

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

The Ottawa County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, June 26, 2001, at 6:30 p.m. at the James Street Fire Station, Holland, Michigan, and was called to order by the Vice-Chairman.

Mr. Vander Kam pronounced the invocation.

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

Present at roll call: Messrs. Rinck, Rycenga, Vander Kam, Mohr, VanderLaan, Berghorst, Kuyers, Schrotenboer, Haveman, Mrs. Kortman, Mrs. Ruiter. (11)

Absent: Ms. Visscher, Mr. Swartout. (2)

B/C 01-149 Mr. Berghorst moved to approve the agenda of today as presented. Mr. Schrotenboer supported the motion and the motion passed.

B/C 01-150 Mr. Schrotenboer moved to approve the following Consent Resolutions:

1. To approve the Minutes of the June 12, 2001, Board of Commissioners' Meeting.
2. To authorize the payroll of June 26, 2001, in the amount of \$742.09.
3. To approve the general claims in the amount of \$1,901,401.78 as presented by the summary report for June 1 through June 15, 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 May, 2001.
5. To concur with the final order of the Tax Allocation Board as follows:
County of Ottawa 4.4400 mills
Intermediate School District .1220
Townships 1.0510
Total 5.6130 mills
6. To receive for information the 2000 Annual Report of the Ottawa County Family Independence Agency.
7. To receive for information the Annual Report of the Ottawa County 58th District Court.

Mr. Rinck supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes:
Yeas: Messrs. Vander Kam, Mohr, Berghorst, Kuyers, Schrotenboer, Haveman, Mrs. Kortman, Mrs. Ruiter, Messrs. Rinck, Rycenga, VanderLaan. (11)

B/C 01-151 Mr. Berghorst moved to pass a resolution accepting funds from the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) in the amount of \$22,900 for homelessness prevention activities. Dr. Mohr supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Mohr, Berghorst, Kuyers, Schrotenboer, Haveman, Mrs. Kortman, Mrs. Ruiter, Messrs. Rinck, Rycenga, Vander Kam, VanderLaan. (11)

B/C 01-152 Mr. Berghorst moved to place into nomination and to appoint Al Ochoa to fill one vacancy representing the Private Sector on the Community Action Agency Advisory Board for a two year uncompleted term beginning 10/01/00 and expiring 10/01/02. Mr. Schrotenboer supported the motion and the motion passed.

B/C 01-153 Mr. Berghorst moved to place into nomination Roger L. Bouwman and Jone M. Bosch and to appoint _____ as a member of the Kent Ottawa Muskegon Foreign Trade Zone Board (KOM-FTZ) to fill one vacancy for a two year term immediately ending in two years. Mr. Schrotenboer supported the motion.

The result of the roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Berghorst - Bosch
Mr. Rinck - Bosch
Mr. Kuyers - Bosch
Mr. Rycenga - Bosch
Mr. Schrotenboer - Bosch
Mr. Vander Kam - Bosch
Mr. Haveman - Bosch
Dr. Mohr - Bosch
Mrs. Kortman - Bosch
Mr. VanderLaan - Bosch
Mrs. Ruiter - Bosch

The Vice-Chairman declared Jone M. Bosch has been elected to serve as a member of the KOM-FTZ Board.

Discussion Items

58th District Court's Annual Report - Susan Jonas, District Court Judge, and Barry Kantz, District Court Administrator, presented the 58th District Court 2000 Annual Report.

Ottawa County Family Independence Agency 2000 Annual Report - Loren Snippe, FIA Director, presented the Ottawa County Family Independence Agency 2000 Annual Report.

B/C 01-154 Dr. Mohr moved to go into a Closed Session at 7:27 p.m. to discuss property matters. (Two thirds roll call vote required.) Mr. Schrotenboer supported the motion and

the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Berghorst, Kuyers, Schrottenboer, Haveman, Mrs. Kortman, Mrs. Ruitter, Messrs. Rinck, Rycenga, Vander Kam, Mohr, VanderLaan. (11)

B/C 01-155 Mr. Berghorst moved to rise from Closed Session at 8:45 p.m. Mr. Kuyers supported the motion and the motion passed.

Break - 8:45 p.m. through 8:50 p.m.

B/C 01-156 Dr. Mohr moved to approve the purchase agreement with Summit Properties, realtor for the Gilder Estate, to purchase property in Port Sheldon Township with 200 feet of Lake Michigan frontage for a price of \$600,000. Mr. Berghorst supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Kuyers, Schrottenboer, Haveman, Mrs. Kortman, Mrs. Ruitter, Messrs. Rinck, Rycenga, Vander Kam, Mohr, Berghorst, VanderLaan. (11)

B/C 01-157 Dr. Mohr moved to approve the purchase of an estimated 176 acre property in Crockery Township from the Crockery Creek Club, L.L.C. pursuant to terms of the existing option agreement and at a cost of \$4,500 per acre, exact acreage to be determined by survey, and authorize the Parks Manager to execute the closing documents. Mrs. Ruitter supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Mrs. Kortman, Mrs. Ruitter, Messrs. Rinck, Rycenga, Mohr, Kuyers. (6)

Nays: Messrs. Schrottenboer, Haveman, Vander Kam, Berghorst, VanderLaan. (5)

The County Administrator's report was presented.

