

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

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

Mr. Swartout pronounced the invocation.

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

Present at roll call: 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 October 13, 1998 meeting, there being none, the Minutes were approved as presented.

**B/C 98-320** Mr. Schrotenboer moved to approve the agenda of today as presented. Mr. Rinck supported the motion and the motion passed.

**B/C 98-321** Mr. Rycenga moved to approve the general claims in the amount of \$15,484,239.14, as presented by the summary report for October 1, through October 16, 1998. Mr. Schrotenboer supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Karsten, Schipper, Schrotenboer, Hernandez, Haveman, Hilldore, Langeland, Swartout, Rinck, Rycenga, Mohr, Vander Laan and Vander Kam. (13)

The 1998 Apportionment Report was presented and explained.

**B/C 98-322** Mr. Rycenga moved to approve the 1998 Apportionment Report. Mr. Swartout supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Schipper, Schrotenboer, Hernandez, Haveman, Hilldore, Langeland, Swartout, Rinck, Rycenga, Mohr, Vander Laan, Karsten and Vander Kam. (13)

**B/C 98-323** Mr. Rycenga moved to approve the appropriation changes approved by the Administrator and Finance Director for \$20,000 or less for the period July 1, 1998 to September 30, 1998, which changed the total appropriation from the amended budget. Mr. Schrotenboer supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Schrotenboer, Hernandez, Haveman, Hilldore, Langeland, Swartout, Rinck, Rycenga, Mohr, Vander Laan, Karsten, Schipper and Vander Kam. (13)

**B/C 98-324** Mr. Rycenga moved to receive for information the Single Audit Report for the year ended December 31, 1997. Mr. Swartout supported the motion and the motion passed.

**B/C 98-325** Mr. Rycenga moved to receive for information the Management letter for the 1997 Audit. Mr. Rinck supported the motion and the motion passed.

**B/C 98-326** Mr. Rycenga moved to receive for information the Ottawa County Michigan Insurance Authority Budget for 1999. Mr. Rinck supported the motion and the motion passed.

**B/C 98-327** Mr. Rycenga moved to open the Public Hearing on the 1999 Budget. Mr. Karsten supported the

motion and the motion passed.

**B/C 98-328** Mr. Swartout moved to close the Public Hearing on the 1999 Budget. Mr. Schipper supported the motion and the motion passed.

**B/C 98-329** Mr. Rycenga moved to approve the 1999 Budget and Resolution as presented. Mr. Schrotenboer 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, Schrotenboer and Vander Kam. (13)

**B/C 98-330** Mr. Rycenga moved to approve the funding request for a Child Therapist/Crisis Counselor for the Child Assessment Center in the amount of \$21,600, \$10,800 from 1998 Contingency, \$10,800 from 1999 Contingency. Mr. Vander Laan supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Haveman, Hilldore, Langeland, Swartout, Rinck, Rycenga, Mohr, Vander Laan, Karsten, Schipper, Schrotenboer, Hernandez and Vander Kam. (13)

**B/C 98-331** Mr. Rycenga moved to approve the payroll for October 27, 1998 in the amount of \$688.36. Mr. Karsten 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, Hernandez, Haveman and Vander Kam. (13)

**B/C 98-332** Dr. Mohr moved to reappoint Andrew Rosasco to the Ottawa County Building Authority for the term of January 1, 1999 to December 31, 2001. Mr. Swartout supported the motion and the motion passed.

**B/C 98-333** Mr. Hilldore moved to earmark \$650,000 in the 1999 Budget for placing a Community Policing Officer in every school district in Ottawa County and to provide additional WEMET support where appropriate. The Sheriff is to develop equitable and innovative programs in partnership with the Schools, Townships, Cities and other agencies of County Government. Mr. Hernandez supported the motion.

