

APPROVED
PROCEEDINGS OF THE OTTAWA COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JANUARY SESSION - THIRD DAY

The Ottawa County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, January 23, 2001 at 1:30 p.m. and was called to order by the Chairman.

Mr. Rinck 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, Kuyers, Schrotenboer, Ms. Visscher, Mrs. Kortman, Mrs. Ruiter, Mr. Swartout. (12)

Absent: Mr. Haveman

Public Comment:

Mr. David Meier, Ottawa County Humane Society, addressed the Board stating the staff of the Humane Society was a very committed and hard working group of individuals. He expressed the importance of the Humane Society and the County working together on good terms. Mr. Meier announced that the Ottawa County Humane Society will be hosting an Open House, Thursday, February 8, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. to dedicate their Surgical Unit.

Beth Baldwin, Nurse for the Ottawa County Health Department, informed the Board of the nurses contract ratification. The nurses are now waiting for contract ratification by the Board of Commissioners.

B/C 01-027 Mr. VanderLaan moved to approve the agenda of today as presented. Mr. Rinck supported the motion and the motion passed.

B/C 01-028 Mr. Rinck moved to amend the agenda of today to add as item # 21, Closed Session to discuss a Legal Opinion. Ms. Visscher supported the amendment and the amendment passed.

B/C 01-029 Mr. VanderLaan moved to approve the following Consent Resolution:

1. To approve the Minutes of the January 9, and January 15, 2001 Board of Commissioners' Meeting.
2. To authorize the payroll of January 15, and January 23, 2001, in the amount of

\$1,182.87.

3. To approve the general claims in the amount of \$2,555,433.34 as presented by the summary report for January 1, through January 12, 2001.

4. To approve the appropriation changes greater than \$50,000 and those approved by the Administrator and Finance Director for \$50,000 or less which changed the total appropriation from the amended budget for the month of December 2000.

Mr. Rinck supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Mohr, VanderLaan, Berghorst, Kuyers, Schrotenboer, Ms. Visscher, Mrs. Kortman, Mrs. Ruiter, Messrs. Rinck, Rycenga, Vander Kam, Swartout. (12)

B/C 01-030 Ms. Visscher moved to adopt the Resolution declaring February 17, 2001 Walk For Warmth Day in Ottawa County. Mr. VanderLaan supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. VanderLaan, Berghorst, Kuyers, Schrotenboer, Ms. Visscher, Mrs. Kortman, Mrs. Ruiter, Messrs. Rinck, Rycenga, Vander Kam, Mohr, Swartout. (12)

B/C 01-031 Ms. Visscher moved to adopt a Resolution to change the name of the "Ottawa County Department of Employment and Training" to the Ottawa County Michigan Works! & Community Action Agency. Mr. Schrotenboer supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Berghorst, Kuyers, Schrotenboer, Ms. Visscher, Mrs. Kortman, Mrs. Ruiter, Messrs. Rinck, Rycenga, Vander Kam, Mohr, VanderLaan, Swartout. (12)

B/C 01-032 Dr. Mohr moved to adopt the revised Administrator's Evaluation Policy (second reading). Mr. Berghorst supported the motion and the motion passed.

B/C 01-033 Mr. Vander Kam moved to amend B/C 01-032 to eliminate the first sentence of the last paragraph and in the last sentence of said paragraph to add the words December 30 behind the word Administrator. Mr. VanderLaan supported the amended motion.

