

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

The Ottawa County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, December 14, 1999 at 1:30 p.m. and was called to order by the Chairman.

Mr. Rinck pronounced the invocation.

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

Present at roll call: Messrs. Rinck, Rycenga, VanderKam, Mohr, VanderLaan, Berghorst, Schipper, Schrotenboer, Ms. Visscher, Mr. Haveman, Mrs. Kortman, Mrs. Ruiters, Swartout. (13)

Mr. VanderKam asked for comments on the Minutes of the November 23, 1999 meeting, there being none the Minutes were approved as presented.

**B/C 99-374** Mr. Berghorst moved to receive as Information the Correspondence Log No. 279. Mr. VanderLaan supported the motion and the motion passed.

**B/C 99-375** Mr. Berghorst moved to approve the agenda of today. Mr. VanderLaan supported the motion.

**B/C 99-376** Mr. Schipper moved to amend the agenda and to add under Health & Human Services Committee #5. Nomination to FIA Board and #6. Notice of Intent. Mr. VanderLaan supported the motion and the motion passed.

A vote was then taken on the amended motion and the motion passed.

**B/C 99-377** Mr. Schipper moved to receive as Information the Employment and Training Annual Report for 1999. Mr. VanderLaan supported the motion and the motion passed.

**B/C 99-378** Mr. Schipper moved to adopt the position statement opposing the Michigan Department of Community Health concept Paper. Mr. Berghorst supported the motion and the motion passed.

**B/C 99-379** Mr. Schipper moved to receive as Information the Substance Abuse Prevention Proposal on Attitudes That Matter. Mr. VanderLaan supported the motion and the motion passed.

**B/C 99-380** Mr. Schipper moved to approve a Resolution requesting \$37,000 in Disaster Recovery Initiative Funds from the Michigan State Housing Development Authority. Mr. Van derLaan supported the motion.

**B/C 99-381** Mr. Schipper moved to amend B/C 99-380 to change "approve a Resolution" to "authorize submission of a letter". Mr. Schrotenboer supported the motion and the motion passed.

A vote was then taken on the amended motion and the motion passed.

**B/C 99-382** Mr. Schipper moved to nominate Gary DeWitt to fill a vacancy on the Family Independence Agency Board for a three year term. Mr. Berghorst supported the motion and the motion passed.

**B/C 99-383** Mr. Schipper moved to approve submission of a Notice of Intent to participate in the Housing Resource Fund and request funds in the amount of \$131,080. Mr. VanderLaan supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Mrs. Kortman, Mrs. Ruiters, Messrs. Swartout, Rinck, Rycenga, Mohr, VanderLaan, Berghorst, Schipper, Schrotenboer, Ms. Visscher, Mr. Haveman, Mr.

VanderKam. (13)

**B/C 99-384** Mr. Swarout moved to approve the Coastal Management Grant Agreement with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality for the Pigeon River Greenway Master Plan. Mr. Berghorst supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Mrs. Ruiter, Messrs. Swartout, Rinck, Rycenga, MJohr, VanderLaan, Berghorst, Schipper, Schrotenboer, Ms. Visscher, MJr. Haveman, Mrs. Kortman, Mr. VanderKam (13)

**B/C 99-385** Mr. Swartout moved to approve a resolution opposing State changes in the Mental Health Delivery System. Mr. VanderLaan supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas; Messrs. Swartout, Rinck, Rycenga, Mohr, VanderLaan, Berghorst, Schipper, Schrotenboer, Ms. Visscher, Mr. Haveman, Mrs. Kortman, Mrs. Ruiter, Mr. VanderKam (13).

**B/C 99-386** Mr. Swarout moved to go into Closed Session at 2:35 p.m. to discuss the following: Property Acquisition - Contract Negotiations Mr. Haveman supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Rinck, Rycenga, Mohr, VanderLaan, Berghorst, Schipper, Schrotenboer, Ms. Visscher, Mr. Haveman, Mrs. Kortman, Mrs. Ruiter, Messrs. Swartout, VanderKam. (13).

**B/C 99-387** Mr. Swartout moved to rise from Closed Session at 3:25 p.m. Mr. VanderLaan supported the motion and the motion passed.

