

**APPROVED
PROCEEDINGS OF THE OTTAWA COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION
APRIL SESSION**

**Thursday, April 15, 2004 6:30 PM
Fillmore Administration Building - Board Room
12220 Fillmore Street, West Olive**

APPROVED AND CORRECTED

The Ottawa County Board of Commissioners met on Thursday, April 15, 2004, 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: Messrs. Kuyers, Swartout, Mrs. Ruiten, Messrs. Rinck, Schrottenboer, Berghorst, Vander Kam (7)

Absent: Mrs. Kortman, Messrs. Rycenga, VanderLaan, Ms. Visscher (4)

Staff: Alan Vanderberg, Administrator; Greg Rappleye, Corporation Counsel; Mark Scheerhorn, Administrative Services Director; Mark Knudsen, Planning and Grants Director; Rosemary Zink, Finance Director; Dave VanderKooi, Road Commission; Kent Rubley, Road Commission; Larry Bruursema, Road Commission; Tom Palarz, Road Commission; Jim Holtvluwer, Georgetown Township Supervisor; Daniel Krueger, County Clerk

Work Session Items

A. Lobbyist Protocol - Mr. Swartout gave a summation of what the objective is. A handout on communication protocol, performance objectives, and conflicting opinions was handed out. Discussion was held on where a contract would be recommended and who that would be. Recommendations would be solicited from State Senator and State Representative. Reports will be given via e-mail.

B. Countywide Wireless Broadband Initiative - Mark Knudsen gave a presentation. He was not impressed with the consultant. Company is looking for a partnership agreement to provide countywide coverage.

- 1) County would build system and company lease it - not a solution.
- 2) Federal Grants - lease out or companies buy out
- 3) If willing, will continue to explore alternatives and will pursue Federal Grant.

Ms. Visscher arrived at 7:35 p.m.

C. River Street Bridge Project - Greg Rappleye gave opinion in polling Board at work session, may do so under condition described in opinion. A briefing paper was handed out. Al Vanderberg went over options as outlined in the paper. Jim Holtvluwer, Georgetown Township Supervisor, discussed holding off on the Baldwin Street extension for now. Delay millage issue for two years. Board desires to partner with Holland Township, Holland City, and the Road Commission on the River Street project. There was no consensus of members to allocate \$750,000 or more for the River Street project.

Public Comment

Daniel Krueger commented on Senate Bill 432 and 350.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

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

Agenda

April 8, 2004

To All Ottawa County Commissioners:

The Ottawa County Board of Commissioners will meet on **Thursday, April 15, 2004, at 6:30 p.m.** for the regular April **Work Session Meeting** of the Board at the Ottawa County Fillmore Street Complex, West Olive, Michigan.

The Agenda is as follows:

1. Call to Order by the Chairperson
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
3. Roll Call
4. Public Comments
5. Work Session Items:
 - A. Lobbyist Protocol
 - B. County-wide Wireless Broadband Initiative
6. Public Comments
7. Adjournment