

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

The Ottawa County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, September 25, 2001, at 1:30 p.m. and was called to order by the Chairman.

Mr. Schrotenboer pronounced the invocation.

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

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

Absent: Mr. Kuyers. (1)

Presentation of Petitions and Communication

A note of thanks was read from the Virginia Hoeker Family for the floral arrangement sent upon the death of their mother. The Chair so noted and accepted.

Public Comments and Communications from County Staff

John O'Brien, Ottawa County Democratic Party Chair, addressed the Board that the contract with Ottawa County Law Enforcement needs to be resolved.

B/C 01-230 Mr. VanderLaan moved to approve the agenda of today as presented. Mr. Schrotenboer supported the motion and the motion passed.

B/C 01-231 Mr. VanderLaan moved to approve the following Consent Resolutions:

1. To approve the Minutes of the September 11, 2001 and September 17, 2001, Board of Commissioners' Meetings.
2. To authorize the payroll of September 17, 2001 and September 25, 2001, in the amount of \$1,195.29.
3. To approve the general claims in the amount of \$8,890,497.87 as presented by the summary report for September 1 through September 14, 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 August 2001.

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

B/C 01-232 Mr. Rycenga moved to remove from the Table B/C 01-218 - Operating Budget Policies. Mr. Rinck supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Mr. Schrotenboer, Ms. Visscher, Mr. Haveman, Mrs. Kortman, Mrs. Ruiter, Messrs. Rinck, Rycenga, Vander Kam, Mohr, VanderLaan, Berghorst, Swartout. (12)

B/C 01-232A Dr. Mohr moved to adopt the Operating Budget Policies, as amended (Second Reading). Mr. VanderLaan 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, Berghorst, Schrotenboer, Swartout. (12)

B/C 01-233 Mr. Rycenga moved to remove from the Table B/C 01-223 - Financial Goals Policy. Dr. Mohr 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, Berghorst, Schrotenboer, Ms. Visscher, Mr. Swartout. (12)

B/C 01-233A Dr. Mohr moved to adopt the Financial Goals Policy, as amended (Second Reading). 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, Schrotenboer, Ms. Visscher, Messrs. Haveman, Swartout. (12)

B/C 01-234 Mr. Rycenga moved to approve the Resolution to approve the 2001 Millage Rate for Ottawa County Operations at 3.5000. Mr. VanderLaan supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Mrs. Ruiter, Messrs. Rinck, Rycenga, Vander Kam, Mohr, VanderLaan, Berghorst, Schrotenboer, Ms. Visscher, Mrs. Kortman, Mr. Swartout. (11)

Nays: Mr. Haveman . (1)

B/C 01-235 Mr. Rycenga moved to approve the Resolution to approve the 2001 Millage Rate for E-911 at .4493. Mr. Rinck supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Rinck, Rycenga, Vander Kam, Mohr, VanderLaan, Berghorst, Schrotenboer, Ms. Visscher, Mr. Haveman, Mrs. Kortman, Mrs. Ruiter, Mr. Swartout. (12)

B/C 01-236 Mr. Rycenga moved to approve the Resolution to approve the 2001 Millage Rate for Parks at .3229. Mr. Rinck supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Rycenga, Vander Kam, Mohr, VanderLaan, Berghorst, Schrotenboer, Ms. Visscher, Mr. Haveman, Mrs. Kortman, Mrs. Ruiter, Messrs.

Rinck, Swartout. (12)

B/C 01-237 Mr. Rycenga moved to approve the following transfers from the 12/31/00 General Fund Fund Balance:

Millage Reduction of .0328 mill \$ 219,014.00

Public Improvement Fund 2,092,718.50

Landfill Clean-up Fund 2,092,718.50

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

B/C 01-238 Mr. Rycenga moved to approve the following wage and benefit adjustments for Elected Officials, County, and Court Unclassified employees (excluding Judges and the Board of Commissioners) for 2002:

1. Wages: Effective January 1, 2002, increase the existing salary schedule by 3.2 percent.
2. Increase maximum on employee prescription co-pay from \$10 to \$15.
3. Increase vacation to five (5) weeks after twenty (20) years of continuous service.

