

**APPROVED
PROCEEDINGS OF THE OTTAWA COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OCTOBER SESSION – FIRST DAY**

The Ottawa County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, October 14, 2008, at 1:30 p.m. and was called to order by the Chair.

Mrs. Ruiter pronounced the invocation.

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

Present at roll call: Messrs. Hehl, Rycenga, Schrottenboer, Kuyers, Holtvluwer, Holtrop, Swartout, Mrs. Ruiter, Mr. Disselkoen. (9)

Absent: Mrs. Kortman, Mr. Berghorst. (2)

Public Comments and Communication from County Staff

John O'Brien, 3156 New Holland, Hudsonville, addressed the Board concerning the 2009 County Budget. Instead of making cuts in the Health Care budget, he recommended looking at making cuts in the general fund possibly the Parks Department. He asked the Board to consider placing the budget on the web site prior to the Board Meeting so input could be heard from citizens.

B/C 08-242 Mrs. Ruiter moved to approve the agenda of today as presented and amended removing D - The Ottawa County Road Commission appointment. The motion passed.

B/C 08-243 Mr. Kuyers moved to approve the following Consent Resolutions:

1. To approve the Minutes of the September 23, 2008, Board of Commissioners' Meeting and September 16, 2008, Board of Commissioners' Work Session Meeting.
2. To authorize the payroll of October 14, 2008, in the amount of \$472.61.
3. To receive as information Correspondence Log 386.
4. To approve the general claims in the amount of \$12,108,000.97 as presented by the summary report for September 15, 2008, through September 30, 2008.

The motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Kuyers, Holtrop, Holtvluwer, Schrotenboer, Mrs. Ruiter, Messrs. Swartout, Rycenga, Hehl, Disselkoen. (9)

B/C 08-244 Mr. Swartout moved to open the Public Hearing at 1:39 p.m. to receive comments on the 2009 Budget. The motion passed.

B/C 08-245 Mr. Hehl moved to close the Public Hearing on the 2009 Budget. The motion passed.

B/C 08-246 Mr. Swartout moved to approve the following wage adjustments for County and Court Unclassified Employees (excluding Elected Officials, Judges and the Board of Commissioners) for 2009:

- a. Wages: Effective January 1, 2009, increase the existing salary schedule by 2%.

The motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Kuyers, Hehl, Holtrop, Swartout, Mrs. Ruiter, Messrs. Rycenga, Holtvluwer, Schrotenboer, Disselkoen. (9)

B/C 08-247 Mr. Swartout moved to approve the following wage adjustments for Group T Employees for 2009:

- a. Wages: Effective January 1, 2009, increase the existing salary schedule by 2%.

The motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Schrotenboer, Swartout, Holtvluwer, Mrs. Ruiter, Messrs. Kuyers, Hehl, Holtrop, Rycenga, Disselkoen. (9)

B/C 08-248 Mr. Swartout moved to approve and authorize the Board Chairperson and Clerk to sign the Resolution to permit the use of bank cards from JP Morgan Chase Bank NA by participants in the TAA Program (Ottawa County/Michigan Works!). The motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Holtvluwer, Kuyers, Holtrop, Mrs. Ruiter, Messrs. Hehl, Rycenga, Swartout, Schrotenboer, Disselkoen. (9)

B/C 08-249 Mr. Swartout moved to approve and authorize the Board Chairperson and Clerk to sign the "West Michigan Enforcement Team Advance Funding Agreement." The motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Mrs. Ruiter, Messrs. Hehl, Swartout, Holtvluwer, Rycenga, Holtrop, Kuyers, Schrotenboer, Disselkoen. (9)

B/C 08-250 Mr. Swartout moved to approve and authorize the Board Chairperson and Clerk to sign the Resolution regarding the recommendations of the Ottawa County Officers' Compensation Commission for 2009 and 2010.

B/C 08-251 Mrs. Ruiter moved to amend Motion B/C 08-250 to receive #7 – “That the Ottawa County Board of Commissioners research the required vesting period of the countywide elected officers to maintain consistency with the vesting period for the Board of Commissioners” and #8 – “The Ottawa County Board of Commissioners consider the option of combining the Ottawa County Clerk and Register of Deeds offices into a single Clerk-Register Office” for information. The amendment passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Hehl, Rycenga, Schrotenboer, Kuyers, Holtvluwer, Holtrop, Swartout, Mrs. Ruiter, Mr. Disselkoen. (9)

A vote was than taken on the motion as amended and the amended motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Mr. Holtvluwer, Mrs. Ruiter, Messrs. Holtrop, Rycenga, Kuyers, Schrotenboer, Hehl, Swartout, Disselkoen. (9)

B/C 08-252 Mr. Rycenga moved to approve the proposed revised Policy on the Purchase of Military Service Credits (Human Resource Policy #16). The motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Swartout, Holtvluwer, Holtrop, Kuyers, Schrotenboer, Hehl, Mrs. Ruiter, Mr. Disselkoen. (8)

Nays: Mr. Rycenga. (1)

B/C 08-253 Mr. Rycenga moved to approve the proposed revised Purchasing Policy (Fiscal Policy #22). The motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Rycenga, Hehl, Mrs. Ruiter, Messrs. Schrotenboer, Swartout, Holtvluwer, Kuyers, Holtrop, Disselkoen. (9)

B/C 08-254 Mr. Swartout moved to approve and authorize the Board Chairperson and Clerk to sign the Resolution opposing passage of House Joint Resolution III/Senate Joint Resolution P, a proposal to amend the Michigan Constitution of 1963. The motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Holtrop, Holtvluwer, Swartout, Schrotenboer, Kuyers, Mrs. Ruiter, Messrs. Rycenga, Hehl, Disselkoen. (9)

B/C 08-255 Mr. Hehl moved to go into a Closed Session at 1:59 p.m. to discuss property matters. Two-thirds (2/3) roll-call vote required. The motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Kuyers, Holtrop, Holtvluwer, Schrotenboer, Mrs. Ruiter, Messrs. Swartout, Rycenga, Hehl, Disselkoen. (9)

B/C 08-256 Mr. Holtrop moved to rise from Closed Session at 2:04 p.m. The motion passed.

B/C 08-257 Mr. Swartout moved to approve the Agreement for Sale and Purchase of Real Estate with Thomas Wolfert and Jillaine Bunday to acquire approximately 11.5 acres of riverfront land to expand the Upper Macatawa Natural Area at a cost of \$69,000 plus closing costs with funding to come from the parks and recreation millage and to authorize the Parks and Recreation Director to sign the documents required for this transaction. The motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Kuyers, Hehl, Holtrop, Swartout, Mrs. Ruitter, Messrs. Rycenga, Holtvluwer, Schrotenboer, Disselkoen. (9)

The Administrator's report was presented.

B/C 08-258 Mr. Hehl moved to adjourn at 2:56 p.m. subject to the call of the Chair. The motion passed.

DANIEL C. KRUEGER, Clerk
Of the Board of Commissioners

DONALD DISSELKOEN, Chairman
Of the Board of Commissioners