

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

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

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

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

Absent: Mr. Kuyers and Ms. Visscher. (2)

Mr. Kuyers arrived at 6:33 p.m.

Staff: Larry Bruursema, Road Commission; Kent Rubley, Road Commission; Robert Oosterbaan, Administrator; Rosemary Zink, Finance Director; Greg Rappleye, Corporation Counsel; Daniel Krueger, Clerk; Mary Richardson, Treasurer; Kathy Beld, Chief Deputy Register of Deeds.

Public Comments

John C. O'Brien, Chairman of the Ottawa County Democrats, thanked Mr. Krueger for not closing the Holland and Hudsonville offices. He also commented that the County should not become a bank or lending institution.

Work Session Items

A. Grand River Bridge Study Discussion - An overview was given by Mr. Swartout which lead to discussion by Mr. Rubley and Mr. Bruursema. There was a discussion of the study project suggested for the M-104 corridor with a Grand River bridge crossing. Funding may be requested from other agencies for the study. Referred to Planning & Policy Committee for further action. Kent MPO is looking at the 48th Street area.

B. Clerk's request for space in Holland - Administration recommends moving the Clerk's Holland Office to the James Street Complex. Rationales presented included the population increases on the north side of Holland. The Clerk is not associated with District Court and the security in the new building will keep out customers. The Clerk suggested that service is not necessarily where the increase in population is, but where citizens need it most. People in Holland walk-in, college student use the office, others would rather drive in Holland than on the north side. The Holland office also services Allegan County people. Moving further north may eliminate this service.

The Clerk will attempt to gather zip code statistics from Holland, Grand Haven and Hudsonville in an effort to ban where people come from to use services. The issue was referred to the Planning & Policy Committee.

C. Technology Task Force - A Technology Task Force Group will be formed within six to eight weeks and start meeting at that time.

The Work Session adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

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