

TRANSPORTATION AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Approved Minutes

DATE: February 23, 1999

TIME: 9:30 A.M.

PLACE: Fillmore Complex, West Olive

PRESENT: Joseph Haveman, Roger Rycenga, Leon Langeland, Robert Rinck

ABSENT: Frederick Vander Laan

STAFF: Mark Knudsen, Planning and Grants Director, Robert Oosterbaan, Administrator, Nancy Brouwer, Deputy Clerk

SUBJECT: CONSENT ITEMS

Approved the agenda of today as presented and amended and the Minutes of the January 26, 1999 meeting as presented and corrected.

SUBJECT: DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Criteria for choosing Lobbyist, Mr. Oosterbaan explained the possibility of joining with another county in hiring a lobbyist, or the County could go on their own. A criteria is to be written by administration for a lobbyist. Also, administration is to contact legislators and see if they have any recommendations for lobbyist.
2. Criteria for Evaluating Legislation. Watch for bills that effect Ottawa County, the control of the Board of Commissioners, and that the County retain control of finances.
3. Meeting schedule for Legislators. The committee could possibly meet quarterly or monthly with one Legislator at a time. Administration to check with Legislators when they would like to meet and maybe set dates.
4. Review 1998 Transportation and Legislative Goals. set some goals for 1999 as follows:
 1. Further land acquisition for further transportation route
 2. Long term needs assessment of agricultural industry.
 3. Evaluating the adequacy of county storm drainage.
 4. Drain code revision.
 5. Support and coordinate transportation and public utility goals with the Road Commission.
 6. Educate local governments on expansion of designated Natural Beauty Roads in Ottawa County
 7. Study on County wide transportation.
 8. Removal of non-judicial issues from the courts.

More goals were handed out by administration which were presented by Commissioner Rycenga, to go over, which the Clerk did not receive a copy of.

SUBJECT: ADJOURNMENT

TL 99-009 Motion: To adjourn at 11:18 a.m. Moved by Rycenga, Supported by: Rinck UNANIMOUS.