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**County Administrator's Weekly Digest
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KOM-FTZ BOARD OF DIRECTORS

One of the boards that I serve on representing Ottawa County is the KOM-FTZ Board. Ottawa County has participated in the Kent-Ottawa-Muskegon Foreign Trade Zone (KOM-FTZ) program since its inception. Each of the three counties appoints three persons to the Board of Directors. The three county administrators are members per the bylaws. Ottawa also appoints Ken Rizzio, Executive Director of the Ottawa County Economic Development Office (OCEDO), and George Jackson, retired GVSU business professor. Ken Rizzio chairs the KOM-FTZ Board.

An article from the Grand Rapids Press is included below, that thoroughly explains the workings and benefits of the Foreign Trade Zone program and I thought that it would be of interest to the Board of Commissioners and Digest readers.

CLERK-REGISTER COMBINATION

The Board of Commissioners set the public hearing for November 9, 2010 at 1:30 p.m. to hear public input regarding the possible combination of the officers of County Clerk and Register of Deeds. After the public hearing, should the Board decide to bring the issue forward for a vote, it would occur on November 23, 2010, at 1:30 p.m. State law requires that if the combination be brought to a vote, it can occur no sooner than 10 days or no later than 30 days from the public hearing.

A survey compilation of both the Clerk-Register of Deeds survey and the Local Unit Elections service information will be provided well before the public hearing. All surveys are not in as of yet.

The public notice is included below.

BOARD OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS SIZE

Michigan law allows a County Board of Commissioners to set the size of a Board of Road Commissioners from 3 to 5 members. This statutory change was made just a few years ago. Prior to this Boards of Road Commissioners were mandated at 3 members.

The Board of Commissioners discussed this in a work session Monday and decided to set a public hearing to hear public input on November 23, at 1:30 p.m.

The public notice is included below.

LOCAL UNIT QUADRANT MEETINGS

We have two local unit quadrant meetings left for Fall 2010 as follows:

Northwest, Monday, October 25, 2010 from 10 am - 12 pm at the Village of Spring Lake Hall
Southeast, Thursday, October 28, 2010 from 2-4 pm at Jamestown Charter Township Hall

JAIL INSPECTION REPORT

The County Jail was inspected on September 15 and 16 by the County Jail Services Unit, Michigan Department of Corrections, per Public Act 232 of 1953 as amended. The jail was found to be in compliance with all of the current Administrative Rules for Jails and Lockups.

Kudos to Sheriff Rosema, Under-Sheriff Steigenga and Lt. Baar and everyone else who contributes to such an excellently managed operation!

WATER QUALITY FORUM – SECCHIA DONATION

We have 39 registrations thus far for the water quality forum. I'm a little concerned with the number as the forum is just over two weeks away. Last years' numbers were down from 101 in 2008 to 62 in 2009. The anonymous, electronic polling completed at the forum indicated very positive reviews of the forum agenda and speakers. We did get feedback from other counties and the state that travel was restricted due to the economy so that might be a major factor. The agenda and registration form are included in this document.

We recently received a \$1,000 check from Peter Secchia supporting the work of the forum.

DISPATCH AWARDS (Tim Smith)

Each year the Michigan Chapter of APCO (Association of Public Safety Communications Officials) recognizes 911 employees for excellence in service.

I am pleased to that Ottawa County Central Dispatch Authority (OCCDA) Dispatcher Tammy Smith has received the Michigan Telecommunicator of the year award, and that OCCDA Supervisor Jen Rasch has received the Michigan Supervisor of the year award.

Congratulations to Tammy and Jen on their continued excellence in their job performance.

SEPTEMBER DISPATCH STATISTICS (Tim Smith)

The numbers handled through Central Dispatch for September 2010 were:

- Total Incidents –** 9,924 even with September 2009 and down 3.8% YTD over 2009
- Fire Incidents –** 1,096 up 5.8% over September 2009 and down 4.4% YTD over 2009
- Law Incidents –** 8,767 down 2.4% over September 2009 and down 3.8% YTD over 2009
- 911 Calls –** 9,207 up 1.3% over September 2009 and down 7.9% YTD over 2009
- 911 Hang Up calls -** 1,056 down 4.1% over September 2009 and up 10.3% YTD over 2009
- Wireless 911 calls –** 72.5% of 911 calls for September and 72.6% of 911 calls YTD

**911 calls answered in 10 seconds or less - 92.5% for September and 92.8% YTD 2010
(NENA recommended standard is 90% within 10 seconds)**

REMINDER – HEALTH INSURANCE MEETINGS

The Health Insurance meetings that were announced on the Front Page last week began today (Thursday, October 14). My wife Leslie joined me at the meeting at Fillmore today and we encourage you to have your significant others attend as well. Meetings have been very well attended and participants have had excellent questions.

