

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

The Ottawa County Board of Commissioners met on Thursday, March 12, 2009, at 1:30 p.m. and was called to order by the Chair.

Mr. Holtrop pronounced the invocation.

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

Present at roll call: Messrs. Kuyers, Swartout, Mrs. Ruiten, Messrs. Hehl, Rycenga, Schrottenboer, Disselkoen, Karsten, Holtrop, Holtvluwer. (10)

Absent: Mrs. Kortman. (1)

Public Comments and Communications from County Staff

The Deputy Clerk read a thank-you note for the floral arrangement sent by the Jake Kooistra family. The Chair so noted and accepted.

B/C 09-067 Mr. Swartout moved to approve the agenda of today as presented and amended adding Action Item #7 – Resolution to Support Additional State Funding for MSU Extension. The motion passed.

B/C 09-068 Mr. Kuyers moved to approve the following Consent Resolutions:

1. To approve the Minutes of the February 24, 2009, Board of Commissioners Meeting and the Minutes of the February 24, 2009, Board of Commissioners Work Session.
2. To authorize the payroll of March 12, 2009, in the amount of \$535.85.
3. To receive as information Correspondence Log 390.
4. To approve the general claims in the amount of \$2,532,054.74 as presented by the summary report for February 16, 2009, through February 28, 2009.
5. To receive for information the Ottawa County Corporation Counsel's 2008 Annual Report.
6. To receive for information the Ottawa County Michigan Works!/Community Action Agency's 2008 Annual Report.

The motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Mrs. Ruiter, Messrs. Hehl, Karsten, Swartout, Holtvluwer, Rycenga, Holtrop, Kuyers, Schrotenboer, Disselkoen. (10)

B/C 09-069 Mr. Rycenga moved to approve and authorize the Board Chairperson and Clerk to sign the Resolution supporting the immediate repeal of Section 511 of the "Tax Increase Prevention and Reconciliation Act of 2005". The motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Hehl, Rycenga, Schrotenboer, Kuyers, Holtvluwer, Holtrop, Swartout, Karsten, Mrs. Ruiter, Mr. Disselkoen. (10)

B/C 09-070 Mr. Rycenga moved to approve and authorize the Board Chairperson and Clerk to sign the Resolution supporting the allocation of \$15,000,000 of the economic stimulus monies to fund the State of Michigan Survey and Remonumentation Program for 2009. The motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Swartout, Holtvluwer, Kuyers, Schrotenboer, Rycenga, Hehl, Mrs. Ruiter, Mr. Disselkoen. (8)

Nays: Messrs. Holtrop, Karsten. (10)

B/C 09-071 Mr. Rycenga moved to approve and authorize the Board Chairperson and Clerk to sign the Resolution opposing passage of Senate Joint Resolution H, a proposal to amend Article IX, Section 3 of the Michigan Constitution. The motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Mr. Holtvluwer, Mrs. Ruiter, Messrs. Holtrop, Rycenga, Kuyers, Schrotenboer, Karsten, Hehl, Swartout, Disselkoen. (10)

B/C 09-072 Mr. Rycenga moved to approve and authorize the Board Chairperson and Clerk to sign the Resolution authorizing submittal of the Grand River Ravines Acquisition grant proposal to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund. The motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Rycenga, Hehl, Karsten, Mrs. Ruiter, Messrs. Schrotenboer, Swartout, Holtvluwer, Kuyers, Holtrop, Disselkoen. (10)

B/C 09-073 Mr. Rycenga moved to receive bids for construction of the Nature Education Center at Hemlock Crossing and recommend approval of CL Construction, Inc., at a cost of \$1,339,398 including PLM Bond and Alternate Number Two with funding from the Parks and Recreation budget including millage funds, red pine sale revenues and donations. The motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Holtrop, Holtvluwer, Swartout, Schrotenboer, Kuyers, Karsten, Mrs. Ruiter, Messrs. Rycenga, Hehl, Disselkoen. (10)

B/C 09-074 Mr. Rycenga moved to approve and authorize the Board Chairperson and Clerk to sign the proposed "Acknowledgement of Utilities Easement" between Ottawa County and the Ottawa County Central Dispatch

Authority to service the 911 center located at the Ottawa County Fillmore Street Complex. The motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Karsten, Kuyers, Holtrop, Holtvluwer, Schrottenboer, Mrs. Ruiter, Messrs. Swartout, Rycenga, Hehl, Disselkoen. (10)

B/C 09-075 Mr. Rycenga moved to approve and authorize the Board Chairperson and Clerk to sign the Resolution supporting additional state funding for MSU Extension. The motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Kuyers, Karsten, Hehl, Holtrop, Swartout, Mrs. Ruiter, Messrs. Rycenga, Holtvluwer, Schrottenboer, Disselkoen. (10)

Discussion Items:

1. Ottawa County Corporation Counsel's 2008 Annual Report – The Corporation Counsel's 2008 Annual Report was presented by Gregory Rappleye, Corporation Counsel.
2. Ottawa County Michigan Works!/Community Action Agency's 2008 Annual Report – The Michigan Works!/Community Action Agency's 2008 Annual Report was presented by William Raymond, Director.
3. Closed Session: Pending Litigation

B/C 09-076 Mr. Hehl moved to go into a Closed Session at 2:20 p.m. for the purpose of discussing pending litigation. (2/3 roll call vote required.) The motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Schrottenboer, Swartout, Holtvluwer, Mrs. Ruiter, Messrs. Kuyers, Hehl, Holtrop, Karsten, Rycenga, Disselkoen. (10)

B/C 09-077 Mr. Kuyers moved to rise from Closed Session at 2:55 p.m. The motion passed.

Mr. Holtvluwer left at 2:56 p.m.

The Administrator's report was presented.

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

B/C 09-078 Mr. Holtrop moved to adjourn at 3:04 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