

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

The Ottawa County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, October 14, 2003, at 1:30 p.m. and was called to order by the Chair.

Ms. Visscher pronounced the invocation.

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

Present at roll call: Mrs. Kortman, Messrs. Kuyers, Swartout, Ms. Ruiter, Messrs. Rinck, Rycenga, Schrotenboer, Ms. Visscher, Messrs. Berghorst, VanderLaan, Vander Kam. (11)

A letter was read from Aaron Hopper, MAC President, highlighting accomplishments that occurred in the state's FY 2004 budget negotiations this past summer that benefited Michigan's counties. The Chair so noted and accepted.

Public Comments

Ann Weller, 87 W. 14th St., Holland, spoke against the Traditional Marriage Resolution on today's agenda.

Mary DeRidder, 16515 New Holland, Holland, spoke against the Traditional Marriage Resolution on today's agenda.

B/C 03-206 Mr. VanderLaan moved to approve the agenda of today as presented. Mr. Schrotenboer supported the motion.

B/C 03-207 Mr. Schrotenboer moved to amend the agenda adding Action Item 9A - Closed Session - Purpose to Discuss Contract Negotiations and amend Action Item #6 - Release of Mortgage - Charles E. Lippert and Janet C. Lippert adding "contingent upon receipt of a letter of assurance of nonliability from the Michigan Economic Development Office." Mr. Rycenga supported the motion and the motion passed.

A vote was than taken on the motion as amended and the amended motion passed.

B/C 03-208 Mr. VanderLaan moved to approve the following Consent Resolutions:

1. To approve the Minutes of the September 23, 2003, Board of Commissioners' Meeting.
2. To receive as information the Correspondence Log 326.
3. To authorize the payroll of October 14, 2003, in the amount of \$660.32.
4. To approve the general claims in the amount of \$5,503,554.45 as presented by the summary report for September 15, 2003, through September 30, 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, Kuyers, VanderLaan, Swartout. (11)

B/C 03-209 Mr. Rycenga moved to receive for information the Ottawa County, Michigan Insurance Authority Budget for fiscal year 2004. Mr. Rinck supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. VanderLaan, Vander Kam, Rycenga, Schrotenboer, Mrs. Kortman, Messrs. Kuyers, Berghorst, Mrs. Ruiter, Ms. Visscher, Messrs. Rinck, Swartout. (11)

B/C 03-210 Mr. Rycenga moved to approve the Release of Mortgage dated January 31, 1992 given by Charles E. Lippert and Janet C. Lippert, securing a \$400,000 Community Development Block Grant loan contingent upon receipt of a letter of assurance of nonliability from the Michigan Economic Development Office. Mr. VanderLaan supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Berghorst, Kuyers, VanderLaan, Mrs. Kortman, Messrs. Vander Kam, Schrotenboer, Mrs. Ruiter, Mr. Rycenga, Ms. Visscher, Messrs. Rinck, Swartout. (11)

B/C 03-211 Mr. Berghorst moved to grant an Easement for Underground Electrical Line to Consumers Energy for provision of electrical service to the Rosy Mound Natural Area. Mr. Rinck supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Kuyers, Berghorst, Rinck, VanderLaan, Mrs. Kortman, Mr. Rycenga, Mrs. Ruiter, Ms. Visscher, Messrs. Vander Kam, Schrotenboer, Swartout. (11)

B/C 03-212 Mr. Berghorst moved to approve and authorize the Board Chairperson and Clerk to sign a resolution supporting a vote on a "Traditional Marriage" amendment to the 1963 Constitution of the State of Michigan. Mr. Rycenga supported the motion.

B/C 03-213 Mrs. Ruiter moved to indefinitely postpone action on the Resolution supporting a vote on a "Traditional Marriage" Amendment to the 1963 Constitution of the State of Michigan. Ms. Visscher supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Mr. Schrotenboer, Mrs. Kortman, Mrs. Ruiter, Messrs. Kuyers, VanderLaan, Ms. Visscher, Mr. Swartout. (7)

Nays: Messrs. Rycenga, Vander Kam, Rinck, Berghorst. (4)

B/C 03-214 Mr. Berghorst moved to go into a Closed Session at 1:45 p.m. to discuss property matters - Two thirds roll call vote required. Mr. VanderLaan supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Mrs. Kortman, Messrs. Vander Kam, Kuyers, VanderLaan, Mrs. Ruiter, Messrs. Berghorst, Rinck, Ms. Visscher, Messrs. Rycenga, Schrotenboer, Swartout. (11)

B/C 03-215 Mr. VanderLaan moved to rise from Closed Session at 1:50 p.m. Mr. Rinck supported the motion and the motion passed.

