

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

The Ottawa County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, July 24, 2007, at 3:19 p.m. and was called to order by the Chair.

Present at roll call: Mrs. Kortman, Mr. Swartout, Mrs. Ruiter, Messrs. Hehl, Rycenga, Schrottenboer, Disselkoen, Berghorst, Holtrop, Holtvluwer. (10)

Absent: Mr. Kuyers. (1)

Work Session Items:

A. Contract for MiOttawa Site Maintenance Software Development – Erika Rosebrook, Assistant Administrator, explained to the Board that after reviewing the proposals submitted in response to the County's RFP for Interactive Website Development and Maintenance Services, Administration recommends that the County continue to contract with WebTecs, Inc. The recommendation will be forwarded to the Finance and Administration Committee.

Mr. Swartout left at 3:45 p.m.

B. Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) – Alan Vanderberg, Administrator, explained the history of the retiree health benefits. June Hagan, Fiscal Services Director, and Marie Waalkes, Human Resources Director, explained the insurance rate comparison and stated there are currently 108 retirees on the County Plan. They are recommending eliminating subsidy for those over 65 and the Human Resources Department is willing to work with the retirees in helping them get coverage at a lower cost rather than through the county. If the retiree is under 65, they could pay the blended rate premium. The Commissioners would like more information.

C. Ottawa County Sheriff's Senior Volunteer Program Evaluation – Mark Knudsen, Planning & Grants Director, explained the Sheriff's Senior Volunteer Program was a pilot program last year. The program is administered by the Sheriff's Department and is designed to utilize the services of volunteers to perform routine tasks that are typically the responsibility of deputy officers. Planning & Grants collected data over the last six months. Mark stated this is an effective program and works well.

D. Ottawa County Sentenced Work Abatement Program (SWAP) Cost-Analysis – Mark Knudsen, Planning & Grants Director, explained this program is administered by the Sheriff’s Department and allows local units of government and non-profit agencies to employ minimum-security inmates for the purpose of performing a variety of work projects. Mark is recommending a rate increase and that this is an effective program.

Public Comments

Daniel Krueger, Clerk, updated the Board on the policy directive prohibiting County Clerks from approving passport applications to anyone whom they have issued a birth certificate. Congressman Hoekstra’s Office as well as the Senators are now involved.

B/C 07-169 Mr. Holtrop moved to adjourn at 4:20 p.m. subject to the call of the Chair. The motion passed.

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| DANIEL C. KRUEGER, Clerk | DONALD DISSELKOEN, Chairman |
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