

APPROVED
PROCEEDINGS OF THE OTTAWA COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AUGUST SESSION- FIRST MEETING

The Ottawa County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, August 12, 2003, at 1:30 p.m. and was called to order by the Chair.

Mr. Rycenga pronounced the invocation.

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

Present at roll call: Mrs. Kortman, Messrs. Kuyers, Swartout, Mrs. Ruiter, Messrs. Rinck, Rycenga, Schrottenboer, Berghorst, VanderLaan, Vander Kam. (10)

Absent: Ms. Visscher (1)

Presentations of Petitions and Communications

Daniel C. Krueger, County Clerk, read the following letter:

“Dear Daniel,

Melbourne's Daily newspaper The Age runs an “Odd Spot” column, today featuring Ottawa County! Last Year we (The Primary Agency, communications agency) helped the Victorian Government deliver a similar community education campaign- Living Together in Rural Victoria. The full information kit is available on the web site. The project arose from our government refusing to enact ‘right to farm’ legislation, instead, choosing to ‘inform and educate.’ Living Together was a great little project, which we delivered through community group workshops across 14 regions of Victoria.

Let us know if we can be of assistance.

Shekhar Karnat Director, Creative Design East Melbourne Victoria, Australia	Malcolm Rowe Senior Project Manager August 8, 2003”
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Bob Oosterbaan, Administrator, commented that the Ottawa County Rural Living Brochure was on CNN.

B/C 03-154 Mr. Rinck moved to approve the agenda today as presented. Mrs. Ruiter supported the motion.

B/C 03-155 Mr. VanderLaan moved to approve the following Consent Resolutions:

1. To Approve the Minutes of the July 22, 2003, Board of Commissioners’ Meeting.
2. To receive as information the Correspondence Log 324.
3. To authorize the payroll of August 12, 2003, in the amount of \$495.76.

4. To approve the general claims in the amount of \$4,757,620.26 as presented by the summary report for July 14 through July 31, 2003.

Mr. Schrottenboer supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Rinck, Berghorst, Mrs. Ruiter, Mr. Schrottenboer, Mrs. Kortman, Messrs. Rycenga, Vander Kam, Kuyers, Vander Laan, Swartout. (10)

B/C 03-156

Mr. Berghorst moved to approve the General Easement and Right-of-Way providing the Zeeland Board of Public Works a 10' electrical distribution easement through the Upper Macatawa Conservation Area as described. Mr. VanderLaan supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. VanderLaan, Vander Kam, Rycenga, Schrottenboer, Mrs. Kortman, Messrs. Kuyers, Berghorst, Mrs. Ruiter, Messrs. Rinck, Swartout. (10)

B/C 03-157

Mrs. Kortman moved to nominate Rita Chambers-Bird, June Wehmer, and Robert E. Byrd and to appoint one (1) to complete an unexpired term through March 31, 2004, on the Ottawa County Community Mental Health Board representing the general public. Mr. VanderLaan moved to support the motion.

Results of the role call vote was as follows:

Mr. Berghorst - Chambers-Bird	Mr. Schrottenboer - Chambers-Bird
Mr. Kuyers - Chambers-Bird	Mrs. Ruiter - Chambers-Bird
Mr. VanderLaan - Chambers-Bird	Mr. Rycenga - Chambers-Bird
Mrs. Kortman - Chambers-Bird	Mr. Rinck - Byrd
Mr. Vander Kam - Byrd	Mr. Swartout - Chambers-Bird

Total votes were as follows: Ms. Chambers-Bird - 8, Ms. Wehmer - 0, Mr. Byrd - 2.

The Chairman declared Rita Chambers-Bird has been appointed to serve on the CMH Board representing the general public to complete an unexpired term through March 31, 2004.

Mrs. Kortman left at 1:40 p.m.

Discussion Items

Jonathan Nagel, Park Planner, presented an update on the Rosy Mound and Pigeon River Greenway Improvements. He reported these are the two biggest parks projects, which have been assisted with numerous grants. The Dedication Ceremony for Pigeon River Greenway is scheduled for October 9, 2003. Rosy Mound is expected to be open by late fall or early next spring.

Rich Schurkamp, Human Resources Director, introduced Steve Bernard, Vice President of the PAR Group. Mr. Bernard presented the Board with a summary of the Recruitment Profile for Ottawa County's Administrator. Mr. Swartout asked the Board if there was a consensus to let the PAR Group go forward with what Mr. Bernard presented. There were no objections.

The report of the County Administrator was presented.

Several Commissioners reported on meetings attended and future meetings to be held.

Public Comment

Tom Bird, 859 Waukazoo Drive, Holland, Michigan, came before the Board for his wife, Rita Chambers-Bird, to say thank you for the Board's support for her appointment today.

B/C 03-158

Mr. Schrottenboer moved to adjourn at 2:03 p.m. subject to the call of the Chair. Mr. Rinck supported the motion and the motion passed.

DANIEL C. KRUEGER, Clerk
of the Board of Commissioners

DENNIS W. SWARTOUT, Chairman
of the Board of Commissioners