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

Dr. Mohr left at 8:55 p.m.

Public Comments:

Daniel Krueger, Ottawa County Clerk, read the following:

"Since 1982, my office has enjoyed a most productive relationship with the City of Holland. That was the year we agreed to assist each other in bringing services my office performs to the area. The City agreed to provide space and equipment and I agreed to provide personnel to get the work done. What started out as one half day per week has grown and grown. We are now open all day Wednesday and Friday plus provide services in the Hudsonville-Georgetown area on Tuesday mornings each week with the same type of agreement we have with Holland.

As the work in Holland has increased, so have our hours and the need for space. Holland

City has been so generous in the past they even included an office for us when they remodeled City Hall a few years ago. They have answered calls for our office on days we have not been in Holland. They have urged us to provide even more than we now provide because of the tremendous number of people we serve from all parts of that area.

Although I have requested more space and more personnel that has not been forthcoming, we have continued to provide service beyond the hours listed as being open. My staff has stayed through lunch and well after closing to serve those who have needed our services.

I want to emphatically thank the Holland City officials, the Hudsonville City Officials and their staffs for their support and their continued encouragement in our efforts to serve the people of those respective areas. We could not have had the kind of success we have had without their cooperation and foresight.

However, as the years have gone by, we have come to a turning point. It is essential, in my view, the Holland office needs to be in Holland City as it now is. We service people from the general area who can walk into the office, students from the college who walk in, senior citizens from the area, and yes, I believe we even help support the downtown area by bringing in between 50 to 150 people each day we are open in the city hall.

Last week, in one of the committee meetings of the Board, there was an insinuation that perhaps these offices, which have existed for almost 20 years, may not have had the proper authorization to be established. Well, I have been accused of that same issue rather recently as you well know and I am not about to go down that road again. Therefore it is with heavy heart that I announce, as of July 27, 2001, the Holland and Hudsonville County Clerks Branch Offices will be closed until a determination is made, to my satisfaction, as to the proper authorization to open such satellite offices and provide me with proper downtown space and personnel so we may adequately provide service and lessen the burden on the staff providing that service.

I understand that a commissioner from that committee also questioned the wisdom of remaining in the downtown area and being associated with the court offices in the new City/County Complex as I have requested, calling it "confusing to the public to associate the Clerk's Office with the courts". Well, I might remind all of you that I am now located in the Courthouse and part of my job is being the record keeper for the court. I can think of no place more appropriate than the proposed new building in Holland. And, perhaps the Board ought to look at its own judicial agenda as it has been proposed to MAC over the last few years and ask yourselves who you are proposing taking over court records management in a consolidated court proposal.

Holland City has provided so much and asked only that we provide service in return. This project has cost the County very little over the years, but as the County grows we must change. The City cannot provide us additional space as they have no more to give. Because

of our success in the number of people we serve each day, the City runs the risk of problems with the fire marshal. We have receive complaints from people using the office that it is too crowded and complaints as well from offices in City Hall regarding the number of people in their halls.

I am proud of the program of service my office has extended to the Cities of Holland and Hudsonville and am thankful there are public servants in those two areas who understand the function of Government is to provide service and provide it where it is needed. However, with the potential for continued charges that 20 years ago I did not follow "proper procedure", and noting the criticism of some of you for asking for space in the new Holland complex, a request that was made over two years ago, we shall have the offices remain closed until we can find common ground on which to reopen them."

B/C 01-158 Mr. Rycenga moved to adjourn at 9:10 p.m. subject to the call of the Vice-Chairman. Mr. Vander Kam supported the motion and the motion failed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Rycenga, Vander Kam, VanderLaan. (3)

Nays: Mr. Haveman, Mrs. Kortman, Mrs. Ruiter, Messrs. Rinck, Berghorst, Kuyers, Schrotenboer. (7)

B/C 01-159 Mr. Schrotenboer moved to have Vice-Chairman VanderLaan speak with Chairman Swartout to get the Holland and Hudsonville Clerk's Office issue on the July Work Session agenda. Mr. Berghorst supported the motion.

After some discussion, Mr. Schrotenboer withdrew motion B/C 01-159 and Mr. Berghorst withdrew his support.

Mr. VanderLaan stated he would talk with Mr. Swartout and this issue would appear on the July's Work Session agenda.

B/C 01-160 Mr. Rycenga moved to adjourn at 9:12 p.m. subject to the call of the Vice-Chairman. Mr. Schrotenboer supported the motion and the motion passed.

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