

APPROVED
PROCEEDINGS OF THE OTTAWA COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OCTOBER SESSION - SECOND DAY

The Ottawa County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, October 22, 2002, at 7:00 p.m. and was called to order by the Chair.

Mr. Haveman 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, Schrottenboer, Ms. Visscher, Mr. Haveman, Mrs. Kortman, Mrs. Ruiter, Mr. Swartout. (13)

Public Comments and Communications from County Staff

B/C 02-221 Mr. VanderLaan moved to open the Public Hearing regarding the 2003 Budget at 7:02 p.m. Mr. Schrottenboer supported the motion and the motion passed.

B/C 02-222 Mr. Berghorst moved to close the Public Hearing. Mr. Vander Kam supported the motion and the motion passed.

Rochelle Rawlings, 15581 - 32nd Ave., Coopersville, addressed the Board concerning closed day programs for CMH. She would like to know where the Board stands on this issue. Feels the consumers are going to be greatly harmed by this.

Jan Yonker addressed the Board on behalf of her brother, Tom Faber, who resides at Parkview Adult Fosterhome in Zeeland, Michigan. Very concerned about the proposed changes that CMH has laid out. Her brother is in CBE, Community Based Education Program. She feels this is a valuable part of his life and activities and this is being discontinued without any input from him or family members. Looking to the Board of Commissioners for some kind of response.

Ron Baker, Chaplain for the Holland Deacons Conference, which has five homes for developmentally delayed and has been involved in the meetings that have occurred up to this point. CMH sent letters to him as well as the consumers, families, and guardians concerning the two meetings. The room that was reserved was too small. In the meeting, the information that was given was sketchy. From what CMH said, they understand that they are planning to move people with mental disabilities out into the community. The quality of life for the men and women Mr. Baker is working with would be seriously jeopardized.

Mr. VanderLaan, Community Mental Health Board Chairman, addressed the concerns of the audience. As a CMH Board member, the Board is not closed to the fact that there are concerns whenever there is a change. It's difficult for the CMH Board to put together a cookie-cutter approached answer and say this is what we are going to be able to do for you. What they have been asking people to do is give CMH a little time, they are not shutting down the programs tomorrow. CMH would like to be able to work with some of the consumers and clients and begin to put a program together for them. CMH welcomes you to watch them and see how it works for a group of consumers. Nothing is always perfect the first time around, but they need time to work on this program. The target date was put out as October 1st of next year and maybe that will happen and maybe it won't. The CMH Board is listening to your concerns. CMH needs organizations that work with them such as Kandu and others to follow the guidelines to place clients and pay for their care and their training with Medicaid funds. Mr. VanderLaan has had a lot of phone calls and is willing to take more and listen. He has suggested that possibly they can get a number of consumer family members on an advisory board or advisory panel to work with CMH to keep people informed and to have input as to what is going on over the course of the next year.

B/C 02-223 Mr. VanderLaan moved to approve the agenda of today as presented. Mr. Rinck supported the motion.

B/C 02-224 Mr. Berghorst moved to amend the agenda of today adding under Action Item #9 (Appointments) - Family Independence Agency Board and Administrator's Evaluation Team. Mr. VanderLaan supported the amendment and the amendment passed.

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

B/C 02-225 Mr. VanderLaan moved to approve the following Consent Resolutions:

1. To approve the Minutes of the October 8, 2002, Board of Commissioners' Meeting .
2. To authorize the payroll of October 22, 2002, in the amount of \$647.75.
3. To approve the general claims in the amount of \$2,479,814.42 as presented by the summary report for October 1 through October 11, 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 September 2002.

Mrs. Ruiten supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Ms. Visscher, Mr. Haveman, Mrs. Kortman, Mrs. Ruiten, Messrs. Rinck, Rycenga, Vander Kam, Mohr, VanderLaan, Berghorst, Kuyers, Schrottenboer, Swartout. (13)

B/C 02-226 Mr. Haveman moved to extend the option agreements with Michael Geerlings

and Brian Geerlings for three (3) months (October 31 - January 31, 2003) in accordance with option terms at a cost of \$12,500.00 with funding from county park millage. 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, Kuyers, Schrotenboer, Ms. Visscher, Mr. Swartout. (13)

B/C 02-227 Mr. Haveman moved to recommend approval of the proposed Amendment of Easement for the existing easement connecting Kirk Park to nearby Open Space Land. Dr. Mohr 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, Kuyers, Schrotenboer, Ms. Visscher, Messrs. Haveman, Swartout. (13)

B/C 02-228 Mr. Rycenga moved to approve the 2002 Apportionment Report. 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, Kuyers, Schrotenboer, Ms. Visscher, Mr. Haveman, Mrs. Kortman, Mr. Swartout. (13)

B/C 02-229 Mr. Rycenga moved to approve the 2003 Budget Resolution and 2003 Budget. Mr. Berghorst supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Rinck, Rycenga, Vander Kam, Mohr, VanderLaan, Berghorst, Kuyers, Schrotenboer, Ms. Visscher, Mr. Haveman, Mrs. Kortman, Mrs. Ruiter, Mr. Swartout. (13)

B/C 02-230 Mr. Berghorst moved to place into nomination and appoint Donna Cornwell, Dale Zahn, and Jean Carson to fill three vacancies representing the Private Sector on the Ottawa County Community Action Agency Advisory Board for two year terms beginning October 1, 2002, and ending September 30, 2004. Mr. VanderLaan supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Rycenga, Vander Kam, Mohr, VanderLaan, Berghorst, Kuyers, Schrotenboer, Ms. Visscher, Mr. Haveman, Mrs. Kortman, Mrs. Ruiter, Messrs. Rinck, Swartout. (13)

B/C 02-231 Mr. Berghorst moved to place into nomination and appoint Nina Buist, Jon DenHerder, and Pauline Luben to fill three vacancies representing the Public Sector on the Ottawa County Community Action Agency Advisory Board for two year terms beginning October 1, 2002, and ending September 30, 2004. Mr. Rinck supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Vander Kam, Mohr, VanderLaan, Berghorst, Kuyers, Schrotenboer, Ms. Visscher, Mr. Haveman, Mrs. Kortman, Mrs. Ruiter, Messrs. Rinck, Rycenga, Swartout. (13)

B/C 02-232 Mr. Berghorst moved to place into nomination and to appoint Gary DeWitt to fill one vacancy on the Family Independence Agency Board, for a three-year term beginning October 1, 2002, and ending September 30, 2005. Mr. VanderLaan supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Mohr,

VanderLaan, Berghorst, Kuyers, Schrotenboer, Ms. Visscher, Mr. Haveman, Mrs. Kortman, Mrs. Ruiter, Messrs. Rinck, Rycenga, Vander Kam, Swartout. (13)

B/C 02-233 Mr. Berghorst moved to appoint Roger Rycenga, Frederick VanderLaan and Dennis Swartout to the Administrator's Evaluation Team. Mr. VanderLaan supported the motion and the motion passed.

The County Administrator's report was presented.

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

Public Comments

Mary Sterk, Lakeshore Center for Independent Living, hopes the Board received the packets sent out by her organization detailing information on the town hall meeting coming up on Saturday. Their goal is community input for the changes being proposed by CMH and the goal at the town hall meeting would be to get that input from the public in hopes of presenting it to the Board and the CMH Board. Encourages everyone to come.

B/C 02-234 Mr. VanderLaan moved to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Mr. Berghorst supported the motion and the motion passed.