APPROVED PROCEEDINGS OF THE OTTAWA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SEPTEMBER SESSION – SPECIAL WORK SESSION

The Ottawa County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, September 16, 2008, at 1:30 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: Mrs. Kortman, Messrs. Kuyers, Swartout, Mrs. Ruiter, Messrs. Hehl, Rycenga, Schrotenboer, Disselkoen, Berghorst, Holtrop, Holtvluwer. (12)

Work Session Items:

A. 2009 Budget Discussion – An introduction was presented by the Administrator. June Hagan, Fiscal Services Director, reviewed the materials that were distributed prior to the meeting. She also reviewed the Financing Tools over the next 20 years and stated projections are based on anticipated expenditures and trends. There are renewed concerns of the State reinstating revenue sharing dollars.

Five balancing options with wage increases of 1% or 2% were discussed.

Lisa Stefanovsky, Health Officer, explained the proposed changes in FY 2009 Public Health's budget and services that could be reduced or eliminated. The cuts will have minimal impact on the citizens of the county.

The Administrator would like to see Option 3 get good consideration from the Board which includes a 2% wage increase for the employees. A majority of the Board agreed with Option 3.

A special Finance and Administration Committee Meeting will be scheduled for October 7th. June Hagan reviewed the budget approval process with the Public Hearing and budget presentation on October 14th. Adoption of the budget will take place on October 28th.

B/C 08-215 Mr. Swartout moved to adjourn at 2:54 p.m. subject to the call of the Chair. The motion passed.

DANIEL C. KRUEGER, Clerk
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