

APPROVED  
PROCEEDINGS OF THE OTTAWA COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SEPTEMBER SESSION - THIRD MEETING

The Ottawa County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, September 23, 2003, at 1:30 p.m. and was called to order by the Chair.

Mrs. Kortman pronounced the invocation.

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

Present at roll call: Mrs. Kortman, Mr. Swartout, Mrs. Ruiter, Messrs. Rinck, Rycenga, Schrotenboer, Ms. Visscher, Messrs. Berghorst, VanderLaan, Vander Kam. (10)

Absent: Mr. Kuyers. (1)

B/C 03-182 Mr. VanderLaan moved to approve the agenda of today as presented and amended with the following changes to the Appointments. The 4th appointment moved to the 3rd position, the 5th appointment moved to the 4th position and the 3rd appointment moved to the 5th position. Mr. Berghorst supported the amended motion and the amended motion passed.

B/C 03-183 Mr. VanderLaan moved to approve the following Consent Resolutions:

1. To approve the Minutes of the September 9, 2003, and September 15, 2003 Board of Commissioners' Meetings and to correct the September 15th Minutes adding to D. Fiber Optics Update "It was requested an economic rate of return on the wireless vs. fiber vs. DSL as presently known be done" and changing March Session to "September Session".
2. To authorize the payroll of September 15 and September 23, 2003, in the amount of \$1,008.80.
3. To approve the general claims in the amount of \$7,777,962.08 as presented by the summary report for September 1 through September 12, 2003.
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 August 2003.

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

B/C 03-184 Mr. Rycenga moved to approve budget adjustment #742 with \$277,909 to come from Contingency. Mr. VanderLaan supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Mr. Schrotenboer, Mrs. Kortman, Messrs. Rycenga, Vander Kam, Mrs. Ruiter, Messrs. Rinck, VanderLaan, Berghorst, Ms. Visscher, Mr. Swartout. (10)

B/C 03-185 Mr. Rycenga moved to open a Public Hearing for the 2003 Millage Rates. Mr. Schrotenboer supported the motion and the motion passed.

B/C 03-186 Mr. VanderLaan moved to close the Public Hearing. Mr. Rinck supported the motion and the

motion passed.

B/C 03-187 Mr. Rycenga moved to approve the Resolution to approve the 2003 Millage Rate for Ottawa County at 3.4. Ms. Visscher supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Mrs. Kortman, Messrs. Vander Kam, VanderLaan, Mrs. Ruiter, Messrs. Berghorst, Rinck, Ms. Visscher, Messrs. Rycenga, Schrotenboer, Swartout. (10)

B/C 03-188 Mr. Rycenga moved to approve the Resolution to approve the 2003 Millage Rate for E-911 at .4429. Mr. VanderLaan supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Mrs. Ruiter, Mrs. Kortman, Messrs. Rinck, Berghorst, Rycenga, Vander Kam, Ms. Visscher, Messrs. VanderLaan, Schrotenboer, Swartout. (10)

B/C 03-189 Mr. Rycenga moved to approve the Resolution to approve the 2003 Millage Rate for Parks at .3182. Mr. VanderLaan supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Mr. Rinck, Ms. Visscher, Messrs. Schrotenboer, Vander Kam, Mrs. Kortman, Messrs. VanderLaan, Rycenga, Berghorst, Mrs. Ruiter, Mr. Swartout. (10)

B/C 03-190 Mr. Rycenga moved to approve the following benefit adjustments for 2004 for Circuit and District Judges:

a. Health Plan Wellness/Prevention: Effective January 1, 2004: Increase the annual per person wellness/prevention amount in the health plan from \$250 to \$300.

b. Health Plan Co-pay: Effective January 1, 2004: Implement employee co-pay of twenty percent (20%) on the difference in actuarial determined cost between each year and 2003.

Example: Single coverage cost in 2003 is \$3,211. For 2004, the cost is \$3,792. Employees choosing single coverage in 2004 will pay 20% of the difference of  $.20 \times \$581 = \$116.20$ .

c. Health Plan, Out-of-Network: Effective January 1, 2004: Increase the annual out-of-pocket maximum on out-of-network claims from \$1,100 (Single)/\$1,200 (Family) to \$1,650/\$1,800.

d. Dental Coverage: Effective January 1, 2004: Increase the annual maximum from \$800 to \$1,200 (Dental Option II) and from \$1,000 to \$1,400 (Dental Option I).