Dates, Times and Locations:

Thursday, October 14 -- 9:00am-10:30am -- Informational Meeting -- GH Courthouse-Jury Assembly Room

Thursday, October 14 -- 10:30am-12:00pm -- Informational Meeting -- GH Courthouse-Jury Assembly Room
Thursday, October 14 -- 2:00pm-3:30pm -- Informational Meeting -- Fillmore Complex-Main Conference Room
Thursday, October 14 -- 3:30pm-5:00pm -- Informational Meeting -- Fillmore Complex-Main Conference Room
Friday, October 15 -- 9:00am-10:30am -- Informational Meeting -- Hudsonville District Court-Court Conference Room
Friday, October 15 -- 10:30am-12:00pm -- Informational Meeting -- Hudsonville District Court-Court Conference Room
Friday, October 15 -- 1:00pm-2:30pm -- Informational Meeting -- Holland District Court-Training Room
Friday, October 15 -- 2:30pm-4:00pm -- Informational Meeting -- Holland District Court-Training Room
Tuesday, October 19 -- 8:30am-10:00am -- Informational Meeting -- Public Health Building C-Main Conference Room
Tuesday, October 19 -- 10:00am-11:30am -- Informational Meeting -- Community Mental Health Building A-Board Room
Tuesday, October 19 -- 6:30pm-8:00pm -- Informational Meeting -- Evening-Fillmore Complex-Main Conference Room
Wednesday, October 20 -- 8:30am-10:00am -- Informational Meeting -- Community mental Health Building B-Training Room

2010 FLU VACCINATION (Lisa Stefanovsky)
For Immediate Release

October 11, 2010

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Protect Yourself & Others with Flu Vaccinations

Ottawa County, Michigan—The Ottawa County Health Department will begin offering flu vaccine to residents next week. Anyone wishing to reduce their risk of becoming ill with the flu is encouraged to get a vaccine! The clinics will be held in the **Grand Haven** office on the **Tuesdays** of October 19 and 26 from 8:30 to 4 pm; in the **Hudsonville** office on the **Thursdays** of October 21 and 28 from 8:30 to 4 pm; and in the **Holland** office on the **Fridays** of October 22 and 29 and November 5 from 8:30 to 4 pm. No appointment is necessary for these clinics.

The cost for the flu shot is \$30 and FluMist is \$40. The pneumonia vaccine is also available for \$45. Medicare Part B and Medicare HMO Part B cover the cost of flu and pneumonia shots, however clients must bring their cards with them to be covered. Anyone who is age three or older may receive the flu vaccine at these clinics. Parents of younger children should contact their

immunization provider for the vaccine. For more information about the vaccine clinics and general flu prevention visit www.miottawa.org/flu, www.facebook.com/flugranny or call 616-494-5575.

SIDEBAR:

The Ottawa County Health Department offers walk in flu vaccine clinics on:		
Tuesdays October 19 & 26	Thursdays October 21 & 28	Fridays October 22 & 29 November 5
Grand Haven 16920 Ferris	Hudsonville 3100 Port Sheldon	Holland 12251 James
8:30 am - 4 pm	8:30 am - 4 pm	8:30 am - 4 pm

PRE HOLIDAY “TUNE-UP” (Lisa Stefanovsky)

Free training for Alcohol Sellers and Servers please see included agenda for more information.

OTTAWA COUNTY PROGRAM RECEIVES GRANT TO HELP PRISONERS SUCCEED WHEN RE-ENTERING THE COMMUNITY (Keith Van Beek)

The Board of Commissioners approved on Tuesday the acceptance of a \$1.5 million grant to use for a demonstration project to help keep former prisoners from re-offending. Ottawa County Michigan Works serves as the coordinator for the Michigan Prison Re-entry Initiative, which serves Ottawa, Muskegon and Oceana counties. This was a highly competitive grant process and compliments the focus of community corrections that has always been used in Ottawa County. The Holland Sentinel did a very nice piece highlighting this program, which can be found at:

<http://www.hollandsentinel.com/feature/x1197813423/Stopping-the-revolving-door-1-5M-project-to-use-jobs-families-to-help-ex-prisoners-succeed>

Using foreign trade zones to assist global supply chains

Van Andel Global Trade Center, Seidman College of Business, Grand Valley State University is the grantee administrator of Kent Ottawa Muskegon Foreign Trade Zone No. 189, and is responsible for oversight and assisting businesses to understand benefits of using the zone.