A roll call vote was then taken on the amended motion and the amended motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Kuyers, Schrotenboer, Ms. Visscher, Mrs. Kortman, Mrs. Ruiter, Messrs. Rinck, Rycenga, Vander Kam, Mohr, VanderLaan, Berghorst, Mr. Swartout. (12)

B/C 01-034 Dr. Mohr moved to adopt the revised Appointment Policy (second reading). Mr. Schrotenboer supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Mr. Schrotenboer, Ms. Visscher, Mrs. Kortman, Mrs. Ruiter, Messrs. Rinck, Rycenga, Vander Kam, Mohr, VanderLaan, Berghorst, Kuyers, Swartout. (12)

B/C 01-035 Dr. Mohr moved to adopt the revised Conduct of Public Meetings Policy

(second reading). Mr. Berghorst supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Ms. Visscher, Mrs. Kortman, Mrs. Ruiter, Messrs. Rinck, Rycenga, Vander Kam, Mohr, VanderLaan, Berghorst, Kuyers, Schrotenboer, Swartout. (12)

B/C 01-036 Dr. Mohr moved to receive the revised Participation in Conferences and Conventions Policy (first reading). 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, Kuyers, Schrotenboer, Ms. Visscher, Mr. Swartout. (12)

B/C 01-037 Dr. Mohr moved to receive the revised Use of Revenue Over Expenditures Policy (first reading). Mr. Kuyers supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Mrs. Ruiter, Messrs. Rinck, Rycenga, Vander Kam, Mohr, VanderLaan, Berghorst, Kuyers, Schrotenboer, Ms. Visscher, Mrs. Kortman, Swartout. (12)

B/C 01-038 Dr. Mohr moved to adopt a resolution of acknowledgment honoring Edward Hanenburg for his service as a member of the Ottawa County Planning Commission. Mr. Berghorst supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Rinck, Rycenga, Vander Kam, Mohr, VanderLaan, Berghorst, Kuyers, Schrotenboer, Ms. Visscher, Mrs. Kortman, Mrs. Ruiter, Swartout. (12)

B/C 01-039 Mr. Rycenga moved to recommend the submission of the grant for Municipal Landfill Cost-Share Reimbursement and the resolution attesting that Ottawa County has not received reimbursement for any of the costs for which it is seeking on the grant application from any other sources. Mr. Rinck supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Rycenga, Vander Kam, Mohr, VanderLaan, Berghorst, Kuyers, Schrotenboer, Ms. Visscher, Mrs. Kortman, Mrs. Ruiter, Messrs. Rinck, Swartout. (12)

B/C 01-040 Ms. Visscher moved to place into nomination Nina Buist, Allendale, Jon DenHerder, Holland City, and Pauline Luben, Hudsonville for filling three vacancies representing the Public sector for two year terms beginning on 10-01-00 on the CAA Advisory Board. Mr. Schrotenboer supported the motion and the motion passed.

B/C 01-041 Mr. VanderLaan moved to pass an unanimous ballot for motion B/C 01-040. Mr. Berghorst supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Vander Kam, Mohr, VanderLaan, Berghorst, Kuyers, Schrotenboer, Ms. Visscher, Mrs. Kortman, Mrs. Ruiter, Messrs. Rinck, Rycenga, Swartout. (12)

B/C 01-042 Ms. Visscher moved to place into nomination Rick McCabe, Pfizer Corporation, Donna Cornwell, Women in Transition for filling two vacancies representing the private Sector for two year terms beginning 10-01-00 on the CAA Advisory Board. Mr.

Berghorst supported the motion and the motion.

B/C 01-043 Mr. VanderLaan moved to pass an unanimous ballot for motion 01-042. Mr. Berghorst supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Mohr, VanderLaan, Berghorst, Kuyers, Schrotenboer, Ms. Visscher, Mrs. Kortman, Mrs. Ruiter, Rinck, Rycenga, Vander Kam, Swartout. (12)

B/C 01-044 Ms. Visscher moved to place into nomination and appoint Dan Bush, Ottawa Precast and Supply LLC for filling one vacancy representing the Private Sector for a three year term beginning 01-01-01 on the Workforce Development Board. Mr. VanderLaan supported the motion and the motion passed. as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. VanderLaan, Berghorst, Kuyers, Schrotenboer, Ms. Visscher, Mrs. Kortman, Mrs. Ruiter, Messrs. Rinck, Rycenga, Vander Kam, Mohr, Swartout. (12)