B/C 03-216 Mr. Berghorst moved to go into a Closed Session at 1:50 p.m. to discuss contract negotiations. 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, Kuyers, Schrotenboer, Swartout. (11)

B/C 03-217 Mr. Berghorst moved to rise from Closed Session at 2:40 p.m. Ms. Visscher supported the motion and the motion passed.

B/C 03-218 Mr. Berghorst moved to approve the purchase agreement with the Ottawa County Road Commission to purchase 60.48 acres of land along the Macatawa River in Zeeland Township for a price of \$4,200 per acre or \$254,016 and authorize the Parks Manager to execute the closing documents. Mr. VanderLaan supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Mr. Rinck, Ms. Visscher, Messrs. Schrotenboer, Kuyers, Vander Kam, Mrs. Kortman, Messrs. VanderLaan, Rycenga, Berghorst, Mrs. Ruiter, Mr. Swartout. (11)

B/C 03-219 Ms. Visscher moved to place into nomination and appoint Jim Wujkowski to complete an unexpired three year term which began January 1, 2002 and ends December 31, 2004 on the Ottawa County Workforce Development Board representing the Private Sector. Mr. Berghorst supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Rycenga, Vander Kam, Mrs. Kortman, Messrs. VanderLaan, Berghorst, Kuyers, Schrotenboer, Ms. Visscher, Mr. Rinck, Mrs. Ruiter, Mr. Swartout. (11)

B/C 03-220 Ms. Visscher moved to place into nomination and appoint R.J. Poel and Jo Kelly to fill two vacancies representing the Public Sector on the Ottawa County Community Action Agency Advisory Board for two year terms beginning October 1, 2003, and ending September 30, 2005. Mr. VanderLaan supported the motion and the motion as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Mr. Vander Kam, Mrs. Ruiter, Mr. VanderLaan, Ms. Visscher, Messrs. Kuyers, Schrotenboer, Mrs. Kortman, Messrs. Berghorst, Rinck, Rycenga, Swartout. (11)

B/C 03-221 Ms. Visscher moved to place into nomination and appoint Jinnifer Gibbs and Steve Vandenberg to fill two vacancies representing the Private Sector on the Ottawa County Community Action Agency Advisory Board for two year terms beginning October 1, 2003, and ending September 30, 2005. 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, Messes. Rycenga, Vander Kam, Kuyers, VanderLaan, Swartout. (11)

B/C 03-222 Mr. Berghorst moved to place into nomination Bobbi Jones Sabine\*, James Piers, and Joseph M. Mazurek and appoint one (1) to fill a vacancy on the Parks and Recreation Commission for a term which expires on January 1, 2004. \*Recommended by the committee.

Results of the roll call vote were as follows:

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

Total votes were as follows: Ms. Sabine - 11, Mr. Piers - 0, Mr. Mazurek - 0.

The Chair declared Bobbi Jones Sabine appointed to the Parks and Recreation Commission for a term which expires January 1, 2004.

B/C 03-223 Mr. Berghorst moved to correct and ratify the appointment of Marvin Allen to a term on the Ottawa County Building Authority, expiring on December 31, 2004. (The previous motion had indicated that the Appointment was for a term ending December 31, 2003). Mr. Rycenga supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Berghorst, Kuyers, VanderLaan, Mrs. Kortman, Messrs. Vander Kam, Schrotenboer, Mrs. Ruiter, Mr. Rycenga, Ms. Visscher, Messrs. Rinck, Swartout. (11)

A recess was taken from 2:45 p.m. - 2:55 p.m.

B/C 03-224 Mr. VanderLaan moved to go into a Closed Session at 2:55 p.m. to review the applications for the position of Ottawa County Administrator - Two thirds roll call vote required. Mr. Schrotenboer supported

the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Berghorst, Kuyers, VanderLaan, Mrs. Kortman, Messrs. Vander Kam, Schrotenboer, Mrs. Ruiter, Mr. Rycenga, Ms. Visscher, Messrs. Rinck, Swartout. (11)

B/C 03-225 Mr. Berghorst moved to rise from Closed Session at 3:50 p.m. Mr. VanderLaan supported the motion and the motion passed.

Mr. Swartout announced there were 63 formal applications for the position of Ottawa County Administrator. The four candidates selected for the interview process are: David D. Benda, Jay A. Gsell, Terry L. Proctor, and Alan G. Vanderberg. Interviews will be held on October 27th and 28th.

Mr. VanderLaan and Mr. Schrotenboer left at 3:50 p.m.

#### Discussion Items

2004 Budget - Rosemary Zink, Finance Director - A power point presentation was presented by Rosemary Zink of the 2004 Budget.

The County Administrator's report was presented.

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

B/C 03-226 Mr. Rinck moved to adjourn at 4:30 p.m. subject to the call of the Chair. Mr. Kuyers supported the motion and the motion passed.

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