The Ottawa County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, May 13, 2008, at 1:30 p.m. and was called to order by the Chair.

Mr. Swartout pronounced the invocation.

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


Public Comments and Communications from County Staff

1. Kevin Bowling, Circuit Court Administrator, presented Nathan Leech, a volunteer at the Juvenile Detention Center, with the Statewide Governor’s Service Award Certificate of Appreciation signed by First Gentleman Mulhern.

2. Steve Namenye announced his candidacy for Ottawa County Treasurer and asked for the Boards support.

3. Al Dannenberg, Zeeland, announced his candidacy for County Commissioner District 9.

B/C 08-102 Mr. Swartout moved to approve the agenda of today as presented. The motion passed.

B/C 08-103 Mr. Kuyers moved to approve the following Consent Resolutions:

1. To approve the minutes of the April 22, 2008, Board of Commissioners Meeting and Board of Commissioners Work Session Meeting.

2. To authorize the payroll of May 13, 2008, in the amount of $582.91.

3. To receive as information Correspondence Log 381.

4. To approve the general claims in the amount of $5,435,433.05 as presented by the summary report for April 14, 2008 through April 30, 2008.
5. To receive for information the Ottawa County Michigan State University Extension’s 2007 Annual Report.

6. To receive for information the Ottawa County Parks and Recreation Department’s 2007 Annual Report.

7. To receive for information the County of Ottawa Human Resources’ Annual Report for Year 2007.

The motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Hehl, Rycenga, Schrottenboer, Kuyers, Holtvluwer, Mrs. Kortman, Messrs. Holtrop, Swartout, Berghorst, Mrs. Ruiter, Mr. Disselkoen. (11)

B/C 08-104 Mr. Hehl moved to open the Public Hearing at 1:45 p.m. regarding the request for the approval of ballot language on the Tuesday, August 5, 2008, ballot for a 20-Year Countywide Property Tax Millage of .44 mills (44 cents for each $1,000 of Valuation) to fund the Ottawa County Central Dispatch Authority. The motion passed

B/C 08-105 Mr. Berghorst moved to close the Public Hearing at 1:46 p.m. The motion passed.

B/C 08-106 Mr. Swartout to approve the 2008-2009 Strategic Plan. The motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Swartout, Holtvluwer, Mrs. Kortman, Messrs. Holtrop, Berghorst, Kuyers, Schrottenboer, Rycenga, Hehl, Mrs., Ruiter, Mr. Disselkoen. (11)

B/C 08-107 Mr. Rycenga moved to approve and authorize the Board Chairperson and Clerk to sign the amended Resolution of Intent to establish the Ottawa County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority. The motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Mr. Holtvluwer, Mrs. Ruiter, Messrs. Holtrop, Rycenga, Kuyers, Schrottenboer, Mrs. Kortman, Messrs. Berghorst, Hehl, Swartout, Disselkoen. (11)

B/C 08-108 Mr. Rycenga moved to approve and authorize the Board Chairperson and Clerk to sign the Lease with the City of Ferrysburg for Community Mental Health Use of the Ferrysburg School Facility. The motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Rycenga, Hehl, Berghorst, Mrs. Ruiter, Mr. Schrottenboer, Mrs. Kortman, Messrs. Swartout, Holtvluwer, Kuyers, Holtrop, Disselkoen. (11)

B/C 08-109 Mr. Rycenga moved to approve and authorize the Board Chairperson and Clerk to sign the Resolution to establish July 13 – 19, 2008, as “Road Rage Awareness Week” within Ottawa County. The motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Holtrop, Holtvluwer,

B/C 08-110  Mr. Rycenga moved to receive for comment the following proposed County Financial Policies – (First Reading)

