

**APPROVED
PROCEEDINGS OF THE OTTAWA COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
DECEMBER SESSION**

The Ottawa County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, December 8, 1998 at 1:30 P.M. and was called to order by the Chairman.

Mr. Rycenga 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, Hernandez, Haveman, Hilldore, Langeland and Swartout. (13)

B/C 98-383 Mr. Rinck moved to receive as information Correspondence Log No. 267. Mr. Hilldore supported the motion and the motion passed.

Public Comments:

Mayor Albert McGeehan, of Holland City spoke to the Board on funding the Community Policing Project and WEMET Program.

Roger Olthof, Union Local 1063 of the Road Commission employees spoke to the Board regarding the appointment of a member to the Road Commission Board, Larry Bruursema, Chairman, Ottawa County Road Commission Board, announced the new director of the Road Commission - D. Kent Rubley.

Bob Wissink, an employee of the Road Commission expressed his view on the appointment of a member to the Ottawa County Road Commission Board.

A letter was read from Brian D. Conway, State Historic Preservation Officer informing the County that the Olive Township District No. 1 School on Stanton Street has been listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

B/C 98-384 Mr. Rinck moved to accept the letter for information. Mr. Schrotenboer supported the motion and the motion passed.

A letter was read from Christine Quinn informing the County of her resignation from the Ottawa County Multi-purpose Board.

B/C 98-385 Mr. Swartout moved to accept Ms. Quinn's resignation and advertise for the appointment. Mr. Rycenga supported the motion and the motion passed.

A letter was read from Dr. Orel Callahan, Director, Lakeshore Coordinating Council requesting that Don Williams, PhD, be reappointed to the Lakeshore Coordinating Council Citizen's Advisory Committee for a two year term.

B/C 98-386 Mr. Swartout moved to reappoint Dr. Don Williams to the Lakeshore Coordinating Council Citizen's Advisory Committee for a two (2) year term. Mr. Langeland supported the motion and the motion passed.

B/C 98-387 Mr. Rinck moved to approve the agenda of today as presented and amended as follows: Add under Old Business: MERS Board Policy, Dog Law Resolution, Creation and appointment to the Food Advisory Committee. Mr. Schrotenboer supported the motion and the motion passed.

B/C 98-388 Mr. Rycenga moved to approve the general claims in the amount of \$3,634, 954.30 as presented by the summary report for November 1, through November 13, 1998. Mr. Karsten 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 98-389 Mr. Rycenga moved to approve the general claims in the amount of \$3,449,692.47 as presented by the summary report for November 16, through November 30, 1998. 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, Schrotenboer and Vander Kam. (13)

B/C 98-390 Mr. Rycenga moved to approve the following wage and benefit changes for 1999 for the Parenting Plus Supervisory and Non-Supervisory employees:

1. Increase the Parenting Plus Supervisory and Non-Supervisory salary schedule by the CPI used by the State Treasury Department to calculate the Headlee Rollback percent: (2.7%) effective for January 1, 1999.
2. Increase the number of bereavement days from three to four.
3. Increase the number of accumulated sick days from ten to twelve.

Mr. Hilldore 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 98-391 Mr. Rycenga moved to approve the payroll for December 8, 1998 in the amount of \$639.61. 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 98-392 Dr. Mohr moved to approve the utility easement for an underground electrical line through a portion of County Property at 3100 Port Sheldon Rd. in Hudsonville. Mr. Schrotenboer 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, Haveman, Hilldore and Vander Kam. (13)

A report on the Community Policing/WEMET was presented. Caption Robert Bertee of the Michigan State Police spoke to the issue of the WEMET part of the program.

B/C 98-393 Mr. Karsten moved to approve the Concept Proposal for Shared Community Policing Officers and Enhanced WEMET, School Districts, Local Units and County. Mr. Hernandez supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Swartout, Rinck, Rycenga, Mohr, Karsten, Schipper, Schrotenboer, Hernandez, Haveman, Hilldore and Langeland. (11) Nays: Messrs. Vander Laan and Vander Kam. (2)

The 1997-1998 Planning and Grants Annual Report was presented and explained by Mark Knudsen, Director, Planning Grants.

