

**CORRECTED & APPROVED  
PROCEEDINGS OF THE OTTAWA COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
OCTOBER SESSION - FIRST DAY**

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

Ms. Visscher pronounced the invocation.

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

Present at roll call: Messrs. Rinck, Rycenga, Vander Kam, Mohr, VanderLaan, Berghorst, Schipper, Ms. Visscher, Mr. Haveman, Mrs. Kortman, Mrs. Ruiter, Mr. Swartout. (12)

Absent: Mr. Schrotenboer (1)

Public Comments & Communications from County Staff

Patricia Krieg, 10911 Osborn, Grand Haven, read a letter from Roger Olthof, President of OCEANS, following up on employees concerns. It was also requested that 498 signed cards along with the letter be submitted into the minutes of today.

Beth Baldwin, Ottawa County Nurse, 16242 Woodcrest, Spring Lake, read a letter and submitted petitions concerning the nurses working without a contract.

B/C 00-213 Mr. VanderLaan moved to approve the agenda of today as presented. Mr. Rinck supported the motion and the motion passed.

B/C 00-214 Mr. VanderLaan moved to approve the following Consent Resolutions:

1. To approve the Minutes of September 26, 2000, Board of Commissioners' Meetings.
2. To receive as information the Correspondence Log 290.
3. To authorize the payroll of October 10, 2000, in the amount of \$591.15.
4. To approve the general claims in the amount of \$4,002,516.71 as presented by the summary report for September 18, through September 30, 2000.
5. To receive for information the Report on Wrap Around, Family Support Network, and Children's Assessment Center.

Mr. Berghorst supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following

votes: Yeas: Messrs. Vander Kam, Mohr, VanderLaan, Berghorst, Schipper, Ms. Visscher, Mr. Haveman, Mrs. Kortman, Mrs. Ruiter, Messrs. Rinck, Rycenga, Swartout. (12)

B/C 00-215 Mr. Rycenga moved to approve an across-the-board increase of three percent (3%) effective for 2001 for the Elected Officials and County and Court Unclassified Employees (excluding Judges, County Surveyor and the Board of Commissioners). In addition for 2001, increase the employee co-pay on prescription drugs to ten percent (10%) per prescription with a minimum of five dollars (\$5) and a maximum of ten dollars (\$10) per prescription. Mr. VanderLaan moved to support the motion.

B/C 00-216 Dr. Mohr moved to amend motion B/C 00-215 to add “excluding the County Clerk”. Mr. Haveman supported the motion and the motion failed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Mohr, Haveman, Rinck, Rycenga, Vander Kam. (5)

Nays: Messrs. VanderLaan, Berghorst, Schipper, Ms. Visscher, Mrs. Kortman, Mrs. Ruiter, Mr. Swartout. (7)

B/C 00-217 Mr. Haveman moved to amend motion B/C 00-215 to table the County Clerk’s salary and return to the Finance Committee. Mr. Rinck supported the motion and the motion failed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Mr. Haveman, Mrs. Ruiter, Messrs. Rinck, Rycenga, Vander Kam, Mohr. (6)

Nays: Messrs. VanderLaan, Berghorst, Schipper, Ms. Visscher, Mrs. Kortman, Mr. Swartout. (6)

A vote was than taken on motion B/C 00-215 as presented and passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Berghorst, Schipper, Ms. Visscher, Mr. Haveman, Mrs. Kortman, Mrs. Ruiter, Messrs. Rinck, Rycenga, Vander Kam, Mohr, VanderLaan, Swartout. (12)

B/C 00-218 Mr. Rycenga moved to approve an across-the-board increase of three percent (3%) effective for 2001 for the Group W Employees. In addition, for 2001, increase the employee co-pay on prescription drugs to ten percent (10%) per prescription with a minimum of five dollars (\$5) and a maximum of ten dollars (\$10) per prescription. Mr. Berghorst supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Mr. Schipper, Ms. Visscher, Mr. Haveman, Mrs. Kortman, Mrs. Ruiter, Messrs. Rinck, Rycenga, Vander Kam, Mohr, VanderLaan, Berghorst, Swartout. (12)

B/C 00-219 Mr. Rycenga moved to approve an increase in the hourly wages of the County’s temporary (non-seasonal) employees of three percent (3%) effective January 2001. Mr. VanderLaan 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, Swartout. (12)

B/C 00-220 Mr. Rycenga moved to approve a contracted payment of \$7,000 for 2001 for the County Surveyor. Mr. VanderLaan 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, Swartout. (12)

B/C 00-221 Mr. Rycenga moved to schedule Tuesday, October 24, 2000, at 1:45 p.m. for the Public Hearing on the 2001 County Budget. 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, Ms. Visscher, Mr. Swartout. (12)

B/C 00-222 Mr. Rycenga moved to go into a Closed Session at 2:15 p.m. to discuss contract negotiations. 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, Ms. Visscher, Messrs. Haveman, Swartout. (12)

B/C 00-223 Mr. VanderLaan moved to rise from Closed Session at 2:55 p.m. Mr. Rinck supported the motion and the motion passed.

B/C 00-224 Mr. Rycenga moved to approve a Resolution supporting the County Negotiation Team waiving the reading of the Resolution. Mr. Berghorst 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, Ms. Visscher, Mr. Haveman, Mrs. Kortman, Mr. Swartout. (12)

### Discussion Items

Hope Network Update - All residents have been relocated. Mark Scheerhorn has met with Roxann Flieman regarding the transfer of personal property back to the county. A time will be set up to sign the Quick Claims Deed.

2001 County Budget Presentation - Rosemary Zink gave a presentation of the 2001 County Budget.

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

### Public Comments

Robert Blett, 9090 Lake Forest, addressed the Board on polluted wells, restaurant inspections and a culvert.

B/C 00-225 Mr. VanderLaan moved to adjourn at 3:55 p.m. subject to the call of the

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

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