**B/C 99-388** Mr. Swartout moved to approve the purchase agreement with the Ottawa County Road Commission to acquire approximately 58 acres in Zeeland Township for park and open space purposes at a cost of \$3,850 per acre with the total sale price to be determined following completion of a land survey. Mr. Schrotenboer supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Rycenga, Mohr, VanderLaan, Berghorst, Schipper, Schrotenboer, Ms. Visscher, Mr. Haveman, Mrs. Kortman, Mrs. Ruiter, Messrs. Swartout, Rinck, VanderKam. (13)

**B/C 99-389** Mr. Swarout moved to approve the purchase agreement with Huizenga Development Land L.L.C. and Almira Huizenga to acquire 76 acres in Zeeland Township for park and open space purposes at a cost of \$500,000. Mr. Berghorst supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Mohr, VanderLaan, Berghorst, Schipper, Schrotenboer, Ms. Visscher, Mr. Haveman, Mrs. Kortman, Mrs. Ruiter, Messrs. Swartout, Rinck, Rycenga, VanderKam. (13)

**B/C 99-390** Mr. Rycenga moved to approve the general claims in the amount of \$2,641,446.61 as presented by the summary report for November 15 through November 30, 1999. Mr. Schrotenboer supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. VanderLaan, Berghorst, Schipper, Schrotenboer, Ms. Visscher, Mr. Haveman, Mrs. Kortman, Mrs. Ruiter, Messrs. Swartout, Rinck, Rycenga, Mohr, VanderKam (13).

**B/C 99-391** Mr. Rycenga moved to concur with the Bill Rye Study and freeze the Clerk's salary until such time as it becomes equal to that of the Treasurer and the Register of Deeds. Dr. Mohr Supported the motion.

**B/C 99-392** Mr. Swarout moved to amend B/C 99-391 and add "or until a future Board authorized study recommends a salary adjustment. Mr. Haveman supported the motion and the motion failed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Haveman, Swartout, Rinck, Rycenga, Mohr, VanderKam. (6)  
Nays: Messrs. Berghorst, Schipper, Schrotenboer, Ms. Visscher, Mrs. Kortman, Mrs. Ruiter, Mr. VanderLaan (7).

**B/C 99-393** Mr. VanderLaan moved to end debate. Mr. Rycenga supported the motion and the motion passed.

A vote was then taken on the motion B/C 99-391 and failed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Haveman, Swartout, Rinck, Rycenga, Mohr, VanderKam. (6)  
Nays: Messrs. Schipper, Schrottenboer, Ms. Visscher, Mrs. Kortman, Mrs. Ruiter, Messrs VanderLaan, Berghorst (7).

**B/C 99-394** Mr. Rycenga moved to approve and forward to the Baord the appropriation changes approved by the Administrator and Finance Director for \$20,000 or less for the month of October, 1999, 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: Mr. Schrottenboer, Ms. Visscher, Mr. Haveman, Mrs. Kortman, Mrs. Ruiter, Messrs. Swartout, Rinck, Rycenga, Mohr, VanderLaan, Berghorst, Schipper, VanderKam (13).

**B/C 99-395** Mr. Rycenga moved to approve an increase in the hourly rate of pay for part-time Corrections Officers and part-time Road Patrol Deputies from \$8.50 to \$10.00, Reserves from \$7.50 to \$9.00 and the Mounted Division from \$10.00 to \$12.00. Money to come from year 2000 Contingency. Mr. Rinck supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Ms. Visscher, Mr. Haveman, Mrs. Kortman, Mrs. Ruiter, Messrs. Swartout, Rinck, Rycenga, Mohr, VanderLaan, Berghorst, Schipper, Schrottenboer, VanderKam (13).

**B/C 99-396** Mr. Rycenga moved to approve an additional 1000 hours in temporary personnel from the Community Corrections Department. Money to come from year 2000 Contingency. Mr. Schrottenboer supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Mr. Haveman, Mrs. Kortman, Mrs. Ruiter, Messrs. Swartout, Rinck, Rycenga, Mohr, VanderLaan, Berghorst, Schipper, Schrottenboer, Mrs. Visscher (12).

Nays: Mrs. VanderKam (1)

**B/C 99-397** Mr. Rycenga moved to approve the Payroll for December 14, 1999, in the amount of \$634.08. Mr. Rinck supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Ms. Visscher, Mr. Haveman, Mrs. Kortman, Mrs. Ruiter, Messrs. Swartout, Rinck, Rycenga, Mohr, VanderLaan, Berghorst, Schipper, Schrottenboer, VanderKam (13)

Several commissioners gave reports on meetings attended and future meetings to be held.

**B/C 99-398** Mr. Swaertout moved to adjourn at 4:30 p.m. subject to the call of the Chairman. Dr. Mohr supported the motion and the motion passed.

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