40 a.m.

The motion passed.

Chairperson Moss called the meeting back to order at 11:01 a.m.

B/C 23-061 Gretchen Cosby moved to approve the following Consent Resolutions with the removal of H and moving it to before Committee Reports:

- A. To approve the minutes of the January 24, 2023, Board of Commissioners meeting.
- B. To receive for information the Correspondence Log.
- C. To ratify all contracts for the period of January 1, 2023 to January 31, 2023 currently pending on the post-execution ratification list as authorized under Section IV(D)(2) of the Ottawa County Contracting Authorization and Form Policy.
- D. To receive for information the Ottawa County Equalization Department 2022 Annual Report.
- E. To receive for information the Ottawa County Department of Public Health 2022 Annual Report.

- F. To receive for information the Ottawa County Community Mental Health 2022 Annual Report.
- G. To receive for information the Ottawa County Facilities Maintenance 2022 Annual Report.
- H. To schedule a Work Session to review, and if needed, update, By-Laws and Ordinances for all committees and boards.
- I. To approve the general claims in the amount of \$26,311,053.93 as presented by the summary report for January 2, 2023 through January 26, 2023.
- J. To approve the Clean Sweep Grant application from the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development.
- K. To approve the Agreement with Native Edge LLC for professional design, implementation, and maintenance services to Ottawa County for the native landscape design and services project at a total cost of \$95,000.
- L. To approve the contract with Weatherproofing Technologies Inc. to repair and resurface the roofs as 1111 Fulton Street, DHHS and A buildings at the James Street Campus for a total cost of \$959,820.44.
- M. To approve the Specialized Services Public Transportation Subcontract Agreement with Pioneer Resources.
- N. To approve the funding amendment to the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) Rental Assistance and Homeless Solutions grant #HML-2022-Ottawa C-5826-ESF.
- O. To approve the funding amendment to the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) Rental Assistance and Homeless Solutions grant #HML-2020-Ottawa C-5826-C19.
- P. To approve the funding amendment to the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) Rental Assistance and Homeless Solutions grant #HML-2021-Ottawa C-5826-ESF.
- Q. To approve the request from IT to add one. 1.0 FTE full-time, benefited Network Administrator position at universal paygrade 15 for a total cost of \$131,738.
- R. To approve the 2024 Budget Calendar.
- S. To approve the 2023 budget adjustments per the attached schedule.

The motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Jacob Bonnema, Lucy Ebel, Roger Bergman, Allison Miedema, Gretchen Cosby, Sylvia Rhodea, Rebekah Curran, Douglas Zylstra, Roger Belknap, Joe Moss. (10)

B/C 23-062 Gretchen Cosby moved to approve and authorize the Board Chairperson and Clerk/Register to sign the amendment to the Kallman Legal Group, PLLC's contract for the County Corporation legal services for the purpose of making this contract consistent with the two legal service contracts with the Ottawa County Insurance Authority, effective January 1, 2023.

The motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Roger Belknap, Allison Miedema, Gretchen Cosby, Jacob Bonnema, Sylvia Rhodea, Lucy Ebel, Joe Moss. (7)

Nays: Rebekah Curran, Douglas Zylstra, Roger Bergman. (3)

B/C 23-063 Douglas Zylstra moved to amend the motion to strike the last two sentences of Article VII-TERM of the First Amendment to Agreement for Legal Services, which states, "Notwithstanding the foregoing either party may terminate the contract only for just cause during the term of the contract. For purposes of this Agreement, "just cause" shall mean the gross negligence or misconduct of the Firm in the performance of its duties to the County."

The motion failed as shown by the following votes: Nays: Roger Belknap, Gretchen Cosby, Rebekah Curran, Lucy Ebel, Sylvia Rhodea, Allison Miedema, Joe Moss. (7)

Yeas: Roger Bergman, Douglas Zylstra, Jacob Bonnema. (3)

B/C 23-064 Roger Belknap moved to direct the County Administrator to work with Corporate Counsel to develop a Public Comment Policy to submit to the Rules Committee.

The motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Douglas Zylstra, Lucy Ebel, Roger Belknap, Gretchen Cosby, Allison Miedema, Jacob Bonnema, Sylvia Rhodea, Rebekah Curran, Joe Moss. (9)

Nays: Roger Bergman. (1)

B/C 23-065 Douglas Zylstra moved to amend the motion to add that by default, public e-comments will be made public with the provision that residents can opt in or out, as well as applying our social media standards to the publishing of these e-comments.

The motion failed as shown by the following votes: Nays: Lucy Ebel, Gretchen Cosby, Allison Miedema, Rebekah Curran, Sylvia Rhodea, Roger Belknap, Jacob Bonnema, Joe Moss. (8)

Yeas: Douglas Zylstra and Roger Bergman. (2)

#### Committee Reports

- A. Ottawa County Equalization Department Annual Report-Brian Busscher presented the 2022 Ottawa County Equalization Department Annual Report.
- B. Ottawa County Department of Public Health Annual Report-Adeline Hambley presented the 2022 Ottawa County Department of Public Health Annual Report.

Commissioner Curran left the meeting at 12:30 p.m.

- C. Ottawa County Community Mental Health Annual Report-Lynne Doyle presented the 2022 Ottawa County Community Mental Health Annual Report.
- D. Ottawa County Facilities Maintenance Annual Report-Blake Upright presented the 2022 Ottawa County Facilities Maintenance Annual Report.

Public Comment

- 1. Dan Zimmer-Port Sheldon Township
- 2. Walter Davis-Grand Haven Township
- 3. David Lee Morren-Allendale Township
- 4. Donna Mooney-Georgetown Township
- 5. Kristen Hintz-Park Township
- 6. Lori Grasman-Robinson Township
- 7. Caden Hembrough-Georgetown Township
- 8. Jim Kuiper-Holland Township
- 9. John DeBlaay-Georgetown Township
- 10. Harvey Nikkel-Georgetown Township

Zoom Public Comment

- 1. Joe Spaulding-Holland Township

The County Administrator's report was presented.

B/C 23-066 Sylvia Rhodea moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:25 p.m. The motion passed.

JUSTIN F. ROEBUCK, Clerk/Register  
Of the Board of Commissioners

JOE MOSS, Chairperson  
Of the Board of Commissioners