

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

The Ottawa County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, November 26, 2002, at 7:00 p.m. and was called to order by the Chair.

Mrs. Kortman pronounced the invocation.

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

Present to roll call: Messrs. Rinck, Rycenga, Mohr, VanderLaan, Berghorst, Schrottenboer, Ms. Visscher, Mr. Haveman, Mrs. Kortman, Mrs. Ruiter, Mr. Swartout. (11)

Absent: Messrs. Vander Kam, Kuyers. (2)

Public Comments and Communications from County Staff

The following people addressed the Board with concerns on proposed CMH changes. They are:

- Ronald Baker, 448 W. 29th St., Holland, Michigan.
- Robert Brown, 287 Greenwood Dr., Holland, Michigan, presented Mr. Swartout with petitions (6,836 signatures) demanding no changes be made to Ottawa County CMH programs.
- Alfont McCaro, 503 W. 28th Ave., Holland, Michigan.
- Tom Vreeman, Kandu Industries.
- Harvey Nikkel, 7811 Durain Dr., Jenison, Michigan.

Mr. Swartout and Mr. VanderLaan thanked everyone for being present and for submitting the petitions at tonight's Board Meeting.

B/C 02-243 Mr. Berghorst moved to approve the agenda of today as presented. Mr. Rinck supported the motion and the motion passed.

Mr. Kuyers arrived at 7:20 p.m.

Break 7:20 p.m. - 7:28 p.m.

B/C 02-244 Mr. VanderLaan moved to approve the following Consent Resolutions:

1. To approve the minutes of the November 12, 2002, Board of Commissioners' Meeting.
2. To authorize the payroll of November 26, 2002, in the amount of \$598.26.

3. To approve the general claims in the amount of \$3,961,825.66 as presented by the summary report for November 1 through November 15, 2002.

4. To receive for information the Ottawa County Michigan Works! 2001 Annual Report.

Mrs. Ruiter supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes:
Yeas: Mr. Haveman, Mrs. Kortman, Mrs. Ruiter, Messrs. Rinck, Rycenga, Mohr, VanderLaan, Berghorst, Kuyers, Schrotenboer, Ms. Visscher, Mr. Swartout. (12)

B/C 02-245 Mr. Berghorst moved to place into nomination and to appoint John Housler to fill one vacancy representing the Private Sector on the Workforce Development Board for a three-year term beginning January 1, 2003 and ending December 31, 2005. Mr. VanderLaan supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes:
Yeas: Mrs. Kortman, Mrs. Ruiter, Messrs. Rinck, Rycenga, Mohr, VanderLaan, Berghorst, Kuyers, Schrotenboer, Ms. Visscher, Messrs. Haveman, Swartout. (12)

B/C 02-246 Mr. Berghorst moved to place into nomination and to appoint Jonathan W. Peterson as a candidate for the Ottawa County Environmental Health Code Board of Appeals for a three-year uncompleted term beginning January 1, 2002, and ending December 31, 2004. Mr. VanderLaan supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Mrs. Ruiter, Messrs. Rinck, Rycenga, Mohr, VanderLaan, Berghorst, Kuyers, Schrotenboer, Ms. Visscher, Mr. Haveman, Mrs. Kortman, Mr. Swartout. (12)

Discussion Items

Wetlands Project - John Scholtz, Parks and Recreation Director, explained the Upper Macatawa Conservation Area Conceptual Master Plan. He gave a brief history and overview of the project's description and budget. The option for the Geerling's property is over on January 30, 2003. Mark Oppenhuizen reported there are a lot of unique elements to this project. Administration is in favor of the \$965,000 from the Windmill Island Project being put towards this project. Consensus of the Board is for a resolution to come from Finance Committee.

Community Haven Property - John Scholtz, Parks and Recreation Director, explained the Parks Commission has always had interest in the 30 acres on the river. In the last six to eight months, the Parks Commission has been looking at the rest of the property. The Parks Commission has put together a preliminary plan for the Board to review. Mark Scheerhorn reported a \$20,00 minimum a year on maintenance for the buildings at Community Haven.

Cathy Simons, Ottawa County Michigan Works! Director, presented the Ottawa County Michigan Works! 2001 Annual Report.

The Administrator's report was presented.

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

Public Comments

Harvey Nikkel, 7811 Durain Dr., Jenison, Michigan, spoke in regards to the Macatawa Watershed and strongly encouraged the Board to set aside some property that will be natural and a benefit to the whole community.

Tom Byrd, 359 Waukazoo Dr., Holland, spoke in favor of the proposed park development system. He also stated the Holland bridge is a vital link for Park Township residents.

B/C 02-247 Mr. VanderLaan moved to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. subject to the call of the Chair. Mr. Rinck supported the motion and the motion passed.

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