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

B/C 01-239 Mr. Rycenga moved to approve the following wage adjustments for the County's non-represented, non-supervisory full-time and regular part-time (Group W) employees for 2002:

1. Wages: Effective January 1, 2002, increase the existing salary schedule by 3.2 percent.

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

B/C 01-240 Mr. Rycenga moved to approve the following wage and benefit adjustments for the Parenting Plus Supervisory employee(s) for 2002:

1. Effective January 1, 2002, increase the existing salary schedule by 3.2 percent.
2. Increase maximum on employee prescription co-pay from \$10 to \$15.
3. Increase vacation to five (5) weeks after twenty (20) years of continuous service.

Mr. Berghorst supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Berghorst, Schrotenboer, Ms. Visscher, Mr. Haveman, Mrs. Kortman,

Mrs. Ruiter, Messrs. Rinck, Rycenga, Vander Kam, Mohr, VanderLaan, Swartout. (12)

B/C 01-241 Mr. Rycenga moved to approve the following wage adjustments for the Parenting Plus non-supervisory employees for 2002:

1. Effective January 1, 2002, increase the existing salary schedule by 3.2 percent.

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

B/C 01-242 Mr. Rycenga moved to approve an increase in the hourly wage of the County's temporary (non-seasonal) employees (excluding Relief ISP Officer, Cadet, Part-time Road Patrol Deputy, Part-time Corrections Officer, Reserve/Marine Patrol Officer, Mounted/Reserve Officer, Gatekeeper, Bailiff, Intern, Co-op Student) by 3.2 percent effective January 1, 2002. Mr. Berghorst supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Mr. Schrottenboer, Ms. Visscher, Mr. Haveman, Mrs. Kortman, Mrs. Ruiter, Messrs. Rinck, Rycenga, Vander Kam, Mohr, VanderLaan, Berghorst, Swartout. (12)

B/C 01-243 Mr. Rycenga moved to approve an increase of hourly wages for Cadets to \$7.50 per hour, Part-time Road Patrol Deputy to \$10.50 per hour, and Part-time Corrections Officer to \$10.50 per hour effective January 1, 2002. Mr. VanderLaan 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, Berghorst, Schrottenboer, Swartout. (12)

B/C 01-244 Mr. Rycenga moved to approve an increase in the hourly rate to \$45 charged by the Sheriff's Departments on work agreements without the use of a car effective January 1, 2002. Mr. Schrottenboer 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, Berghorst, Schrottenboer, Ms. Visscher, Mr. Swartout. (12)

B/C 01-245 Mrs. Kortman moved to amend the agenda of today to add a Public Hearing at 2:00 p.m. Ms. Visscher supported the motion and the motion passed.

B/C 01-246 Dr. Mohr moved to rescind Motions B/C 01-234, 01-235 and 01-236. Mr. Schrottenboer supported the motion and the motion passed.

B/C 01-247 Dr. Mohr moved to adopt a Resolution of support for the efforts of the United States Government and others to respond to recent events of terrorism. 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, Schrotenboer, Ms. Visscher, Messrs. Haveman, Swartout. (12)

B/C 01-248 Ms. Visscher moved to place into nomination and to appoint Gary Keller to fill one vacancy on the Community Action Agency Advisory Board representing the Private Sector for a two year term beginning 12-01-01 and ending 10-01-03. Mr. Berghorst supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Mrs. Ruiter, Messrs. Rinck, Rycenga, Vander Kam, Mohr, VanderLaan, Berghorst, Schrotenboer, Ms. Visscher, Mr. Haveman, Mrs. Kortman, Mr. Swartout. (12)

