

**APPROVED  
OTTAWA COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
WORK SESSION  
SEPTEMBER 18, 2000**

The September 18, 2000 Work Session was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by the Chairman.

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

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

Absent: Mrs. Ruiter

Staff: Judge Edward Post, Judge Calvin Bosman, Judge Richard Kloote, Sheriff Rosema, Undersheriff Vredeveld, Sgt. Overway, Robert Oosterbaan, Mark Scheerhorn, Rich Schurkamp, Greg Rappleeye.

There was no public comment.

The Chair handed out a memorandum regarding Hope Network.

Mrs. Ruiter arrived at 6:33 p.m.

**1. Humane Society Contract/Alternative -**

A. Undersheriff Vredeveld gave an explanation of the proposal for a county owned and operated facility.

B. Dr. D. Bennett remarked on spay and neutering of cats and dogs.

C. The issue will be sent to Criminal Justice Committee for possible recommendations.

Mr. Rinck left at 7:15 p.m.

**2. Carve Out Group Discussion -**

A. A letter from Judge Edward Post was circulated requesting the judges be part of the group.

B. A note regarding benefit areas to be included was circulated.

C. Discussion regarding who is to be included in the group and what benefits should be included.

D. Result was to include judges for cost benefit analysis and discuss the issue further.

### **3. MERS Retiree Issue - Update**

A. Mr. Schurkamp updated the issue with which employees would be involved and noted that at some point all had the opportunity to have input as far as retirement was concerned.

B. Mr. Schurkamp was requested to write a summary of the issue and reference the fact that the county did approve a retirement enhancement to some in 1993.

#### **Public Comment:**

1. Celeste Jordan, Director of Ottawa Shores Human Society, Grand Haven
2. Dick Bennett, 2289 Tory Dr., Hudsonville
3. Veterinarian Tom Monroe, 9800 Fillmore, West Olive
4. Heidi Yates, 15772 Margaret St., Spring Lake
5. Bill Rhoads, Previous Board of Director O.S.H.S., 2068 South Shore Dr., Holland
6. Judge Edward Post, Grand Haven
7. Laura Driesenga, 5376 - 104th Ave., Zeeland
8. Tom Lyons, 4388 James, New Era, Oceana County
9. Carrie Rivette, O.S.H.S. Board Member, Spring Lake
10. Ammy Johnson, Muskegon County
11. Stephanie Borum, 14751 - 178th, Grand Haven
12. Heather Klingensmith, O.S.H.S., 13512 Pine, Grand Haven
13. Veterinarian Richelle Smith, O.S.H.S.
14. Laura Coombs, 4142 Wood Duck, Hudsonville

Meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Daniel C. Krueger, CCO  
Ottawa County Clerk