**B/C 98-334** Mr. Karsten moved to suspend the Board Rules to allow individuals in the audience to speak for three (3) minutes. Mr. Swartout 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, Hernandez, Hilldore and Vander Kam. (12) Nays: Mr. Haveman. (1)

**B/C 98-335** Dr. Mohr moved that the public input discussion not go beyond 3:00 P.M. Mr. Rinck supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Rinck, Rycenga, Mohr, Vander Laan, Schipper, Schrotenboer, Haveman, Hilldore and Vander Kam. (9) Nays: Messrs. Swartout, Karsten, Hernandez and Langeland. (4)

Public Comments on the Community Policing Policy were made by the following:

Gary Rosema, Ottawa County Sheriff  
Randall Bergers, Superintendent, Ottawa Area Intermediate School District  
Albert McGeehan, Holland City Mayor  
Shirley Young, Assistant Supt. West Olive Schools  
William Cargo, Manager, Grand Haven Township  
Gary Feenstra, Superintendent, Zeeland Public Schools  
John Kruithof, Holland City Police Chief  
James Beelen, Allendale Township Supervisor  
David Garley, Assistant Supt. West Ottawa Schools  
Robert Huff, Grand Haven City Police Chief

Richard Honholt, Hudsonville City Police Chief  
Bill Cashmore, Zeeland City Police Chief  
Gail Ringelberg, Grand Haven City Mayor  
Dave Blakely, Detective, Ottawa County Sheriff's Department  
Matt Miltello, Assistant Principle West Ottawa Schools

**B/C 98-336** Mr. Langeland moved to amend the motion that subsequent to an appropriate plan by the County Administrator and Sheriff, a review by the Finance Committee, and official action by the Board of Commissioners, earmark \$650,000 for placing a Community Policing Officer in every school district in Ottawa County and to provide additional WEMET support where appropriate. The Administrator and Sheriff are to develop equitable and innovative programs in partnership with the schools, townships, cities and other agencies of County Government. Such plans, reviews and official action shall be completed not later than the second (2nd) regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners during December, 1998. Mr. Haveman supported the amended motion.

**B/C 98-337** Mr. Hernandez moved to call for the question of the amended motion. Mr. Karsten supported the motion and the motion lost. Mr. Langeland withdrew his amended motion. Mr. Haveman withdrew his support.

**B/C 98-338** Mr. Langeland made a substitute motion as follows: To direct the Sheriff and County Administrator, in cooperation with the Criminal Justice Committee, to develop a plan to place a community policing officer in every school district in Ottawa County, and to provide additional WEMET support where appropriate. The plan shall:

- Have a proposed county cost not to exceed \$650,000;
- Incorporate equitable and innovative programs in partnership with the schools; townships, cities, and other agencies of county government;
- Be reviewed by the Finance Committee;
- Include a recommendation as to the source of county funding;
- Be completed in a form ready for consideration not later than the second regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners meeting in December, 1998.

Dr. Mohr supported the substitute motion.

**B/C 98-339** Mr. Schrotenboer moved to amend the motion to add to C. Be reviewed "and approved" by the Finance Committee. Mr. Vander Laan supported the amendment and the amendment lost as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Mohr, Vander Laan, Schrotenboer, Haveman, Langeland and Vander Kam. (6) Nays: Messrs. Rinck, Rycenga, Karsten, Schipper, Hernandez, Hilldore and Swartout. (7)

A vote was then taken on the substitute motion and the motion lost as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Mohr, Vander Laan, Schrotenboer, Haveman, Langeland and Vander Kam. (6) Nays: Messrs. Rycenga, Karsten, Schipper, Hernandez, Hilldore, Swartout and Rinck. (7)

**B/C 98-340** Mr. Hernandez moved to call for the question on the original motion. Mr. Karsten supported the motion and the motion lost as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Vander Laan, Karsten, Schipper, Hernandez, Hilldore, Swartout, Rinck and Rycenga. (8) Nays: Messrs. Mohr, Schrotenboer, Haveman, Langeland and Vander Kam. (5) (this requires a 2/3 vote)

**B/C 98-341** Mr. Schrotenboer to moved to amend the motion in the second sentence as follows: The Sheriff "and County Administrator are" to develop..... Mr. Hernandez supported the amendment to the original motion and the amendment passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs, Karsten, Schipper, Schrotenboer, Hernandez, Langeland, Swartout, Rinck, Rycenga, Mohr and Vander Kam. (10) Nays: Messrs.