B/C 98-394 Mr. Haveman moved to accept the 1997-1998 Ottawa County Planning and Grants Annual

Report. Mr. Rinck supported the motion and the motion passed.

B/C 98-395 Mr. Haveman moved to recommend Lawrence Bruursema be appointed to the Ottawa County Road Commission Board for the six year term beginning 1/1/99 and ending 12/31/04 based on the following points received from the Transportation and Land Use Committee members: James Lambers - 11, Larry Bruursema - 16, Russell Brown - 13, Veronica Ruiz-Persenaire - 11, and place the names of James Lambers, Larry Bruursema, Russell Brown and Veronica Ruiz-Persenaire in nomination for appointment to the Ottawa County Road Commission Board. Dr. Mohr supported the motion.

B/C 98-396 Mr. Swartout moved to postpone the appointment to the Road Commission, readvertise, the Transportation and Land Use Committee to perform it's duty, suspend Board policy and make every effort to fill the appointment at the second regular meeting of the Board in January 1999. Mr. Rinck supported the motion and the motion lost as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Rinck, Schrotenboer and Swartout. (3) Nays: Messrs. Rycenga, Mohr, Vander Laan, Karsten, Schipper, Hernandez, Haveman, Hilldore, Langeland and Vander Kam. (10)

B/C 98-397 Mr. Swartout moved to table until January 1999. Mr. Schrotenboer supported the motion and the motion lost as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Rycenga, Karsten, Schrotenboer and Swartout. (4) Nays: Messrs. Mohr, Vander Laan, Schipper, Hernandez, Haveman, Hilldore, Langeland, Rinck and Vander Kam. (9)

B/C 98-398 Dr. Mohr moved to close debate. Mr. Schipper supported the motion and the motion passed. A vote was then taken on the original motion (B/C98-395) and the result of the roll call vote was as follows:

Dr. Mohr - Bruursema
Mr. Hilldore - Ruiz-Persenaire
Mr. Vander Laan - Bruursema
Mr. Langeland - Bruursema
Mr. Karsten - Brown
Mr. Swartout - Brown
Mr. Schipper - Bruursema
Mr. Rinck - Bruursema
Mr. Schrotenboer - Brown
Mr. Rycenga - Bruursema
Mr. Hernandez - Ruiz-Persenaire
Mr. Vander Kam - Bruursema
Mr. Haveman - Bruursema

Total votes were as follows: Mr. Bruursema - 8, Mr. Brown - 3, Ms. Ruiz-Persenaire - 2

The Chairman declared that Lawrence Bruursema has been reelected to serve a six (6) year term on the Ottawa County Road Commission Board beginning January 1, 1999.

B/C 98-399 Mr. Haveman moved to recommend Joseph Haveman be appointed to represent Ottawa County on the Macatawa Area Coordinating Council Board for 1999-2000. Mr. Rinck supported the motion.

B/C 98-400 Mr. Karsten moved as a substitute motion to allow the Chairman to make the appointment to the Macatawa Area Coordinating Council Board in January 1999. Mr. Rinck supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Vander Laan, Karsten, Schrotenboer, Hernandez, Hilldore, Langeland, Swartout. (7) Nays: Messrs. Schipper, Haveman, Rinck, Rycenga, Mohr and Vander Kam. (6)

B/C 98-401 Mr. Haveman moved to receive the proposed Infrastructure Program Policy for review and consideration (second reading). Mr. Rinck supported the motion and the motion passed.

B/C 98-402 Mr. Haveman moved to go into Closed Session to discuss property transactions. Mr. Rinck 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)

B/C 98-403 Mr. Swartout moved to rise from the Closed Session. Mr. Haveman supported the motion and the motion passed.

B/C 98-404 Mr. Haveman moved to approve the acquisition of 27.04 acres located on the Pigeon River in Port Sheldon Township from Gerrald and Marian Grounewoud for \$146,000 in accordance with terms identified in the Option Agreement and authorize the Parks Manager to execute the closing documents. Mr. Karsten supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Schipper, Schrotenboer, Hernandez, Haveman, Langeland, Swartout, Rinck, Rycenga, Mohr, Vander Laan, Karsten and Vander Kam. (12) Mr. Hilldore was absent at time of voting.

