

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

The Ottawa County Board of Commissioners met on Monday, September 15, 2003, at 6:30 p.m. and was called to order by the Chair.

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

Present at roll call: Mrs. Kortman, Mr. Swartout, Mrs. Ruiter, Messrs. Rycenga, Schrotenboer, Berghorst, VanderLaan, Vander Kam. (8)

Absent: Messrs. Kuyers, Rinck, Ms. Visscher. (3)

Staff & Guests: Greg Rappleye, Corporation Counsel; Rosemary Zink, Finance Director; Vito Palazzolo, Health Officer; Duane Dennis, Ionia Sheriff; Gerry Cyranowski, Mental Health Director; Steve Namenye, Telecommunication Specialist; Mark Scheerhorn, Administrative Services Director; Gary Scholten, Register of Deeds; Ron Frantz, Prosecutor; Mark Krouse, MIS; Jim Mankoski, MIS Director; Larry Hall, MIS; Dale Vredeveld, Undersheriff; Gary Rosema, Sheriff; Dave Schipper, Director of Probation Services & Community Corrections; Dave Hulst, MIS; Mark Knudsen, Planning & Grants Director; Barry Kantz, District Court Administrator; Kevin Bowling, Circuit Court Administrator; Rich Schurkamp, Human Resources Director; Steve Kraai, Sheriff's Department; Gary Reed, Lobbyist; Daniel Krueger, County Clerk

Public Comments

The following people commented on contract negotiations:

1. David Prout 6. Jason Kik
160 Franklin, Park Twp. 15299 Hofma Dr., Grand Haven
2. Pam Bullis 7. Bev Plagenhoef
2373 South Garden Ct., Jenison 6424 - 144th, Holland
3. Jeanne Waterway 8. Elaine Pickel
449 Timberlake West, Holland 15367 Harry, Grand Have
4. Matt VanLiere 9. Kathy Dennings
206 Duie St. 10971 Oakhill Ct., Grand Haven
5. Patti Krieg 10. Mary Fiedler
10911 Osborn, Grand Haven Muskegon
11. Scott Koning
875 Port Sheldon, Jenison

Work Session Items

A. Lobbyist Update - Mark Knudsen introduced Gary Reed. He reported on the following:

1. New formula for Revenue Sharing.
2. New Drain Code being worked on.
3. Transportation issues.
4. Road salt issue.
5. Discussion on next year's budget, added fees, revenue sharing costs/acts, and other cuts.

B. Ionia Jail Diversion for Mentally Ill - Gary Rosema introduced Sheriff Duane Dennis from Ionia County. Sheriff Dennis spoke on how they reversed the process of picking up the mentally ill and putting them in the County Jail. He discussed the collaborative effort between the Sheriff, Prosecutor, Board of Commissioners and Mental Health Director. Police officers were given a training program on alternatives to incarceration for the mentally ill.

C. Jail Medical Services - Vito Palazzolo explained the Health Department has been responsible for providing Jail Health Services duties to the inmates in the county jail. As part of the Health Department's reorganization plan, Jail Health Services were also reviewed. Noted were liability issues with medications and staffing levels. It is recommended the Jail Health Services be contracted out to a private health care provider.

D. Fiber Optic Update - A fiber optic update was presented by Mark Scheerhorn and Steve Namenye. It was requested an economic rate of return on the wireless vx. fiber vx. DSL as presently known be done.

E. Technology Demonstration - Barry Kantz, Jon Overway, Steve Kraai, Steve Baar, Kevin Bowling and Daniel Krueger presented rationale for imaging regardless of the archival issues.

As time ran on, Mr. Swartout suggested to Kevin Bowling he present the e-filing issue at the next Board meeting.

Mr. Swartout read a letter from an employee regarding working for the county.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

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