

**APPROVED**  
**PROCEEDINGS OF THE OTTAWA COUNTY**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**SEPTEMBER SESSION - WORK SESSION**

The Ottawa County Board of Commissioners met on Monday, September 16, 2002, at 6:30 p.m. and was called to order by the Chair.

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

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

Absent: Mr. Rycenga. (1)

Staff & Guests: Mark Knudsen, Planning & Grants Director, Connie Vander Schaaf, Assistant Finance Director; Greg Rappleye, Corporation Counsel; John Scholtz, Parks & Recreation Director; Sherri Sayles, Deputy Clerk; Dan Qualls, Tri-Cities Ministries Executive Director; Media

Work Session Items

A. Overview and time table for 211 - Dan Qualls, Tri-Cities Ministries Executive Director, explained the First Call of Ottawa County Program to the Board. First Call is an information and referral program that links individuals with agencies and services information. The program's objectives are information and referral, follow-up and tracking unmet requests. First Call became a countywide program in October 2001. A fourth to a third of the funding is provided by United Way, a third by corporate funding and a third by grants, state or federal funding. He reported he wouldn't rule out coming back to the County for possible funding but has no plans to do that at this time.

B. County Survey Update - Mark Knudsen updated the Board on the Ottawa County Residence Survey. The last county survey was done in 1998. The survey has been condensed and will take approximately 10 minutes to complete. The research survey should be starting this week with results by the October Planning and Policy Committee Meeting.

C. \$965,000 Windmill Island Funds - There has been no formal letter received from Holland City regarding the Windmill Island Project. The City had an August 31st deadline with the county and state. Some possible options were discussed on what to do with the \$965,000. Consensus of the Board was to wait until a formal letter was received from the City. Denny Swartout to contact Mayor McGeehan regarding this.

D. Funding Tools Fund Balances - Connie Vander Schaaf reviewed with the Board the

Solid Waste Clean-up Fund, Infrastructure Fund, Public Improvement Fund, Stabilization Fund, Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund, Duplicating Fund, Telecommunications, and Equipment Pool Fund. She also briefly discussed the Building Projects Outlays with the Board. Members questioned the ground breaking in the Spring of 2004 for the Jail expansion-Fillmore Street. It was believed this should be Spring of 2003 as construction fees are listed as \$5,050,000 in 2003. The Hudsonville Human Services project was also questioned as to a ground breaking in the Fall of 2002. It was reported that plans are still being looked at and size has not yet been determined.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

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