

APPROVED
OTTAWA COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION
AUGUST 14, 2000

The August 14 ,2000 work session of the Board of Commissioners was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by the chair Commissioner Swartout.

Commissioner Swartout led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Present: Mr. Rinck, Mr. Rycenga, Mr. Vander Kam, Mr. VanderLaan, Mr. Berghorst, Mr.Schipper, Mr. Schrotenboer, Ms. Visscher, Mr. Haveman, Mrs. Kortman, Mrs. Ruiter, Mr. Swartout

Guest: Mr. Oosterbaan, Mr. Rappleye, Mr. Schurkamp, Mr. Scheerhorn, County Treasurer Mrs. Richardson

Mr. Oosterbaan gave an update on the issue of Community Haven and Hope Network. Mr. Rappleye is drafting a letter and in an audit by the State Mental Health Department it was reported the Ottawa County Mental Health Department was and had done all that it could in assisting Hope Network in placing patients in the facility.

A. MERS Retirement Issue- Mr. Schurkamp reported he is still working on getting the requested information. He indicated he is having trouble identifying the specific group because they have no records prior to 1978. Mr. Berghorst is to continue to try an identify people in the group. There was discussion about the development of a policy concerning the extension of this and other benefits.

B. Indicator Programs/ Benchmarks/ Measuring Progress- Ms. Visscher present a synopsis of some programs that might be reviewed along these lines. Mr. Oosterbaan was instructed to get 20 copies of the NACO program and deliver them to the commissioners.

C. Board Governance and Goals Discussion-Some suggestions were discussed regarding goal setting and review of goals during the year. Mr. Haveman mentioned a retreat. Ms. Visscher mentioned several 4 hour sessions to review and set goals. Mr. Rycenga suggested there be a fourth category to the handout entitled “services needed in the Community to provide or maintain Quality of Life”. It was agreed that there would be more discussion and suggestions.

D. Infrastructure Policy Discussion - Mr. Oosterbaan went over some of the changes in wording of the policy that had been suggested. Mr. Swartout presented the question, "Do we want to continue with the fund?" There was a suggestion to roll over the funds into a technology fund. The general consensus was to end the fund and to establish leadership by the Board by determining a specific program and lead by funding it. The Policy and Planning Committee was instructed to develop a resolution regarding the infrastructure fund.

E. Public Improvement Fund and Projects-Mark Scheerhorn passed out two reports regarding the funds and the present projects and proposals and went over them.

There was no additional public comment and the meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Daniel C. Krueger, CCO
Ottawa County Clerk