

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

The Ottawa County Board of Commissioners met on Thursday, August 10, 2000 at 1:30 p.m. and was called to order by the Chairman.

Dr. Mohr pronounced the invocation.

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

Present to roll call: Messrs. Rinck, Rycenga, Vander Kam, Mohr, VanderLaan, Berghorst, Schipper, Schrottenboer, Ms. Visscher, Mr. Haveman, Mrs. Kortman, Mrs. Ruiter, Mr. Swartout. (13)

Public Comment:

Shirley McIntire, 242 Lawton Lane, Coopersville, ask the Board to give their heartfelt consideration for the people of Community Haven. She ask the Board if this was a financial or moral decision as to how each commissioner was placing their vote. Ms. McIntire felt a financial decision was very wrong.

Gary DeWitt, 470 Division St., Coopersville, felt that Community Haven is part of the moral fiber of this County. Mr. DeWitt questioned if a small amount of millage could be raised to continue the operation of Community Haven. He felt that this has been a County that has not only worked hard to care for its' self, but everyone within it. He proposed that the acreage behind Community Haven be sold to support the operations of Community Haven.

Robert Veeneman, 9180 Cleveland St., Nunica, has made several friends at Community Haven over the last 20 years. Mr. Veeneman expressed that the residents are not only friends to each other but have become one family unit.

Gladys Collins, Hamilton, has a brother living at Community Haven and feels everyone is one big family. She stated the residents feel the changes being made and it is very upsetting to them.

Toni Macon, 470 Division St., Coopersville, ask the Board to find another way to prevent separating the residents from one another as they have become a community family.

**B/C 00-164** Mr. VanderLaan moved to approve the agenda of today as presented. Mr. Rinck supported the motion and the motion passed.

**B/C 00-165** Mr. Berghorst moved to amend the agenda of today as presented and amended to move item #11, To remove from the table B/C 00-161, to 6a and to add as a Discussion Item, Project Impact. Mr. Vander Kam supported the amended motion and the amended motion passed.

**B/C 00-166** Mr. VanderLaan moved to approve the following Consent Resolution:

1. To approve the Minutes of the July 25, 2000, Board of Commissioners' Meeting.
2. To receive as information the Correspondence Log 288.
3. To authorize the payroll of August 10, 2000, in the amount of \$639.60.
4. To approve the general claims in the amount of \$3,254,321.90 as presented by the summary report for July 17, through July 31, 2000.
5. To receive for information the nomination of Richard Schurkamp as Officer Delegate (Fred Hartman, Officer Alternate Delegate), and Gail Marod as Employee Delegate (Kathy Kuck, Employee Alternate) to the MERS 54th Annual Meeting September 20-22, 2000.
6. To receive as information the Ottawa County Natural Hazard Analysis and Hazard Mitigation Plan for Ottawa County.

Ms. Visscher supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Berghorst, Schipper, Schrotenboer, Ms. Visscher, Mr. Haveman, Mrs. Kortman, Mrs. Ruiter, Messrs. Rinck, Rycenga, Vander Kam, Mohr, VanderLaan, Swartout. (13)

The Ad Hoc Committee members met on Monday August 7, 2000 at 2:00 p.m. to discuss Hope Network/Community Haven. The Ad Hoc Committee members are Cindy Visscher, Roger Rycenga, Dennis Swartout, Fred VanderLaan, Dr. Rudolph Lie, and Bob Oosterbaan.

**B/C 00-167** Mr. Haveman moved to remove from the table item 6a Hope Network. Mr. VanderLaan supported the motion and the motion passed.

**B/C 00-168** Mr. Rycenga moved to amend motion B/C 00-161 to replace any additional funds with any non-transitional funds. Mr. VanderLaan supported the amended motion and the amended motion passed.

A vote was then taken on B/C 00-161 as amended and passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Schipper, Schrotenboer, Ms. Visscher, Mr. Haveman, Mrs. Kortman, Mrs. Ruiter, Messrs. Rinck, Rycenga, Vander Kam, Mohr, VanderLaan, Berghorst, Swartout. (13)

Mr. Swartout read a news release dated August 10, 2000 regarding Hope Network/Community Haven.

**B/C 00-169** Mr. Rycenga moved to approve budget adjustment #506. Mr. VanderLaan supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Mr. Schrotenboer, Ms. Visscher, Mr. Haveman, Mrs. Kortman, Mrs. Ruiter, Messrs. Rinck, Rycenga, Vander Kam, Mohr, VanderLaan, Berghorst, Schipper, Swartout. (13)

**B/C 00-170** Mr. Rycenga moved to go into Closed Session at 1:55 p.m. to discuss the following:

Contract Negotiations

Mr. Berghorst supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Ms. Visscher, Mr. Haveman, Mrs. Kortman, Mrs. Ruiter, Messrs. Rinck, Rycenga, Vander Kam, Mohr, VanderLaan, Berghorst, Schipper, Schrotenboer, Swartout. (13)

**B/C 00-171** Mr. Rycenga moved to rise from Closed Session at 2:10 p.m. Mr. Berghorst supported the motion and the motion passed

**B/C 00-172** Mr. Rycenga moved to approve funding of the collective bargaining agreement with the 58th District Court employees. Mr. Berghorst supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Mr. Haveman, Mrs. Kortman, Mrs. Ruiter, Messrs. Rinck, Rycenga, Vander Kam, Mohr, VanderLaan, Berghorst, Schipper, Swartout. (13)

**B/C 00-173** Dr. Mohr moved to approve the agreement between the County of Ottawa and the City of Holland regarding the joint courthouse/police department complex. Mr. Berghorst supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Mrs. Kortman, Mrs. Ruiter, Messrs. Rinck, Rycenga, Vander Kam, Mohr, VanderLaan, Berghorst, Schipper, Schrotenboer, Ms. Visscher, Mr. Haveman, Mr. Swartout. (13)

**B/C 00-174** Dr. Mohr moved to adopted the resolution supporting the PANDA Tallmadge Power Project. Mr. VanderLaan supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Mrs. Ruiter, Messrs. Rinck, Rycenga, Vander Kam, Mohr, VanderLaan, Berghorst, Schipper, Schrotenboer, Ms. Visscher, Mr. Haveman, Mrs. Kortman, Mr. Swartout. (13)

**B/C 00-175** Mr. VanderLaan moved to declare a vacancy on the Council on Aging. Mr. Berghorst supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Mrs. Kortman, Mrs. Ruiter, Messrs. Rinck, Rycenga, Vander Kam, Mohr, VanderLaan, Berghorst, Schipper, Schrotenboer, Ms. Visscher, Mr. Haveman, Mr. Swartout. (13)

## Discussion Items

Mr. Knudsen spoke about Project Impact. Project Impact is now in the implementation stage. The goal of this project is to build a disaster resistant community. To achieve this goal educational projects will need to be developed in all areas designated as hazards.

**B/C 00-176** Mr. Vander Laan moved to adjourn at 2:35 p.m. subject to the call of the Chairman. Mr. Vander Kam supported the motion and the motion passed.

DANIEL C. KRUEGER, Clerk DENNIS W. SWARTOUT, Chairman  
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