

APPROVED
PROCEEDINGS OF THE OTTAWA COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JANUARY SESSION - THIRD DAY

The Ottawa County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, January 27, 1998 at 1:30 P.M. and was called to order by the Chairman.

Mr. Rinck pronounced the invocation.

The Chairman led in the Pledge of the Allegiance to the flag.

Present at roll call: Messrs. Rinck, Rycenga, Vander Kam, Mohr, Vander Laan, Karsten, Schipper, Schrotenboer, Hernandez, Haveman, Hilldore, Langeland and Swartout. (13)

Mr. Vander Kam asked for comments on the Minutes of the January 13, 1998 meeting, there being none he then declared the Minutes approved.

Two letters were read from Governor John Engler concerning the County's "No Wrong Door" policy and the recertification of the Workforce Development Board for 1998.

B/C 98-034 Mr. Swartout moved to receive the letters for information. Mr. Rinck supported the motion and the motion passed.

A letter was read from Dr. Rudolph Lie, Mental Health Director informing the Board of the vacancy on the Mental Health Board due to the termination of James Baker.

B/C 98-035 Mr. Hilldore moved to receive the letter for information and declare the vacancy on the Mental Health Board to fill the unexpired term which expires March 31, 2000. Mr. Karsten supported the motion and the motion passed.

A letter was read from Kenneth Rizzio, Executive Director, Ottawa County Economic Development Office, Inc. informing the Board that he would like to be reappointed to the KOM Foreign Trade Zone Authority Board.

B/C 98-036 Mr. Rinck moved to accept the letter for information. Mr. Rycenga supported the motion and the motion passed.

A letter was read from Bill Lamain, Health Officer informing the Board of a vacancy on the Ottawa County Human Services Coordinating Council representing a volunteer agency within Ottawa County concerned with senior citizens.

B/C 98-037 Mr. Karsten moved to accept the letter and declare the vacancy on the Ottawa County Human Services coordinating Council. Mr. Vander Laan supported the motion and the motion passed.

Public Comments were made by the following individuals:

Larry Blackburn - Ottawa County Road Commission Union Steward

Frank Lampe - Ottawa County Road Commission employee

Donald Shampine - Ottawa Shores Humane Society member

Paul Parks - Under water drilling in Great Lakes

Roger Olthof - President Ottawa County Road Commission Union President

B/C 98-038 Mr. Haveman moved to approve the agenda for today as presented. Mr. Karsten supported the motion and the motion passed.

Mr. Haveman left the meeting at 1:58 P.M.

B/C 98-039 Mr. Rycenga moved to approve the general claims in the amount of \$4,436,470.76 as presented by the summary report for January 1, through January 16, 1998. Mr. Schrottenboer supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Schipper, Schrottenboer, Hernandez, Hilldore, Langeland, Swartout, Rinck, Rycenga, Mohr, Vander Laan, Karsten and Vander Kam. (12)

B/C 98-040 Mr. Rycenga moved to approve of the County of Ottawa, Allendale Township Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion. Money to come from Act 342 Bond in the amount of \$4,786,000. Mr. Swartout supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Schrottenboer, Hernandez, Hilldore, Langeland, Swartout, Rinck, Rycenga, Mohr, Vander Laan, Karsten, Schipper and Vander Kam. (12)

B/C 98-041 Mr. Rycenga moved to approve the appropriation changes approved by the Administrator and Finance Director for \$20,000 or less for the period October 1, 1997 to December 31, 1997, which changed the total appropriation from the amended budget. Mr. Schrottenboer supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Hernandez, Hilldore, Langeland, Swartout, Rinck, Rycenga, Mohr, Vander Laan, Karsten, Schipper, Schrottenboer and Vander Laan. (12)

B/C 98-042 Mr. Rycenga moved to go into Closed Session to discuss property matters. Mr. Rinck supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Hilldore, Langeland, Swartout, Rinck, Rycenga, Mohr, Vander Laan, Karsten, Schipper, Schrottenboer, Hernandez and Vander Kam. (12)

B/C 98-043 Mr. Hilldore moved to rise from Closed Session. Mr. Karsten supported the motion and the motion passed .

B/C 98-044 Mr. Rycenga moved to authorize the acquisition of 28.58 acres located on the Pigeon River in Port Sheldon Township from Robert and Margaret Strange for \$235,785 in accordance with terms identified in the Option Agreement. Mr. Karsten supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Langeland, Swartout, Rinck, Rycenga, Mohr, Vander Laan, Karsten, Schipper, Schrottenboer, Hernandez, Hilldore and Vander Kam. (12)

B/C 98-045 Mr. Rycenga moved to approve the payroll for January 27, 1998 in the amount of \$683.18. Mr. Karsten supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Swartout, Rinck, Rycenga, Mohr, Vander Laan, Karsten, Schipper, Schrottenboer, Hernandez, Hilldore, Langeland and Vander Kam. (12)

B/C 98-046 Mr. Hernandez moved to adopt the Resolution opposing oil and gas drilling in the Great Lakes. Mr. Swartout supported the motion.

B/C 98-047 Mr. Hernandez moved to refer the Resolution back to the Transportation and Land Use Committee. Mr. Karsten supported the motion and the motion lost as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Mohr, Karsten, Schipper, Hernandez and Hilldore. (5) Nays: Messrs. Rinck, Rycenga, Vander Laan, Schrottenboer, Langeland, Swartout and Vander Kam. (7)

B/C 98-048 Mr. Rycenga moved to amend the Resolution to eliminate the second "Be It Further Resolved, etc." in the Resolution. Mr. Rinck supported the amendment and the amendment lost as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Vander Laan, Schrotenboer, Langeland, Swartout, Rinck, and Rycenga. (6) Nays: Messrs. Mohr, Karsten, Schipper, Hernandez, Hildore and Vander Kam. (6)

A vote was then taken on the original motion (B/C 98-046) and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Vander Laan, Schipper, Schrotenboer, Hildore, Langeland, Swartout, Rinck, Rycenga, and Vander Kam. (9) Nays: Messrs. Karsten, Hernandez and Mohr. (3)

Mr. Hernandez left the meeting at 3:10 P.M.

B/C 98-049 Mr. Karsten moved to approve the Resolution Proclaiming February 21, 1998 as Walk for Warmth Day in Ottawa County. Mr. Vander Laan supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Karsten, Schipper, Schrotenboer, Hildore, Langeland, Swartout, Rinck, Rycenga, Mohr, Vander Laan and Vander Kam. (11)

B/C 98-050 Mr. Karsten moved to approve the funding application and resolution for CDBG funds for single family, owner-occupied home rehabilitation. Mr. Rycenga supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Schipper, Schrotenboer, Hildore, Langeland, Swartout, Rinck, Rycenga, Mohr, Vander Laan, Karsten and Vander Kam. (11)

The County Administrator's Report and Evaluation were presented and received for information.

Several Commissioners gave reports on meetings attended.

The Chairman announced that the first meeting of the Board in February will be held on Thursday, February 12th at 1:30 P.M.

B/C 98-051 Mr. Langeland moved to adjourn at 3:38 P.M. subject to the call of the Chairman. Mr. Karsten supported the motion and the motion passed.

NANCY BROUWER, Deputy Clerk
CORNELIUS VANDER KAM, Chairman
Of the Board of Commissioners