

APPROVED
PROCEEDINGS OF THE OTTAWA COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
NOVEMBER SESSION- SECOND SESSION

The Ottawa County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, November 25, 2003, at 1:30 p.m., at the Allendale Township Hall and was called to order by the Chair.

Mrs. Ruiter pronounced the invocation.

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

Present at roll call: Mrs. Kortman, Messrs. Kuyers, Swartout, Mrs. Ruiter, Messrs. Rinck, Rycenga, Schrotenboer, Berghorst, VanderLaan. (9)

Absent: Ms. Visscher, Mr. Vander Kam (2)

B/C 03-253 Mr. VanderLaan moved to open the Public Hearing at 1:32 p.m. for the Sheriff's Office Block Grant. Mr. Schrotenboer supported the motion and the motion passed.

B/C 03-254 Mr. VanderLaan moved to close the Public Hearing at 1:33 p.m. Mr. Rycenga supported the motion and the motion passed.

Public Comments and Communications from County Staff

The following people addressed the Commission strongly opposing the "Traditional Marriage Resolution."

1. Pete Armstrong, 10205 Lakeshore Dr., West Olive, Michigan.
2. Don Bergman, 62 Sun Ridge Dr., Holland, Michigan.
3. Peggy Hart, 155 Dartmouth Ave., Holland, Michigan.
4. Judy Visscher, 143 E. 19th St., Holland, Michigan.
5. Tom Toeller-Novak, 280 Camelback Dr., Holland, Michigan.
6. Dennis Remenschneider, 125 S. Division Ave., Holland, Michigan.
7. Jean McCabe, 18332 N. Shore Estates Rd., Spring Lake, Michigan.
8. Terry Leshuk, 15666 Connelly Ave., Spring Lake, Michigan.
9. Nelson Hart, 155 Dartmouth Ave., Holland, Michigan.
10. Mike McCluskey, 6917 Vintage Dr., Hudsonville, Michigan.
11. Tim Meyer, 11711- 168th Ave., Grand Haven, Michigan.

The following people addressed the Commission strongly in favor of the "Traditional Marriage Resolution."

1. Dave Smith, 15683 Quincy St., Holland, Michigan.
2. Rick Overway, 11389 Pointe Lake Blvd., Holland, Michigan.
3. Hazel Baron, 11912 Lakeshore Dr., Grand Haven, Michigan.
4. Wayne Wright, 1744 Main St., Holland, Michigan.

B/C 03-255 Mr. Berghorst moved to approve the agenda of today as presented. Mr. Rycenga supported the motion and the motion passed.

B/C 03-256 Mr. VanderLaan moved to approve the following Consent Resolutions:

1. To approve the Minutes of the November 11, 2003, Board of Commissioners' Meeting.
2. To authorize the payroll of November 25, 2003, in the amount of \$455.76.
3. To approve the general claims in the amount of \$5,495,129.42 as presented by the summary report for November 1 through November 14, 2003.
4. To receive for information the 2002/2003 Annual Report of the Ottawa County Michigan Works and Community Action Agency.

Mr. Schrotenboer supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Rinck, Schrotenboer, Kuyers, Mrs. Kortman, Messrs. VanderLaan, Rycenga, Berghorst, Mrs. Ruiter, Mr. Swartout. (9)

Opening of the Community Haven Time Capsule

Mr. Loren Snippe, FIA Director, opened the Community Have Time Capsule. Mr. Rinck removed the following from the capsule:

Coin Collections
Cassette Tape
Newspaper Articles
Phone Directories- 1978, 1979, 1980
"Voice of the River"- History of Eastmanville Booklet

B/C 03-257 Mr. Rinck moved to approve and authorize the Board Chairperson and Clerk to sign the Resolution making a revocable permanent loan of certain records pertaining to the operation and residents of the Ottawa County Poor Farm to the Joint Archives of Holland History Research Center at Hope College. Mr. VanderLaan supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Mr. Rycenga, Mrs. Kortman, Messrs. VanderLaan, Berghorst, Kuyers, Schrotenboer, Rinck, Mrs. Ruiter, Mr. Swartout. (9)

Mr. Jeff Reynolds, Director of Archives at Hope College, received the records.

B/C 03-258 Mr. Rinck moved to approve and authorize the Board Chairperson and Clerk to sign and present Resolutions of Appreciation to Henry Boersma, Loekie Boersma, Irene Vander Meulen Reidsma, and Darlene Winters for their research into the history of Ottawa County and the Ottawa County Poor Farm, and for their efforts to preserve this history on behalf of the residents of Ottawa County. Mr. Schrotenboer supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Mrs. Ruiter, Messrs. VanderLaan, Kuyers, Schrotenboer, Mrs. Kortman, Messrs. Berghorst, Rinck, Rycenga, Swartout. (9)

Mr. William Wiersma, Tallmadge Township Supervisor, and Ms. Lenore Cook, Tallmadge Township Clerk, thanked Mr. and Mrs. Boersma for their dedicated efforts.