B/C 98-405 Mr. Haveman moved to approve the acquisition of 5.68 acres located on the Pigeon River in Port Sheldon Township from John and Gloria Stegenga for \$32,400 in accordance with terms identified in the Option Agreement and authorize the Parks Manager to execute the closing documents. Mr. Rinck 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 98-406 Mr. Haveman moved to approve the acquisition of 5.68 acres located on the Pigeon River in Port Sheldon Township from the Marian VanSlooten Trust for \$50,500 in accordance with terms identified in the Option Agreement and authorize the Parks Manager to execute the closing documents. Mr. Rinck 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 98-407 Mr. Haveman moved to approve the acquisition of 44.27 acres located on the Pigeon River in Port Sheldon Township from Mrs. Cloyd Weaver for \$500,000 in accordance with terms identified in the Option Agreement and authorize the Parks Manager to execute the closing documents. Mr. Rinck 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 98-408 Mr. Karsten moved to approve the annual Reports of the Community Action Agency and Michigan Works! Agency. Mr. Rycenga supported the motion and the motion passed.

B/C 98-409 Dr. Mohr moved to remove Motion B/C 98-359 from the table. Mr. Swartout supported the motion and the motion passed.

(B/C 98-359) Mr. Hernandez moved to adopt the MERS Policy. Mr. Swartout supported the motion.)

B/C 98-410 Mr. Schrotenboer moved to amend the motion to change the date of "January 1, 1980" to "January 1, 1999". Mr. Rinck supported the amendment and the amendment passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Hilldore, Langeland, Swartout, Rinck, Rycenga, Vander Laan, Schrotenboer and Hernandez. (8) Nays: Messrs. Mohr, Karsten, Schipper, Haveman and Vander Kam. (5)

A vote was then taken on the motion as amended and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Hilldore, Langeland, Swartout, Rinck, Rycenga, Mohr, Vander Laan, Schipper and Schrotenboer. (9) Nays: Messrs. Karsten, Hernandez, Haveman and Vander Kam. (4)

The Resolution supporting changes to the 1919 Dog Law was presented.

B/C 98-411 Mr. Hilldore moved to approve the Resolution supporting changes to the 1919 Dog Law. Mr.

Karsten supported the motion.

B/C 98-412 Mr. Langeland moved to table the motion until January 1999. Mr. Schipper supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Langeland, Swartout, Rinck, Rycenga, Schipper, Schrotenboer, Hernandez and Hilldore. (8) Nays: Messrs. Mohr, Vander Laan, Karsten, Haveman and Vander Kam. (5)

B/C 98-413 Mr. Karsten moved to authorize creation of a Food Service Committee and appoint a Commissioner to serve on the committee for a two year term and provide per diem and mileage. Mr. Swartout supported the motion and the motion passed.

B/C 98-414 Mr. Karsten moved to appoint Rodger Price and M. Clyde Robinson, representing private sector business, and, Mildred Love, representing Unemployment Agency to the Workforce Development Board. Mr. Hernandez supported the motion and the motion passed.

B/C 98-415 Mr. Karsten moved to appoint Phyllis Dahlman to the Family Independence Agency Board for a three year term. Mr. Schipper supported the motion and the motion passed.

B/C 98-416 Mr. Karsten moved to appoint Jon Den Herder to the Community Action Agency Board representing the public sector for a two (2) year term expiring 10-1-2000. Mr. Rinck supported the motion and the motion passed.

B/C 98-417 Mr. Karsten moved to approve the appointment of Dr. David Start as Chief Medical Examiner for Ottawa County beginning January 1, 1999 for a four year term. Mr. Swartout supported the motion and the motion passed.

The Chairman announced that the Board of Commissioners meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December 23, 1998 has been canceled.

Public comments:

Mr. Roger Olthof, Ottawa County Road Commission union president spoke on the appointment of Mr. Bruursema as Road Commissioner

Mr. Larry Blackburn, an employee of the Road Commission spoke on the same subject.

B/C 98-418 Mr. Rinck moved to adjourn at 5:38 P.M. subject to the call of the Chairman. Mr. Langeland supported the motion and the motion passed.

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