B/C 01-249 Ms. Visscher moved to place into nomination and to appoint R.J. Poel and Doug Copeland to fill two vacancies on the Community Action Agency Advisory Board representing the Public Sector for two year terms beginning 10-01-01 and ending 10-01-03. Mr. Berghorst supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Rinck, Rycenga, Vander Kam, Mohr, VanderLaan, Berghorst, Schrotenboer, Ms. Visscher, Mr. Haveman, Mrs. Kortman, Mrs. Ruiter, Mr. Swartout. (12)

B/C 01-250 Dr. Mohr moved to place into nomination the following candidates: Rebecca Arenas, Lawrence Dennis, and Dean Garn for appointment as a member on the Canvassers Board representing the Democratic Party to fill one vacancy for a four (4) year term beginning 11-01-01 and expiring 10-31-05. Mr. Berghorst supported the motion.

Results of the roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Rycenga - Arenas Ms. Visscher - Arenas
Mr. Vander Kam - Arenas Mr. Haveman - Arenas
Dr. Mohr - Arenas Mrs. Kortman - Arenas
Mr. VanderLaan - Arenas Mrs. Ruiter - Arenas
Mr. Berghorst - Arenas Mr. Rinck - Arenas
Mr. Schrotenboer - Arenas Mr. Swartout - Arenas

The Chairman declared Rebecca Arenas will represent the Democratic Party on the Ottawa County Canvassers Board.

B/C 01-251 Mr. VanderLaan moved to Open the Public Hearing at 2:00 p.m. on Increasing Property Taxes. Mr. Rinck supported the motion and the motion passed.

B/C 01-252 Mr. Berghorst moved to Close the Public Hearing. Mr. Schrotenboer supported the motion and the motion passed.

B/C 01-253 Mr. Rycenga moved to approve the Resolution to approve the 2001 Millage Rate for Ottawa County Operations at 3.5000. Mr. VanderLaan supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Vander Kam, Mohr, VanderLaan, Berghorst, Schrotenboer, Ms. Visscher, Mrs. Kortman, Mrs. Ruiter, Messrs. Rinck, Rycenga, Swartout. (11)

Nays: Mr. Haveman. (1)

B/C 01-254 Mr. Rycenga moved to approve the Resolution to approve the 2001 Millage Rate for E-911 at .4493. Mr. Schrotenboer supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Mohr, VanderLaan, Berghorst, Schrotenboer, Ms. Visscher, Mr. Haveman, Mrs. Kortman, Mrs. Ruiter, Messrs. Rinck, Rycenga, Vander Kam, Swartout. (12)

B/C 01-255 Mr. Rycenga moved to approve the Resolution to approve the 2001 Millage Rate for Parks at .3229. Mr. VanderLaan supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. VanderLaan, Berghorst, Schrotenboer, Ms. Visscher, Mr. Haveman, Mrs. Kortman, Mrs. Ruiter, Messrs. Rinck, Rycenga, Vander Kam, Mohr, Swartout. (12)

B/C 01-256 Dr. Mohr moved to place into nomination the following candidates: Louise (Loekie) Boersma, Phyllis Dahlman, and Wayne Essink for appointment as a member on the Canvassers Board representing the Republican Party to fill one vacancy for a four (4) year term beginning 11-01-01 and expiring 10-31-05. Mr. VanderLaan supported the motion.

Results of the roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Berghorst - Boersma Mr. Rinck - Boersma
Mr. Schrotenboer - Boersma Mr. Rycenga - Boersma
Ms. Visscher - Boersma Mr. Vander Kam - Boersma
Mr. Haveman - Boersma Dr. Mohr - Boersma
Mrs. Kortman - Boersma Mr. VanderLaan - Boersma
Mrs. Ruiter - Boersma Mr. Swartout - Boersma

The Chairman declared Louise (Loekie) Boersma will represent the Republican Party on the Ottawa County Canvassers Board.

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

Public Comment

Rosemary Zink and Sharon Cihak will be coordinating United Way this year. The dollars serve one in four citizens. Rosemary explained the need for increasing donations as the demand is going up.

B/C 01-257 Mr. VanderLaan moved to adjourn at 2:15 p.m. subject to the call of the Chair.

Mr. Berghorst supported the motion and the motion passed.

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