

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

The Ottawa County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, April 10, 2007, at 3:10 p.m. and was called to order by the Chair.

Present to roll call: Mrs. Kortman, Messrs. Kuyers, Swartout, Mrs. Ruiter, Messrs. Hehl, Rycenga, Schrotenboer, Disselkoen, Berghorst, Holtrop, Holtvluwer. (11)

Work Session Items:

- A. Ban of Beer and Wine Sales on Sunday in Ottawa County – Alan Vanderberg reported Greg Rappleye and Doug Van Essen started the year by reviewing the current opinion concerning the Sunday Sale of Alcoholic Beverages. Three revisions have been made. Members of the Holland business community and others are questioning how to take action on this issue.

Doug VanEssen reviewed the constitutional provision and state statutes, what has happened in Ottawa County, where we are and available options.

Doug stated in his opinion the only way to undo the ban at the county level is to circulate petitions with the same question. You would need approximately 37,000 signatures to put the questions back to the voters. At the local level, 35% of the total number of votes cast for all candidates for the office of secretary of state would be needed.

Administration will draft a simplified version of the requirements and review with Corporation Counsel and the Clerk to be distributed to the local units, the Chambers of Commerce and on the County web site.

Daniel Krueger stated that a ballot question under this section shall not be submitted more often than once in any 4-year period.

Joyce Kortman left at 3:38 p.m.

- B. OCCDA 9-1-1 Dispatch Authority – Tim Smith, 911 Executive Director, gave a brief overview and history and the need to build a larger facility. The Committee continues to look at technology and will hopefully have information for the June meeting. Looking at possibly combining 911 and Ottawa County Emergency Services into an Emergency Management Center. The Authority has been putting funding in the capital funds over the last few years so finances are available. Alan Vanderberg reported the County could lease property to the Dispatch Authority which is just south of the Fillmore jail. The backup center would be located in Grand Haven.

The meeting adjourned at 4:22 p.m.

