The Ottawa County Board of Commissioners met on Monday, September 17, 2001, at 6:30 p.m. and was called to order by the Chairman.

A Moment of Silence was observed on behalf of those who were affected and involved in the tragedies in New York and Washington.

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

Present at roll call: Messrs. Rinck, Vander Kam, Mohr, VanderLaan, Berghorst, Kuyers, Schotenboer, Ms. Visscher, Mr. Haveman, Mrs. Kortman, Mrs. Ruiter, Mr. Swartout. (12)

Absent: Mr. Rycenga. (1)

Guests: Robert Oosterbaan, Administrator; Greg Rappleye, Corporation Counsel; Rosemary Zink, Finance Director; Mark Knudsen, Planning & Grants Director; John Scholtz, Parks & Recreation Director; Daniel Krueger, Clerk

Work Session Items:

A. Parks Updates Re: Millage Revenues and Expenditures - John Scholtz presented a review of the Parks Millage Budget and what projects have been completed as well as those being worked on.


Public Improvement Fund $2,000,000.00
Millage Reduction of 1/10 Mill 667,726.00
Infrastructure Fund - Revolving Loans 854,079.50
Infrastructure Fund - County Projects 854,079.50

A millage rate of 3.5328 was recommended to balance the budget.

Mr. Rinck left at 7:34 p.m.

C. Continued Discussion on Board Goals - Mark Knudsen continued discussion of goals and requested three additional positions to his office. Mark Knudsen went over Goals #3 and #4 in relation to the need for a Planning/Research Analyst. He explained a Transportation Planning Specialist is needed in regards to Goal #7 as the north and central
portions of the county are not covered by Grand Valley or Macatawa Metropolitan Planning Organizations. He went over Goal #8 in relation to the need for a Communication Specialist. This position could perhaps be part-time and the salary request may be inappropriate. More investigation is necessary.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

DANIEL C. KRUEGER, Clerk DENNIS W. SWARTOUT, Chairman
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