Foreign trade zones were developed in the United States to allow U.S. firms to engage in international trade-related activities and encourage manufacturing in their domestic industry. Here are some basics of the FTZ program and how it may benefit your organization.

What are foreign trade zones?

A foreign trade zone is a special program granting restricted access to a site physically located within the United States, but deemed to be outside the territory of the U.S. for the purposes of U.S. Customs and Border Protection. The procedures were designed to encourage manufacturing in the domestic industry. The specially licensed commercial and industrial areas are located in or adjacent to a U.S. Customs port of entry.

Foreign and domestic merchandise may be admitted to FTZs for certain activities without being subject to formal customs entry procedures, payment of customs duties, or payment of federal excise taxes in some cases. When merchandise is removed from foreign trade zones, customs duties may be completely eliminated if the goods are directly exported from the U.S. zone to another country or countries. The main purpose of a zone is to encourage U.S. businesses to participate in global trade by making it more cost effective to do so.

Types of foreign trade zones

There are two types of foreign trade zones: general purpose zones and

subzones/special purpose zones.

General purpose zones are required to be located within 60 miles, or 90 minutes driving time, of the outer limits of a U.S. Customs port of entry. They are usually situated at ports or industrial parks, and consist of either a single site or multiple sites; they are required to be available to multiple zone users. Most GPZ activities revolve around storage, inspection and distribution. However, manufacturing and processing activities may be undertaken with appropriate permission of the Foreign-Trade Zones Board located in Washington, DC.

The Kent Ottawa Muskegon foreign trade zone No. 189 is operated by Columbian Logistics Network, with two locations serving GPZ activities within the Grand Rapids metropolitan area and the potential to expand within the tri-county area as local business needs change.

Subzones or special purpose zones are typically established when a GPZ cannot accommodate the activity of a particular firm's proposed activity. They are most often designated for one firm's manufacturing. Subzones must be sponsored by a general purpose grantee. All activity is overseen by Customs Border Protection ensuring oversight and functions are within the grant of authority given to the subzone.

In March 2009, Wolverine World Wide Inc. became the most recent sub zone to be activated in West Michigan. It currently operates three distribution centers within its subzone, utilizing its zone to receive, deconsolidate, inspect, store, package and ship goods to its customers located throughout the U.S. and Canada. Receiving the subzone designation was critical to attaining key benefits, including greater operation efficiency

and, through the consolidating of its facilities. Wolverine was able to close its Canadian distribution center and shift work to its Michigan operations. The company has seen export growth since activation, from less than 1 percent of total sales to 10 percent. This has contributed to increasing employment in the local area through utilization of temporary workers during peak increases, as well as adding jobs to transportation service providers.

Benefits to business

U.S. companies involved in global trade that use the FTZ program may improve or maintain a competitive edge with other global businesses around the world. The FTZ program allows for the reduction of and potential elimination of customs duties on goods entering a zone. Companies may combine foreign merchandise with domestic goods to create a new product that may qualify for lower duty or even the elimination of customs duties when the product exits within the FTZ and enters the U.S. for domestic consumption. Foreign goods brought into the zone may be manipulated duty free while inside the zone. The zone allows users to inspect imported goods for quality prior to the payment of the duty.

Zone users may benefit from streamlining Special Customs Procedures, including direct delivery, weekly entries and automated zone admissions processes. Cash flow benefits also are seen as merchandise held in an FTZ is not subject to state and local ad valorem taxes. Any quotas and safeguards do not apply to merchandise stored in FTZs. Supply chains may be simplified, as zone-to-zone transfers are allowed, moving product closer to where the goods will be brought into or out of the U.S. There are efficiency gains to inventory control.

International businesses may eliminate duty drawback programs.

