

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

The Ottawa County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, November 25, 2008, at 2:17 p.m. and was called to order by the Chair.

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

Work Session Items:

- A. Parks Sinking Fund Analysis – The Administrator gave a brief background and analyzed the financial future of Parks and Recreation if a future Park millage doesn't pass. Four options would include:
1. Make no decisions at this time with the intent to reevaluate Parks and Recreation's financial plans and the economy and sentiments of citizens annually.
 2. Create a sinking fund for Parks and Recreation using the \$300,000 annual General Fund Transfer.
 3. Review a variety of scenarios to determine when and how to act, if at all necessary.
 4. Ask the Parks and Recreation Commission and/or the Planning and Policy Committee to take up the issue of a Parks sinking fund.

There is no recommendation from Administration at this time. Mr. Vandenberg stated this ranked fairly low on the Board ranking process and could be an area that is cut. Referred to the Parks Commission who will work with Jessica Kinser, Financial Analyst, and June Hagan, Fiscal Services Director.

Mrs. Ruiter left at 2:39 p.m.

- B. Lobbyist Contract – Mark Knudsen, Planning and Grants Director, reported an RFP went out and bids have been coming back this afternoon. Mark reported keeping track of legislation is a difficult task and it is helpful to have an independent lobbyist. Mr. Swartout recommended collaboration or merging with other counties to cut costs. The Administrator will contact other counties to see if there is

any interest in collaborating and if a task force or committee needs to be formed.

- C. County Information Technology Master Plan – David Hulst, IT Director, presented a power point presentation of the County Information Technology Master Plan.

Public Comment

Mr. Vandenberg stated he is ready to send notice to MAC TV to discontinue the county contract.

B/C/ 08-304 Mr. Holtrop moved to adjourn at 3:45 p.m. subject to the call of the Chair. The motion passed.

DANIEL C. KRUEGER, Clerk DONALD DISSELKOEN, Chairman
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