

**APPROVED**  
**PROCEEDINGS OF THE OTTAWA COUNTY**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**MARCH SESSION - FIRST DAY**

The Ottawa County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, March 12, 2002, at 1:30 p.m. and was called to order by the Chairman.

Mr. Berghorst 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, Ms. Visscher, Mrs. Kortman, Mr. Swartout. (11)

Absent: Mr. Haveman, Mrs. Ruiter. (2)

Public Comments and Communications from County Staff

Chuck Pistis, MSU Extension, introduced Elizabeth Scott, 4H Youth Agent; Lisa Bottomley, 4H Youth Mentoring Agent; Lisa Overway, former President of the 4H Team Counsel; Pat Mitchell, Chair/President; Bill Miller, Youth Mentor; and Ira Krupp, Dairy Specialist. Mr. Swartout presented Chuck Pistis and the 4H representatives with a Resolution from the Board of Commissioners.

B/C 02-054 Mr. VanderLaan moved to approve the agenda of today. Mr. Rinck supported the motion.

B/C 02-055 Mr. VanderLaan moved to amend the agenda of today adding Discussion Item #10 - Report from the Personnel Committee. Ms. Visscher supported the amendment and the amendment passed.

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

B/C 02-056 Mr. VanderLaan moved to approve the following Consent Resolutions:

1. To approve the Minutes of the February 26, 2002 Board of Commissioners' Meeting.
2. To receive as information the Correspondence Log 307.
3. To authorize the payroll of March 12, 2002 in the amount of \$548.04.
4. To approve the general claims in the amount of \$3,134,991.42 as presented by the summary report for February 18 through February 28, 2002.

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

B/C 02-057 Mr. Vander Kam moved to go into a Closed Session at 1:40 p.m. to discuss pending litigation. Mr. Rinck supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Kuyers, Schrotenboer, Ms. Visscher, Mrs. Kortman, Messrs. Rinck, Rycenga, Vander Kam, Mohr, VanderLaan, Berghorst, Swartout. (11)

B/C 02-058 Mr. Berghorst moved to rise from Closed Session at 1:47 p.m. Mr. Rycenga supported the motion and the motion passed.

### Discussion Items

1. Report from the Personnel Committee - Rich Schurkamp reported the Ottawa County Equal Employment Opportunity Plan will be presented at the next Board Meeting. At the April Committee meeting, William Rye will present the results of the Unclassified Wage Study. Human Resources is working on having a female staff available when complaints are being made on sexual harassment charges. The Committee is also reviewing a Management Succession Plan.

2. G.I.S. - Ken Kaiser, G.I.S. Director, updated the Board on the Geographic Information Systems (GIS). He explained pricing is an issue at this point. Some prices are high and some low. They will be reviewing pricing after more data comes back from other counties. Will be bringing a recommendation back to the Board.

3. Infrastructure Fund - Rosemary Zink explained the payback from the ISD over the next eight years will be \$254,000. It needs to be decided where this money should be allocated. Mr. Rycenga updated the Board on the Windmill Island Project. Soren Wolff addressed the Finance Committee and is trying very hard to make the project go. They have until August until they lose the grant from the State. Mr. Wolff will be reporting back to the Finance Committee in June. No Formal decision has been made in Committee on the Revolving Fund. To be put on the Work Session Agenda.

4. Citizen Survey - Mr. Swartout stated a Citizen Survey has not been done in a number of years. To be put on Work Session Agenda.

Several Commissioners gave reports on meetings attended and future meetings to be held. B/C 02-059 Mr. VanderLaan moved to adjourn at 2:45 p.m. subject to the call of the Chairman. Mr. Rinck supported the motion and the motion passed.

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