Benefits to surrounding community

As in the Wolverine example, companies using the FTZ program bring the communities they are located in the benefit of seeing economic growth or retained jobs associated with zone activities. Zones often have indirect employment benefits to the communities, as well, through additional opportunities for service providers and suppliers in the areas in which they are located. Foreign companies are attracted to FTZ benefits and may invest operations inside a zone, bringing new investment into the area in which a zone is located. Finally, zones often improve infrastructure and expand the tax-base of the community.

Activity permitted in FTZs

Merchandise may be assembled, exhibited, cleaned, manipulated, manufactured, mixed, processed, relabeled, repackaged, repaired, salvaged, sampled, stored, tested, displayed and destroyed while inside a zone. Any activity that changes the tariff classification, for example manufacturing or processing,

must be approved in advance by the FTZ board. Note: Retail trade is prohibited from inside a FTZ.

Types of merchandise that can be placed in FTZs

Any merchandise not prohibited from entry into the U.S. may come into an FTZ. Goods that require import licenses or permits from other government agencies may still be required to bring the merchandise into a zone.

Where in Michigan are FTZs located?

Michigan currently has seven general purpose zones. They are: Battle Creek; Detroit; Kent, Ottawa and Muskegon counties; Lansing; Saginaw/Bay City/Flint; Sault Saint Marie; and St. Clair County.

For more information: Van Andel Global Trade Center, Seidman College of Business, GVSU, (616) 331-6810 or www.gvsu.edu/komiftz/ or visit the U.S. Foreign Trade Zones board, www.ita.doc.gov/ftzpage/index.html.

Sonja Johnson is executive director of the Van Andel Global Trade Center, a Grand Valley State University Seidman College of Business outreach center.

OTTAWA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**To Study Combining the Offices of Ottawa County Clerk and
Ottawa County Register of Deeds**

Please take notice that a Public Hearing will be held before the Ottawa County Board of Commissioners to study a proposal to combine the offices of Ottawa County Clerk and Ottawa County Register of Deeds. Public comment will be heard by the Board of Commissioners. The Public Hearing will be held:

Tuesday, November 9, 2010
at 1:30 p.m.

at

The Board Room of the
Ottawa County Board of Commissioners
Administration Building
12220 Fillmore St.
West Olive, Michigan 49460
(616) 738-4898

This Public Hearing will be held as part of the regularly scheduled meeting of the Ottawa County Board of Commissioners set for that date and time. This Public Hearing is being held to comply with the requirements of Act 116 of the Public Acts of 1954, as amended by Act 364 of the Public Acts of 1998, MCL 168.200(3) and (4).

Daniel C. Krueger
Ottawa County Clerk
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OTTAWA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**On a Proposal to Expand the Membership of the Board of
Ottawa County Road Commissioners From Three (3) to Five (5) Members**

Please take notice that a Public Hearing will be held before the Ottawa County Board of Commissioners on a proposal to expand the appointed membership of the Board of Ottawa County Road Commissioners from three (3) to five (5) members. Public comment will be heard by the Ottawa County Board of Commissioners. The Public Hearing will be held:

Tuesday, November 23, 2010
at 1:30 p.m.

at

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AGENDA

**OTTAWA COUNTY
FIFTH ANNUAL WATER QUALITY FORUM**

November 1, 2010, 9:00 a.m.

Ottawa County Administrative Complex, Main Conference Room
12220 Fillmore Street, West Olive, Michigan