The Chair called for a five minute recess at 2:30 p.m.

B/C 03-259 Mr. Berghorst moved to approve and authorize the Board Chairperson and Clerk to sign the Resolution supporting a vote on an Amendment of the 1963 Constitution of the State of Michigan to define marriage as a legal relationship between "one man and one woman." Mr. Rinck supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Rinck, Berghorst, Schrotenboer, Mrs. Kortman, Messrs. Rycenga, Kuyers, VanderLaan, Swartout. (8)

Nays: Mrs. Ruiter (1)

Mrs. Ruiter and Mr. Swartout commented on the Resolution before the roll call vote was taken.

B/C 03-260 Mr. Berghorst moved to approve and authorize the Board Chairperson and Clerk to sign the Resolution declaring Tuesday, November 25, 2003, as "Michigan Adoption Day" within Ottawa County. Mr. VanderLaan supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. VanderLaan, Rycenga, Schrotenboer, Mrs. Kortman, Messrs. Kuyers, Berghorst, Mrs. Ruiter, Messrs. Rinck, Swartout. (9)

B/C 03-261 Mr. Berghorst moved to receive the Proposed Policy on Use of Credit Cards to Pay Bills and Purchase Goods and Services from Ottawa County and the Ottawa County Courts (First Reading). Mr. VanderLaan supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Berghorst, Kuyers, VanderLaan, Mrs. Kortman, Mr. Schrotenboer, Mrs. Ruiter, Messrs. Rycenga, Rinck, Swartout. (9)

B/C 03-262 Mr. Berghorst moved to receive the Proposed Policy on Automatic Clearing House (ACH) and Electronic Transactions of Public Funds (First Reading). Mr. VanderLaan supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Mr. Rycenga, Mrs. Kortman, Messrs. VanderLaan, Berghorst, Kuyers, Schrotenboer, Rinck, Mrs. Ruiter, Mr. Swartout. (9)

B/C 03-263 Mr. VanderLaan moved to approve and authorize the Board Chairperson and Clerk to sign the "County of Ottawa Employment Agreement for County Administrator" between Ottawa County and Alan G. Vanderberg. Mr. Schrotenboer supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Mrs. Ruiter, Messrs. VanderLaan, Kuyers, Schrotenboer, Mrs. Kortman, Messrs. Berghorst, Rinck, Rycenga, Swartout. (9)

B/C 03-264 Mr. Berghorst moved to re-appoint Kenneth Rizzio to a full term on the City of Zeeland's Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA). The term for this position ends on June 30, 2007. Mr. Schrotenboer supported the motion and the motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Rinck, Berghorst, Mrs. Ruiter, Mr. Schrotenboer, Mrs. Kortman, Messrs. Rycenga, Kuyers, VanderLaan, Swartout. (9)

B/C 03-265 Mr. Berghorst moved to nominate *Lee Dell (term expiring 12/31/2003) and George Eckhoff to fill one vacancy on the Building Authority Board for a three year term, beginning January 1, 2004 and expiring December 31, 2006.

*Recommended by the Committee. Mr. VanderLaan supported the motion.

Results of the roll call vote:

Mr. VanderLaan - Dell
Mr. Berghorst - Dell
Mr. Rycenga - Dell
Mrs. Ruiter - Dell
Mr. Schrotenboer - Dell
Mr. Rinck - Dell
Mrs. Kortman - Dell
Mr. Swartout - Dell
Mr. Kuyers - Dell

Total votes were as follows: Mr. Dell - 9, Mr. Eckhoff - 0.

The Chair declared Mr. Dell appointed to the Building Authority with term ending December 31, 2006.

Discussion Items

Ottawa County Michigan Works/ Community Action Agency 2002/2003 Annual Report - The Ottawa County Michigan Works/ Community Action Agency 2002/2003 Annual Report was presented by Erin Kauth.

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

Public Comments

The following people addressed the Commission strongly opposed to the “Traditional Marriage Resolution.”

1. Peggy Hart, 155 Dartmouth Ave., Holland, Michigan.
2. Don Bergman, 62 Sun Ridge Dr., Holland, Michigan.

B/C 03-266 Mr. VanderLaan moved to adjourn at 3:10 p.m. subject to the call of the Chair. Mrs. Kortman 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