

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

The Ottawa County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, September 22, 1998 at 1:30 P.M. and was called to order by the Chairman.

Mr. Haveman pronounced the invocation.

Mr. Hernandez led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Present at roll call: Messrs. Rinck, Rycenga, Vander Kam, Mohr, Vander Laan, Karsten, Schipper, Hernandez, Haveman, Hilldore, Langeland and Swartout. (12)

Absent: Mr. Schrottenboer. (1)

Mr. Vander Kam asked for comments on the Minutes of the September 8, 1998 meeting, several corrections were made and the Minutes were approved as corrected.

A letter was read from the Schrottenboer family thanking the Board for the floral arrangement in memory of Arthur Schrottenboer.

**B/C 98-278** Mr. Haveman moved to accept the letter for information. Mr. Rinck supported the motion and the motion passed.

Public Comments:

Mr. Peter Bol, Grand Haven City - regarding Budget hearing.

Mr. John Hoermann, Grand Haven Township - regarding increased salaries for non union employees.

**B/C 98-279** Mr. Karsten moved to approve the agenda of today as presented. Mr. Rinck supported the motion and the motion passed.

**B/C 98-280** Mr. Rycenga moved to approve the general claims in the amount of \$2,083,538.90, as presented by the summary report for September 1, through September 11, 1998. Dr. Mohr supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Hernandez, Haveman, Hilldore, Langeland, Swartout, Rinck, Rycenga, Mohr, Vander Laan, Karsten, Schipper, and Vander Kam. (12)

**B/C 98-281** Mr. Rycenga moved to open the hearing on increased property taxes. Mr. Karsten supported the motion and the motion passed.

Public Comments during hearing:

Mr. Peter Bol - regarding 911 Millage and County Millage (distributed information)

Mr. John Hoermann - regarding County Millage (distributed information)

Mr. Edward Berghorst, Zeeland City - regarding lowering County tax rate

**B/C 98-282** Mr. Hilldore moved to close the public hearing on increased property taxes. Mr. Vander Laan supported the motion and the motion passed.

**B/C 98-283** Mr. Rycenga moved to approve the 1998 millage rate for E-911 at .4460. Mr. Vander Laan supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Haveman, Hilldore, Swartout, Rinck, Rycenga, Mohr, Vander Laan, Schipper, Hernandez, and Vander Kam. (10) Nays:

Messrs. Langeland and Karsten. (2)

**B/C 98-284** Mr. Rycenga moved to approve the 1998 millage rate for Parks at .3289. Dr. Mohr supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Rycenga, Mohr, Vander Laan, Karsten, Schipper, Hernandez, Haveman, Hilldore, Langeland, Swartout, Rick and Vander Kam. (12)

**B/C 98-285** Mr. Rycenga moved to approve the 1998 millage rate for county operations at 3.7500. Mr. Haveman supported the motion.

**B/C 98-286** Mr. Rinck moved to amend the motion to approve the 1998 millage rate for county operations at 3.900. Mr. Vander Laan supported the amendment.

**B/C 98-287** Mr. Swartout moved to call for the question. Mr. Schipper supported the motion and the motion passed.

A vote was then taken on the amendment and the amendment lost as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Vander Laan, Schipper, Hilldore, Rinck, Rycenga and Vander Kam. (6) Nays: Messrs. Mohr, Karsten, Hernandez, Haveman, Langeland and Swartout. (6)

**B/C 98-288** Mr. Swartout moved to amend the motion to approve the 1998 millage rate for county operations at 3.7055. Dr. Mohr supported the amendment and the amendment passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Karsten, Schipper, Hernandez, Haveman, Hilldore, Swartout, Rinck and Mohr. (8) Nays: Messrs. Vander Laan, Langeland, Rycenga and VanderKam. (4)

A vote was then taken on the motion (B/C 98-285) as amended and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Karsten, Schipper, Hernandez, Haveman, Hilldore, Langeland, Swartout, Rinck, Rycenga, Mohr and Vander Kam. (11) Nays: Mr. Vander Laan. (1)

**B/C 98-289** Mr. Rycenga moved to approve the payroll for September 22, 1998 in the amount of \$635.03. Dr. Mohr supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Schipper, Hernandez, Haveman, Hilldore, Langeland, Swartout, Rinck, Rycenga, Mohr, Vander Laan, Karsten and Vander Kam. (12)

**B/C 98-290** Mr. Karsten moved to receive the Annual Report of the Ottawa County Health Department. Mr. Rycenga supported the motion and the motion passed.

**B/C 98-291** Mr. Karsten moved to approve the Resolution accepting Community Development Block Grant funds and pass the funds through to the Ottawa County Department of Employment and Training to be used to provide scholarships in high demand occupations. Mr. Vander Laan supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Hernandez, Haveman, Hilldore, Langeland, Swartout, Rinck, Rycenga, Mohr, Vander Laan, Karsten, Schipper and Vander Kam. (12)

**B/C 98-292** Mr. Karsten moved to appoint William Shattuck to the Workforce Development Board representing the private sector. Mr. Rinck supported the motion and the motion passed.

**B/C 98-293** Mr. Karsten moved to place the names of Valerie Byrnes and Michael C. Arnold in nomination for appointment to the Workforce Development Board representing Community Based Organizations. Mr. Vander Laan supported the motion and the motion passed.

Total votes were as follows:

Mr. Hernandez - Byrnes Mr. Rycenga - Byrnes

Mr. Haveman - Byrnes Dr. Mohr - Byrnes  
Mr. Hilldore - Byrnes Mr. Vander Laan - Byrnes  
Mr. Langeland - Byrnes Mr. Karsten - Byrnes  
Mr. Swartout - Byrnes Mr. Schipper - Byrnes  
Mr. Rinck - Byrnes Mr. Vander Kam - Byrnes

Total votes were as follows: Valerie Byrnes - 12

The Chairman declared that Valerie Byrnes has been appointed to serve on the Workforce Development Board representing Community Based Organizations.

The County Administrator's report was presented.

Public Comments:

Mr. Peter Bol - regarding bridge over 120th Avenue.

**B/C 98-294** Mr. Swartout moved to adjourn at 3:30 P.M. subject to the call of the Chairman. Mr. Rinck supported the motion and the motion passed.

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