9:00 a.m.	Welcome and Introductory Remarks	Alan G. Vanderberg, Ottawa County Administrator
Session 1 Moderator: Al Vanderberg		
9:15 a.m.	Pathogens and <i>E. coli</i> Study	Dr. Sheridan Haack, United States Geological Survey
10:00 a.m.	Towards a 120 hour Decision Support System for Great Lakes Beach Health Forecasting	David Rockwell, Beach Water Quality Forecasting Coordinator, NOAA Center of Excellence for Great Lakes and Human Health
10:45 a.m.	BREAK	
11:00 a.m.	Optical Scattering Imaging for Rapid Microbial Source Tracking	Dr. Bin Chen, Assistant Professor, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Purdue University Calumet and Dr. Charles C. Tseng, Professor, Department of Biological Sciences, Purdue University Calumet
11:45 a.m.	Polling/Q & A	
12:00 p.m.	LUNCH	
Session 2 Moderator's: Mark Knudsen & John Scholtz		
12:45 p.m.	BREAK OUT SESSIONS	
Main Conference Room	Phosphorus Release from Flooded Celery Fields	Dr. Al Steinman, Director GVSU Annis Water Resources Institute
	Lake Sturgeon research in West Michigan	Dr. Carl Ruetz III, Associate Professor GVSU Annis Water Resources Institute
	Carbon Cycling in the Watershed and Lakes	Dr. Bopi Biddanda, Associate Professor GVSU Annis Water Resources Institute
Board Room	Pharmaceutical Collections	Kay Nedderman, President, CORE and Adam London, Environmental Health Manager, Public Health Department, Ottawa County
	Adopt a Beach Program	Jamie Cross, Alliance for the Great Lakes
	Blue-Green Algae Monitoring	Sonia Joseph Joshi, Sea Grant Extension Outreach Coordinator, Center of Excellence for Great Lakes and Human Health, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
1:45 p.m.	BREAK	
Session 3 Moderator: Adam London		
2:00 p.m.	Ottawa County Hydrological Study	Mark Knudsen, Planning Director, Ottawa County
2:15 p.m.	GLRI Awardee Overviews	Dr. Shannon Briggs, Toxicologist, Beach Coordinator, MDEQ, Water Bureau
3:00 p.m.	Water Quality Issues in the Lower Grand Watershed and LGROW Management Plan	Dr. Rick Rediske, Professor Water Resources and John Koches, Senior Program Manager GVSU Annis Water Resources Institute
4:00 p.m.	Invasive Species in the Great Lakes	Dr. Daniel O'Keefe, Southwest District Extension Educator, Michigan Sea Grant, Michigan State University
4:45 p.m.	Polling/Q & A/Closing Remarks	Alan G. Vanderberg

Registration Form



Ottawa County Fifth Annual Water Quality Forum

Monday, November 1, 2010
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
(Registration at 8:30 a.m.)
Registration Fee: \$10.00
Ottawa County Administrative Complex
Main Conference Room
12220 Fillmore Street, West Olive, Michigan

NOTE: If paying online, you do not need to return a registration form. You will receive a follow-up email confirming your registration.

Registration Information:

Please provide the following information as you would like it to appear on a name badge.

Name:

Title:

Organization:

Email Address:

Registration is limited to the first 150 participants

Lunch Information:

Please check the box to the right if you will NOT be staying for lunch

Please list any special food requirements:

Please mail this form and payment to:

County of Ottawa
Administrator's Office, Attn: Misty Cunningham
12220 Fillmore Street., Suite 310
West Olive, Michigan 49460

OR

Fax this form to 616-738-4888 and mail payment to the address above.

Online Payment Instructions:

Go to miottawa.org. Click on "Online Services" from the menu at the top of the page or use the scrolling menu. Select "Payment Center". Use the arrow on "Category/Service" to select "Water Quality Forum Registration". Complete all of the fields on the first page, and click "Continue" to enter your credit card information.

A \$2.00 convenience fee will apply. Please call Misty Cunningham at 616-738-4898 with questions.

Pre Holiday “Tune-Up”

Free Training for Alcohol Sellers and Servers

Agenda:

- **Retailer Panel Discussion-** (owners from both on and off premise establishments will be panelists with Jim Storey of StoreyLine Connections as the moderator)
 - Come and hear from experienced retailers on how they run successful businesses
 - Ask questions OFF THE RECORD
- **Michigan Liquor Code Update-** Abby Anderson-Michigan Liquor Control Commission
 - Hear about upcoming changes to the 2011 Liquor Code
 - Hear an update from the commission
- **Law Enforcement Presentation-** Lt. Mark Bennett, Ottawa County Sheriffs Department
 - Hear about when and why a retailer should call the police
 - Hear about compliance checks and other law enforcement inspections
 - Law enforcement representatives from multiple jurisdictions will be present at the event

Cost: Free

Who Should Attend:

- All owners, bartenders and employees who serve alcohol
- Anyone with or currently seeking a liquor license
- Anyone interested in learning more about the Michigan Liquor Code

Location:

There will be two different locations and dates for you to attend, light refreshments will also be served.

- **October 28, 2010, Holiday Inn Express, 12381 Felch Street, Holland, 3-4:30 P.M.**
- **November 3, 2010, Old Boys Brewhouse 971 W. Savidge Street-Spring Lake, 3-4:30 P.M.**

RSVP- Space is Limited:

- Stephanie VanDerKooi at svanderkooi@miottawa.org or call 616 393-5766 by October 27th

