

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

The Ottawa County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, September 24, 2002, at 7:00 p.m. and was called to order by the Chair.

Mr. Schrottenboer pronounced the invocation.

Mr. Swartout led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

Absent: Mr. Kuyers. (1)

Public Comments and Communications from County Staff

B/C 02-199 Mr. Rinck moved to open the Public Hearing on the 2002 Millage Levy at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Berghorst supported the motion and the motion passed.

Mr. John O'Brien, Ottawa County Democratic Party Chair, addressed the Board on the 2002 Millage Levy. He would like to see the tax rate kept the same or lower by 1/10th. He recommends the Board strongly consider moving up the building projects to help stimulate the economy.

B/C 02-200 Mr. VanderLaan moved to close the Public Hearing at 7:05 p.m. Mr. Vander Kam supported the motion and the motion passed.

Gary Scholten, Ottawa County Register of Deeds, updated the Board on how busy the Register of Deeds Office is this month. Two years ago in September, they took in 200 documents. So far this month of September, they have taken in over 400 documents. They are working overtime and there is a request in for temporary help.

B/C 02-201 Mr. VanderLaan moved to approve the agenda of today as presented. Mr. Rinck supported the motion and the motion passed.

B/C 02-202 Mr. VanderLaan moved to approve the following Consent Resolutions:

1. To approve the Minutes of the September 10, 2002, and September 16, 2002, Board of Commissioners' Meetings.
2. To authorize the payroll of September 16, 2002, and September 24, 2002, in the amount

of \$1,208.93.

3. To approve the general claims in the amount of \$8,026,750.39 as presented by the summary report September 1 through September 13, 2002.

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 2002.

Mr. Rycenga 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 02-203 Mr. Rycenga moved to approve the Resolution to approve the 2002 Millage Rate for Ottawa County at 3.400. Dr. Mohr supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Haveman, Rinck, Rycenga, Vander Kam, Mohr, VanderLaan, Berghorst, Swartout. (8)

Nays: Mr. Schrotenboer, Ms. Visscher, Mrs. Kortman, Mrs. Ruiter. (4)

B/C 02-204 Mr. Rycenga moved to approve the Resolution to approve the 2002 Millage Rate for E-911 at .4464. Mr. Schrotenboer 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 02-205 Mr. Rycenga moved to approve the Resolution to approve the 2002 Millage Rate for Parks at .3208. Mr. Schrotenboer 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 02-206 Mr. Rycenga moved to approve the Resolution authorizing the County Road Commission to issue Act 342 Bonds in the amount of \$6,500,000 to finance the Ottawa County Communities' share of the 2002 Expansion of the Wyoming Water Treatment Plant. Mr. Rinck 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 02-207 Mr. Haveman moved to adopt the amended Sexual Harassment Policy and Guidelines. (Second Reading). Mr. Schrotenboer 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 02-208 Mr. Haveman moved to approve the following policy with regard to purchase of MERS Service Credits as described in Section 7 of the MERS Plan Document: When considering requests from Ottawa County employees to purchase service credits with their own funds, under Section 7 of the MERS Plan Document, the Ottawa County Board of Commissioners will apply the provisions of Section 7 uniformly. (First Reading). Mr. VanderLaan supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Rinck, Rycenga, Vander Kam, Mohr, VanderLaan, Berghorst, Schrottenboer, Ms. Visscher, Mr. Haveman, Mrs. Kortman, Mrs. Ruiter, Mr. Swartout. (12)

Discussion Items

Road Commission Activities - Edward Bytwerk, Road Commissioner, talk briefly on some of the projects that have happened in the last six years since he has been on the Road Commission Board.

Kent Rubley, Managing Director of the Road Commission, explained a handout of the Approved Local Road Projects in 2002, General Operating Fund - FY 2003 Budget Summary, Revenue Summary, and Expenditure Summary. He also talked briefly on the Primary Road Improvements for FY 2003 and the Capital Outlay Budget along with the Salt Purchases in 2002/2003.

B/C 02-209 Mr. Haveman moved to go into Closed Session to discuss property matters at 8:00 p.m. (Two thirds roll call vote required). Mr. VanderLaan supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Rycenga, Vander Kam, Mohr, VanderLaan, Berghorst, Schrottenboer, Ms. Visscher, Mr. Haveman, Mrs. Kortman, Mrs. Ruiter, Messrs. Rinck, Swartout. (13)

Mr. Schrottenboer left at 8:00 p.m.

B/C 02-210 Mr. VanderLaan moved to rise from Closed Session at 8:10 p.m. Mr. Rinck supported the motion and the motion passed.

B/C 02-211 Mr. Haveman moved to approve the agreement for purchase of 7.2 acres with house and other structures located at 10443 Adams Street in Holland Township from Maria Sanchez for \$155,000 with funding from FEMA and the Parks millage and authorize the Parks Manager to execute the closing documents. Mr. VanderLaan supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Vander Kam, Mohr, VanderLaan, Berghorst, Ms. Visscher, Mr. Haveman, Mrs. Kortman, Mrs. Ruiter, Messrs. Rinck, Rycenga, Swartout. (11)

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

B/C 02-212 Mr. VanderLaan moved to adjourn at 8:20 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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