001 - Accounting, Auditing and Financial Reporting Policy
002 – Account, Payable Audit Policy
003 – Automatic Clearing House (ACH) and Electronic Transactions of Public Funds Policy
004 – Capital Asset Policy
005 – County Equipment – Personal Use Policy
006 – Use of Credit Cards to Pay Bills and Purchase Goods and Services From Ottawa County and the Ottawa County Courts Policy
007 – Debt Management Policy
008 – Financial Goals Policy
009 – General Fund Budget Surplus Policy
010 – Grants and Third-Party Contract Revenue Policy
011 – Infrastructure Program Fund Policy
012 – Reimbursement for Livestock Losses Due to Stray Dogs Policy
013 – Millage Request Policy
014 – Operating Budget Policy
015 – Participating in Conferences and Conventions Policy
016 – Payment of Accounts Payable Prior to Board Authorization
017 – Per Diem Expense and Millage Policy
018 – Performance Measurement Policy
019 – Revenue and Expenditure Policy
020 – Risk Management Policy
021 – Investment Policy

The motion passed as shown by the following votes:  Yeas:  Messrs. Berghorst, Kuyers, Holtrop, Mrs. Kortman, Messrs. Holtvluwer, Schrotenboer, Mrs. Ruiter, Messrs. Swartout, Rycenga, Hehl, Disselkoen. (11)

B/C 08-111  Mr. Rycenga moved to receive bids for the Mount Pisgah Dune Protection Project and accept the low bid from Rockford Construction Company in the amount of $317,641.63, with funding from a State grant and the Parks and Recreation Department budget.  The motion passed as shown by the following votes:  Yeas:  Messrs. Kuyers, Berghorst, Hehl, Holtrop, Mrs. Kortman, Mr. Swartout, Rycenga, Holtvluwer, Schrotenboer, Mrs. Ruiter, Messrs. Swartout, Rycenga, Hehl, Disselkoen. (11)

B/C 08-012  Mr. Swartout moved to approve the recommendation that the Ottawa County millage allocation remains at 4.440 mills, and direct that this recommendation be forwarded to the Ottawa County Tax Allocation
Board. The motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Mr. Schrotenboer, Mrs. Kortman, Messrs. Swartout, Holtvluwer, Mrs. Ruiter, Messrs. Kuyers, Hehl, Holtrop, Berghorst, Rycenga, Disselkoen. (11)

B/C 08-113 Mr. Swartout moved to approve and authorize the Board Chairperson and Clerk to sign the Resolution of Intent to Increase the 2008 Millage Rate for Ottawa County to 3.6 mills. The motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Mrs. Kortman, Messrs. Holtvluwer, Kuyers, Holtrop, Mrs. Ruiter, Messrs. Berghorst, Hehl, Rycenga, Swartout, Schrotenboer, Disselkoen. (11)

B/C 08-114 Mr. Swartout moved to approve and authorize the Board Chairperson and Clerk to sign the Resolution of Intent to Increase the 2008 Millage Rate for E-911 to .4407 mills. The motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Mrs. Ruiter, Mrs. Kortman, Messrs. Hehl, Berghorst, Swartout, Holtvluwer, Rycenga, Holtrop, Kuyers, Schrotenboer, Disselkoen. (11)

B/C 08-115 Mr. Swartout moved to approve and authorize the Board Chairperson and Clerk to sign the Resolution of Intent to Increase the 2008 Millage Rate for Ottawa County Parks to .3165 mills. The motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Hehl, Rycenga, Schrotenboer, Kuyers, Holtvluwer, Mrs. Kortman, Messrs. Holtrop, Swartout, Berghorst, Mrs. Ruiter, Mr. Disselkoen. (11)

B/C 08-116 Mr. Schrotenboer moved to nominate and appoint Kathy Joy Hop to the Ottawa County Jury Board representing the Republican Party for a six (6) year term, beginning May 1, 2007, and ending April 30, 2013. The motion passed.

Discussion Items


2. Ottawa County Parks and Recreation Department’s 2007 Annual Report – The 2007 Parks and Recreation Department’s 2007 Annual Report was presented by John Scholtz, Parks and Recreation Director; Curtis TerHaar, Coordinator of Park Planning and Development; and David Mazurek, Parks Operations Superintendent.

Several Commissioners commented on meetings attended and further meetings to be held.

B/C 08-117  Mr. Holtrop moved to adjourn at 2:50 p.m. subject to the call of the Chair. The motion passed.

DANIEL C. KRUEGER, Clerk  DONALD DISSELKOEN, Chairman
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