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

B/C 03-191 Mr. Berghorst moved to receive the Revised Ottawa County Policy on Appointments to Boards, Commissions, and Advisory Bodies for review and comment. (First Reading). Mr. VanderLaan supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Mr. Vander Kam, Mrs. Ruiter, Mr. VanderLaan, Ms. Visscher, Mr. Schrotenboer, Mrs. Kortman, Messrs. Berghorst, Rinck, Rycenga, Swartout. (10)

B/C 03-192 Mr. Berghorst moved to approve the Open Space Land Rules and Regulations Ordinance for use at all designated Ottawa County Open Space Lands. Mr. VanderLaan supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Ms. Visscher, Messrs. Rinck, Berghorst, Mrs. Ruiter, Mr. Schrotenboer, Mrs. Kortman, Messrs. Rycenga, Vander Kam, VanderLaan, Swartout. (10)

B/C 03-193 Mr. Berghorst moved to nominate the following seven (7) applicants and appoint one (1) to the

opening on the Ottawa County Building Authority to fill Andy Rosasco's unexpired term, ending December 31, 2003, with the recommended candidates indicated by an asterisk.

Edward H. Marsilije

\* Gary J. White

\* Marvin Allen

Roscoe DeVries

Ryan Cotton

\* R. Bradley Davis

Gary A. Barton

Mr. VanderLaan supported the motion.

Results of the roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. VanderLaan - Davis Mr. Berghorst - Allen

Mr. Vander Kam - Allen Mrs. Ruiter - Cotton

Mr. Rycenga - Allen Ms. Visscher - White

Mr. Schrotenboer - White Mr. Rinck - Cotton

Mrs. Kortman - Barton Mr. Swartout - Davis

Total votes were as follows: Mr. Marsilije - 0, Mr. White - 2, Mr. Allen - 3, Mr. DeVries - 0, Mr. Cotton - 2, Mr. Davis - 2, Mr. Barton - 1.

A vote was than taken on the top four and the results of the roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Berghorst - Allen Mrs. Ruiter - Cotton

Mr. VanderLaan - Davis Mr. Rycenga - Allen

Mrs. Kortman - Allen Ms. Visscher - White

Mr. Vander Kam - Allen Mr. Rinck - Allen

Mr. Schrotenboer - Allen Mr. Swartout - Allen

Total votes were as follows: Mr. White - 1, Mr. Allen - 7, Mr. Cotton - 1, Mr. Davis - 1.

The Chair declared Marvin Allen as the appointee to the Ottawa County Building Authority term ending December 31, 2003.

B/C 03-194 Mr. Berghorst moved to go into a Closed Session at 2:00 p.m. to discuss property matters - Two thirds roll call vote required. Mr. Schrotenboer supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Berghorst, Rinck, VanderLaan, Mrs. Kortman, Mr. Rycenga, Mrs. Ruiter, Ms. Visscher, Messrs. Vander Kam, Schrotenboer, Swartout. (10)

B/C 03-195 Mr. VanderLaan moved to rise from Closed Session at 2:12 p.m. Mr. Vander Kam supported the motion and the motion passed.

B/C 03-196 Mr. Berghorst moved to go into a Closed Session at 2:13 p.m. to discuss contract negotiations - Two thirds roll call voted required. Mrs. Ruiter supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Mr. Schrotenboer, Mrs. Kortman, Messrs. Rycenga, Vander Kam, Mrs. Ruiter, Messrs. Rinck, VanderLaan, Berghorst, Ms. Visscher, Mr. Swartout. 10)

B/C 03-197 Mr. VanderLaan moved to rise from Closed Session at 3:14 p.m. Mr. Rinck supported the motion

and the motion passed.

B/C 03-198 Mr. Berghorst moved to approve the purchase of a ten (10) acre parcel located north of and adjacent to our James Street Complex for \$670,000, contingent upon receipt of an acceptable “environmental site assessment”, and authorize the Board Chairperson and Clerk to sign the purchase agreement and associated property transfer documents. Mr. VanderLaan supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Mrs. Kortman, Messrs. Vander Kam, VanderLaan, Mrs. Ruiter, Messrs. Berghorst, Rinck, Ms. Visscher, Messrs. Rycenga, Schrotenboer, Swartout. (10)

B/C 03-199 Mr. VanderLaan moved to place into nomination the following candidates: Esther VanArk, Deannie M. Picciotti, and Randall Schipper for appointment as a member on the Ottawa County Canvassers Board representing the Democratic Party to fill one vacancy for a four (4) year term beginning 11-01-03 and expiring 10-31-07. Mr. Rinck supported the motion.

Results of the roll call vote was as follows:

Mrs. Ruiter - VanArk Mr. Vander Kam - VanArk  
Mrs. Kortman - VanArk Ms. Visscher - VanArk  
Mr. Rinck - VanArk Mr. VanderLaan - VanArk  
Mr. Berghorst - VanArk Mr. Schrotenboer - VanArk  
Mr. Rycenga - VanArk Mr. Swartout - VanArk

Total votes were as follows: Mrs. VanArk - 10, Ms. Picciotti - 0, Mr. Schipper - 0.