B/C 01-045 Ms. Visscher moved to place into nomination and appoint Carl Simpson, HRDI for filling one vacancy representing Labor for a three year term beginning 01-01-01 on the Workforce Development Board. Mr. Schrotenboer supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Berghorst, Kuyers, Schrotenboer, Ms. Visscher, Mrs. Kortman, Mrs. Ruiter, Messrs. Rinck, Rycenga, Vander Kam, Mohr, VanderLaan, Mr. Swartout. (12)

B/C 01-046 Dr. Mohr moved to place into nomination Michael Bronkema and Bill Miller for filling one vacancy representing Agricultural on the Ottawa County Planning Commission for a term of three years to expire in January 2004. Mr. Schrotenboer supported the motion and the motion passed.

The result of the roll call was as follows:

Mr. Kuyers - Miller

Mr. Schrotenboer - Miller

Ms. Visscher - Miller

Mrs. Kortman - Bronkema

Mrs. Ruiter - Miller

Mr. Rinck - Miller

Mr. Rycenga - Miller

Mr. Vander Kam - Miller

Dr. Mohr - Miller

Mr. VanderLaan - Miller

Mr. Berghorst - Bronkema

Mr. Swartout - Miller

Total votes were as follows: Mr. Bronkema - 2, Mr. Miller - 10.

The Chairman declared that Mr. Miller will represent Agricultural on the Ottawa County

Planning Commission.

B/C 01-047 Dr. Mohr moved to place into nomination Rodney Unema and Thomas Vander Wall for filling one vacancy on the Remonumentation Committee for a term of two years to expire January 2003. Mr. Vander Kam supported the motion and the motion passed.

The result of the roll call was as follows:

Mr. Schrotenboer - Unema
Ms. Visscher - Unema
Mrs. Kortman - Unema
Mrs. Ruiter - Unema
Mr. Rinck - Vander Wall
Mr. Rycenga - Unema
Mr. Vander Kam - Unema
Dr. Mohr - Unema
Mr. Berghorst - Unema
Mr. VanderLaan - Unema
Mr. Kuyers - Unema
Mr. Swartout - Unema

Total votes were as follows: Mr. Unema - 11, Mr. Vander Wall - 1.

The Chairman declared that Mr. Unema will fill one vacancy on the Remonumentation Committee.

B/C 01- 048 Dr. Mohr moved to place into nomination and appoint Thomas Palarz for filling one vacancy representing the Road Commission on the Remonumentation Committee for a term of two years to expire January 2003. Mr. Rinck supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Berghorst, Kuyers, Schrotenboer, Ms. Visscher, Mrs. Kortman, Mrs. Ruiter, Messrs. Rinck, Rycenga, Vander Kam, Mohr, VanderLaan, Berghorst, Kuyers, Schrotenboer, Swartout. (12)

B/C 01-049 Dr. Mohr moved to go into Closed Session at 2:04 p.m. to discuss a legal opinion. Two third roll call vote required. Mr. VanderLaan 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, Kuyers, Messrs. Schrotenboer, Ms. Visscher, Mr. Swartout. (12)

B/C 01-050 Dr. Mohr moved to rise from Closed Session at 2:20 p.m. Mr. Berghorst supported the motion and the motion passed.

Discussion Items

Mr. John Scholtz discussed the Pigeon Creek Greenway Master Plan. The Pigeon River is a natural water shed with key blocks of private and undeveloped land that has lots of potential for development. This plan proposes using the blueberry field for parking, picnicking and a possible nature center. Trails will be established for skiing and hiking. Canoeing and kayaking access will also be available. A bridge will be constructed over the Pigeon River and viewing stations will be found along the trails. A lot of the land will be kept in its natural state. A botanist and environmentalist were hired to check the river and identify wildlife along the river, so that when trails are established the wildlife will be maintained.

The Weaver House will be restored for its historic value and there are plans to use the home for various functions.

The County Administrator's report was given.

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

Mr. Krueger informed the Board that the Jury Board appointments expiring in April, 2001, will now be their responsibility to appoint.

B/C 00-051 Mr. Vander Laan moved to adjourn at 2:51 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, Chairman
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