

**APPROVED**  
**PROCEEDINGS OF THE OTTAWA COUNTY**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**APRIL WORK SESSION**

The Ottawa County Board of Commissioners met on Monday, April 16, 2001, at 6:30 p.m. and was called to order by the Chairman.

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

Present at roll call: Messrs. Rinck, Rycenga, VanderLaan, Schrottenboer, Mrs. Kortman, Mrs. Ruiten, Messrs. Berghorst, VanderKam, Ms. Visscher, Messrs. Kuyers, Mohr, Haveman, Swartout. (13)

Staff: Robert Oosterbaan, Administrator; Greg Rappleye, Corporate Counsel; June Hagan, Accounting Director; James Mankoski, MIS Director; Mr. Krause, MIS Department; Mary Richardson, Treasurer; Mark Knudsen, Planning and Grants Director; Rosemary Zink, Finance Director; Daniel Krueger, Clerk.

At 6:40 p.m. Commissioners recessed to the computer training room for Lotus Notes Training on various aspects of the computer.

Mr. Rinck left at 7:45 p.m.

At 7:59 p.m. the Commissioners reconvened and began a discussion of the lobbyist issue. Mr. Oosterbaan informed the Commissioners that Mr. Chisholm had sold his firm and was recommending the Board hire the firm of Cusmano, Kandler, and Reed, Inc. It was reported the firm had been reviewed by administration and there would be a meeting with the new firm to begin familiarizing them with the county's goals and objectives.

The Commission discussion turned to the item of transportation. Mr. Knudsen informed the Board he had been asked and had met with several groups regarding Transportation Planning in Non-MPO Areas of the County. He presented some background and clarification of the issue and informed them he had agreed to help in some areas.

Discussion then commenced on Goal #5 Evaluate Upcoming Technology That Can Be Used in Service Delivery. Several handouts were distributed regarding MIS and the direction of computerization. Mr. Mankoski and Mr. Krause commented on these as well as the MIS Department. There was a suggestion of developing a committee composed of various individuals to assist in this pursuit. Mr. Oosterbaan commented on the committee established in the early 1990's. Discussion continued on the issue as Chairman Swartout remarked that " the Board needs to look at the technology issue from the perspective of the external customer.

The MIS Department is doing a good job of addressing the needs of the internal user but, how are we viewing new emerging technology and its application as it relates to our day to day customers”. The issue was handed over to the Policy and Planning Committee for further recommendation.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

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