

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE OTTAWA COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SEPTEMBER SESSION - FIRST DAY**

The Ottawa County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, September 8, 1998 at the Chester Township Fire Station in Conklin and was called to order by the Chairman.

Mr. Hilldore pronounced the invocation.

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

Present at roll call: Messrs. Rinck, Rycenga, Vander Kam, Mohr, Vander Laan, Karsten, Schipper, Schrotenboer, Hilldore, Langeland and Swartout. (2)

Absent: Messrs. Hernandez and Haveman. (2)

Mr. Vander Kam asked for comments on the Minutes of the August 25, 1998 meeting, there being none, the Minutes were approved as presented

B/C 98-263 Mr. Rinck moved to approve Correspondence Log No. 264 as presented. Mr. Swartout supported the motion and the motion passed.

Public Comments: Dr. Edward Holouka, representing the Friends of the Musketowa Trail spoke to the Board on liability on the newly completed trail.

B/C 98-264 Mr. Schipper moved to approve the agenda of today as presented. Mr. Hilldore supported the motion.

B/C 98-265 Mr. Hilldore moved to amend the agenda to add under discussion items - Resolution Regarding MAC Platform. Mr. Schipper supported the amendment.

B/C 98-265 Mr. Vander Laan moved to approve the agenda as amended. Mr. Hilldore supported the motion and the motion passed.

B/C 98-266 Mr. Rycenga moved to approve the general claims in the amount of \$3,580,748.05 as presented by the summary report for August 17, through August 31, 1998. Mr. Schrotenboer supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Rycenga, Mohr, Vander Laan, Karsten, Schipper, Schrotenboer, Hilldore, Langeland, Swartout, Rinck and Vander Kam. (11)

The Preliminary 1998 General Fund Budget was presented for discussion.

B/C 98-267 Mr. Rycenga moved to approve the following wage and benefit adjustments for Elected Officials and County and Court Unclassified employees (excluding Judges and the Board of Commissioners) for 1999:

- (1) Wages: Effective for 1999, increase the existing salary schedule by 2.7%.
- (2) Increase the number of bereavement days from three to four.
- (3) Increase the total number of accumulated sick days from ten to twelve.

Dr. Mohr supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Mohr, Vander Laan, Karsten, Schipper, Schrotenboer, Hilldore, Langeland, Swartout, Rinck, Rycenga and Vander Kam. (11)

B/C 98-268 Mr. Rycenga moved to approve the following wage and benefit adjustments for the County non-represented full-time and regular part-time (Group-W employees).:

(1) Wages: Effective for 1999, increase the existing salary schedule by 2.7%.

(2) Increase the number of bereavement days from three to four.

(3) Increase the total number of accumulated sick days from ten to twelve.

Mr. Schrotenboer supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Vander Laan, Karsten, Schipper, Schrotenboer, Hilldore, Langeland, Swartout, Rinck, Rycenga, Mohr and Vander Kam. (11)

B/C 98-269 Mr. Rycenga moved to approve an increase in the hourly wages of the County's temporary (non-seasonal) employees of 2.7% effective for 1999. Mr. Swartout supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Karsten, Schipper, Schrotenboer, Hilldore, Langeland, Swartout, Rinck, Rycenga, Mohr, Vander Laan and Vander Kam. (11)

B/C 98-270 Mr. Rycenga moved to approve the Resolution of Intent to Increase the 1998 Millage Rate for Ottawa County Parks. Mr. Schrotenboer supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Schipper, Schrotenboer, Hilldore, Langeland, Swartout, Rinck, Rycenga, Mohr, Vander Laan, Karsten and Vander Kam. (11)

B/C 98-271 Mr. Rycenga moved to approve the Resolution of Intent to increase the 1998 Millage Rate for Ottawa County. Mr. Schipper supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Schrotenboer, Hilldore, Swartout, Rinck, Rycenga, Mohr, Vander Laan, Schipper and Vander Kam. (9) Nays: Messrs. Langeland and Karsten. (2)

B/C 98-272 Mr. Rycenga moved to approve the payroll for September 8, 1998 in the amount of \$636.95. Mr. Swartout 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, Schrotenboer and Vander Kam. (11)

B/C 98-273 Mr. Schipper moved to approve the Title IV-D Medical Support Enforcement Contract Application and Resolution. Mr. Hilldore supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Langeland, Swartout, Rinck, Rycenga, Mohr, Vander Laan, Karsten, Schipper, Schrotenboer, Hilldore and Vander Kam. (11)

B/C 98-274 Mr. Rinck moved to approve the Resolution authorizing submittal of the Pigeon River Greenway Phase II Acquisition Project. Mr. Schipper supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Swartout, Rinck, Rycenga, Mohr, Vander Laan, Karsten, Schipper, Schrotenboer, Hilldore, Langeland and Vander Kam. (11)

B/C 98-275 Mr. Rycenga moved to approve the Resolution of Intent to Increase the 1998 Millage Rate for Ottawa County Dispatch Authority. Mr. Schrotenboer supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Rinck, Rycenga, Mohr, Vander Laan, Schipper, Schrotenboer, Hilldore, Swartout and Vander Kam. (9) Nays: Messrs. Karsten and Langeland. (2)

Discussion items. Mr. Gregory Rappleye, County Legal Counsel explained the Resolution regarding the MAC Platform.

B/C 98-276 Mr. Langeland moved to adjourn at 3:37 P.M. subject to the call of the Chairman. Mr. Schrotenboer supported the motion and the motion passed.

DANIEL C. KRUEGER, Clerk
CORNELIUS VANDER KAM, Chairman
Of the Board of Commissioners