

**APPROVED
PROCEEDINGS OF THE OTTAWA
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION MARCH 18, 2002**

The March 18, 2002, Work Session of the Board of Commissioners was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by the Chair, Dennis Swartout.

The Clerk led in the Pledge of the Allegiance to the Flag and the roll was called.

Present: Rycenga, Mohr, VanderLaan, Berghorst, Kuyers, Schrotenboer, Haveman, Kortman, Swartout. (9)

Ms. Visscher arrived at 6:33 p.m.

Mr. Rinck arrived at 6:42 p.m. and left at 7:45 p.m.

Mr. Vander Kam arrived at 6:46 p.m.

Absent: Ruiter (1)

There was no public comment.

Infrastructure Program Funding - Ms. Zink reviewed the Infrastructure Program Funding for the Work Session Committee. The program is to provide low interest loans to local units of government within the county for municipal water or sanitary sewer system construction funds. The approval and administration of these projects are governed by the terms of the policy. This policy was adopted by the Board, November 2001. A dollar figure of \$2, 835,000 is needed to make the fund sustaining.

Discussion was held on the funds in the Infrastructure Fund, the policy, and the criteria for approving a request. In a singular calendar year the total amount of funds loaned should not exceed \$1,000,000. Each loan and the interest accrued must be repaid in-full within ten years and the county reserves the right to reject any or all applications that are submitted.

Recommendations were discussed on revenue over expense. A 5.3 to 5.4 million revenue over expense is the amount over the 15%. There are three areas not fully funded: landfill, public improvement-new facilities, infrastructure fund. A proposal was discussed to put \$2 million into landfill fund, \$3 million into public improvement-new facilities and \$367 thousand into infrastructure fund.

Citizens' Survey

The Chair gave an overview of the 1998 opinion survey. A discussion then followed on how to approach the next citizens' survey. It was decided to refer the matter to the Planning and Policy Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Daniel C. Krueger, CCO
Ottawa County Clerk