

APPROVED
PROCEEDINGS OF THE OTTAWA COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FEBRUARY SESSION - SECOND DAY

The Ottawa County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, February 27, 2001 at 1:30 p.m. and was called to order by the Chairman.

Dr. Mohr pronounced the invocation.

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

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

Absent: Mr. Berghorst (1)

Public Comments

Florence Baerren, Michigan Nurses Association, representing the RNs of the Health Department. Through a letter she received on Monday, February 26, 2001, it is her understanding the Board is requesting management to return to the table to settle this agreement. This cannot happen because of an agreement. After the RNs rejected the tentative agreement in the summer, they returned to the table with three issues. They agreed to two of the issues and withdrew the third. There are no issues left to discuss. When Ms. Baerren's received the agreement from Ottawa County management there was no indication of a problem. That indication did not come until after the first of the year. The RNs have acted in good faith in ratifying this agreement and are asking the Board to also ratify this agreement.

Bev Plagenhoef speaking on behalf of the Michigan Nurses Association Staff Counsel from Ottawa County Health Department. The only communication she has received is what she has read in the Grand Rapids Press. She learned yesterday of the letter Flo Baerren received. She doesn't understand what it going on. One of the Board's top stated priorities for this year was to improve employee relations. Their staff counsel has seen no evidence of the Board working towards that goal. They believe the Board should be concerned that the pay scale for Public Health and jail nurses is among the lowest in the State while working in a County that is among the wealthiest. The terms of the tentative agreement were very similar to other units that the Board has ratified. Ms. Plagenhoef asked the Board to ratify the agreement.

BC 01-063 Mr. VanderLaan moved to approve the agenda of today as presented. Mr. Schrotenboer supported the motion.

BC 01-064 Dr. Mohr moved to amend the agenda of today adding to Action Item B6 “and Concurrent Resolution”. Mr. Schrotenboer supported the amendment and the amendment passed.

A vote was than taken on the amended motion and the amended motion passed.

B/C 01-065 Mr. VanderLaan moved to approve the following Consent Resolution:

1. To approve the Minutes of the February 16, and February 19, 2001, Board of Commissioners’ Meetings.
2. To authorize the payroll of February 19, and February 27, 2001, in the amount of \$1,083.55.
3. To approve the general claims in the amount of \$5,227,126.39 as presented by the summary report for February 1 through February 16, 2001.
4. To adopt a Resolution honoring the “Lakeshore Safe Kids Coalition”.

Mr. Vander Kam 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, Kuyers, Schrotenboer, Swartout. (12)

B/C 01-066 Dr. Mohr moved to reject the proposed Addendum to the Lakeshore Coordinating Council Agreement. Mr. VanderLaan 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, Kuyers, Schrotenboer, Ms. Visscher, Mr. Swartout. (12)

B/C 01-067 Ms. Visscher moved to approve and authorize the Board Chair and Clerk to sign the proposed Lakeshore Behavioral Health Alliance Agreement and concurrent Resolution. 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, Kuyers, Schrotenboer, Ms. Visscher, Messrs. Haveman, Swartout. (12)

The County Administrator’s report was given.

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

B/C 01-068 Mr. VanderLaan moved to adjourn at 1:50 p.m. subject to the call of the Chairman. Mr. Schrotenboer supported the motion and the motion passed.

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