Vander Laan, Haveman and Hilldore. (3)

**B/C 98-342** Mr. Haveman moved to table the original motion as amended and refer it to the Criminal Justice and Finance Committee. Dr. Mohr supported the motion and the motion lost as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Haveman, Langeland, Mohr, Vander Laan and Vander Kam. (5) Nays: Messrs. Karsten, Schipper, Schrotenboer, Hernandez, Hilldore, Swartout, Rinck and Rycenga. (8)

**B/C 98-343** Mr. Haveman moved as a substitute motion to Direct the Sheriff and County Administrator, in cooperation with the Criminal Justice Committee, to develop a plan to place a community policing officer in every school district in Ottawa County, and provide additional WEMET support where appropriate. The plan shall:

- a. Have a proposed county cost not to exceed \$650,000;
- b. Incorporate equitable and innovative programs in partnership with the schools, townships, cities, and other agencies of county government;
- c. Include a recommendation as to the source of county funding;
- d. Be completed in a form ready for consideration not later than the second regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners meeting in December, 1998.

Dr. Mohr supported the substitute motion and the motion lost as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Haveman, Langeland, Swartout, Mohr, Vander Laan and Vander Kam. (6) Nays: Messrs. Schipper, Schrotenboer, Hernandez, Hilldore, Rinck, Rycenga and Karsten. (7)

**B/C 98-344** Mr. Hernandez move to call for the question. Mr. Hilldore supported the motion and the motion lost as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Hernandez, Hilldore, Swartout, Rinck, Rycenga, Karsten and Schipper. (7) Nays: Messrs. Schrotenboer, Haveman, Langeland, Mohr, Vander Laan and Vander Kam. (6) (2/3 vote needed)

**B/C 98-345** Mr. Haveman moved to table the motion and refer back to the Criminal Justice and Finance Committees. Dr. Mohr supported the motion and the motion lost as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Haveman, Langeland, Mohr, Vander Laan, Schrotenboer and Vander Kam. (6) Nays: Messrs. Hernandez, Hilldore, Swartout, Rinck, Rycenga, Karsten and Schipper. (7)

**B/C 98-346** Dr. Mohr moved to postpone action on the motion until the next regular Board meeting. Mr. Haveman supported the motion. Mr. Haveman withdrew his support and Dr. Mohr withdrew the motion.

**B/C 98-347** Mr. Swartout moved as a substitute motion to direct the Sheriff and County Administrator, in cooperation with the Criminal Justice Committee, to develop a plan to place a community policing officer in every school district in Ottawa County, and to provide additional WEMET support where appropriate. The plan shall:

- a. Incorporate equitable and innovative programs in partnership with the schools, townships, cities and other agencies of county government;
- b. Include a recommendation from the Finance Committee as to the amount and source of county funding.
- c. Be completed in a form ready for consideration not later than the second regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners meeting in December, 1998.

Mr. Schrotenboer supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs: Haveman, Langeland, Swartout, Rinck, Rycenga, Mohr, Vander Laan, Schipper, Schrotenboer and Vander Kam. (10) Nays: Messrs. Hilldore, Karsten and Hernandez. (3)

Mr. Swartout left the meeting.

**B/C 98-348** Mr. Rinck moved to accept as information the 1998 Drain Commission Annual Report and approve the spreading of the 1998 Drain Special Assessments. Mr. Rycenga supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Hilldore, Langland, Rinck, Rycenga, Mohr, Vander Laan, Karsten, Schipper, Schrotenboer, Hernandez, Haveman and Vander Kam. (12)

**B/C 98-349** Dr. Mohr moved to postpone the action items under the Legislative and Legal Review Committee report until the next Board meeting. Mr. Karsten supported the motion and the motion passed.

**B/C 98-350** Mr. Haveman moved to adjourn at 5:05 P.M. subject to the call of the Chairman. Mr. Hernandez supported the motion and the motion passed.

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