The Chair declared Esther VanArk appointed to the Ottawa County Canvassing Board representing the Democratic Party.

B/C 03-200 Mr. VanderLaan moved to place into nomination the following candidates: Donald Stoltz, Sharon Smeyers, and Wayne Essink for appointment as a member on the Ottawa County Canvassers Board representing the Republican Party to fill one vacancy for a four (4) year term beginning 11-01-03 and expiring 10-31-07. Mr. Schrotenboer supported the motion.

Results of the roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Rinck - Stoltz Mr. VanderLaan - Stoltz  
Ms. Visscher - Stoltz Mr. Rycenga - Stoltz  
Mr. Schrotenboer - Stoltz Mr. Berghorst - Stoltz  
Mr. Vander Kam - Stoltz Mrs. Ruiter - Stoltz  
Mrs. Kortman - Stoltz Mr. Swartout - Stoltz

Total votes were as follows: Mr. Stoltz - 10, Mrs. Smeyers - 0, Mr. Essink - 0.

The Chair declared Donald Stoltz appointed to the Ottawa County Canvassing Board representing the Republican Party.

B/C 03-201 Mr. VanderLaan moved to accept Craig Bessinger’s resignation from the Ottawa County Election Scheduling Committee as of August 29, 2003. Mr. Schrotenboer supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Rycenga, Vander Kam, Mrs. Kortman, Messrs. VanderLaan, Berghorst, Schrotenboer, Ms. Visscher, Mr. Rinck, Mrs. Ruiter, Mr. Swartout. (10)

B/C 03-202 Mr. VanderLaan moved to approve the appointment of Leah Spinner, Grand Haven City Clerk,

to the Ottawa County Election Scheduling Committee to fill Craig Bessinger's unexpired term which expires November 1, 2003. Mr. Berghorst supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Mr. Vander Kam, Mrs. Ruiter, Mr. VanderLaan, Ms. Visscher, Mr. Schrotenboer, Mrs. Kortman, Messrs. Berghorst, Rinck, Rycenga, Swartout. (10)

B/C 03-203 Mr. VanderLaan moved to approve Kit Karsten, Holland Township Clerk, Leah Spinner, Grand Haven City Clerk, and Laurel Gagrca, Jenison Public Schools appointments to the Election Scheduling Committee for a two (2) year term beginning November 1, 2003. Mr. Schrotenboer supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Ms. Visscher, Messrs. Rinck, Berghorst, Mrs. Ruiter, Mr. Schrotenboer, Mrs. Kortman, Messrs. Rycenga, Vander Kam, VanderLaan, Swartout. (10)

B/C 03-204 Mr. VanderLaan moved to approve the appointment of Gary Rosema, Gerry Cyranowski, Judge Susan Jonas, Judge Ed Post, Ronald Frantz, Jane Ruiter, and Dave Schipper, or their designees, to the Ottawa County Jail Diversion Task Force. Mr. Berghorst supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. VanderLaan, Vander Kam, Rycenga, Schrotenboer, Mrs. Kortman, Mr. Berghorst, Mrs. Ruiter, Ms. Visscher, Messrs. Rinck, Swartout. (10)

### Discussion Items

Certification of Accreditation - The Michigan Department of Community Health - Conrad Edward, Michigan Department of Community Health, presented Vito Palazzolo, Health Officer, with the Certification of Accreditation. Vito thanked the Board for their support and financial support.

"E-filing" Discussion - Kevin Bowling, Circuit Court Administrator, explained e-filing is a web-based service. The idea is to use available technology to provide better public service. This idea has been tested and is being used in other states. Starting with select areas of the judicial system, e-filings could be done on a pilot basis. At this time, e-filing has not been approved anywhere in Michigan. The County has received an application from the Supreme Court to start this process.

The County would have a contract with Lexus/Nexus. It doesn't require any outlay of money on the County's part. Funding would come from lawyers when they setup an initial account; customers/lawyers, for a \$5 transaction fee (\$4 Lexis/Nexis would retain and the \$1 would go to the Clerk's Office).

E-filing will make better use of the County's resources and staff time.

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

B/C 03-205 Mr. VanderLaan moved to adjourn at 4:02 p.m. subject to the call of the Chair. Mr. Schrotenboer supported the motion and the motion passed.

DANIEL C. KRUEGER, Clerk DENNIS W. SWARTOUT, Chairman  
Of the Board of Commissioners OF the Board of Commissioners