

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

The Ottawa County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday September 8, 2009, at 1:38 p.m. and was called to order by the Chair.

Present at roll call: Mrs. Kortman, Messrs. Kuyers, Swartout, Mrs. Ruiters, Messrs. Hehl, Rycenga, Schrottenboer, Disselkoe, Karsten, Holtrop, Holtvluwer. (11)

Public Comments and Communications from Staff

Robert Melamed, 16817 Pinecrest Lane, Spring Lake, addressed the Board on concerns and options to look at in balancing the 2010 budget.

Work Session Items

- A. 2010 Budget Options – June Hagan, Fiscal Services Director, recapped the 2010 Budget Balancing Options. After many adjustments to requests and working with the Department Directors, the shortfall is now at \$3,413,512. Administration has developed numerous options to balance the budget. Six options were presented to the Board today with a recommendation. Consensus of the Board does not include any reduction in the budgeted 2% wage increase for 2010, but implements the health plan changes for Unclassified and Group T employees and the tuition reimbursement would be suspended. The Chronic Disease Prevention and the Liability Charge would both see reductions.

All of the options presented include the use of \$2.0 million in one time dollars. All six options have ten consistent reductions from the Discretionary Ranking. They include the Parks & Recreation Transfer, the Grand Haven and Holland Chamber of Commerce dues, the CHOOSE Program, a reduction in MSUE Human Services Programs, Health Department reductions in Unplanned Pregnancy Program and Administration, an increase in the Real Estate Evaluation Fee to cover costs, elimination of the Gypsy Moth Suppression Program funding, a 50% reduction in funding the Fair Boards, and a \$1,000 cap on the 457 Plan match for the Unclassified group of employees.

The category of other options includes three consistent recommendations. Administration is proposing to contract all housekeeping services and reduce contractual services to two days per week for all facilities. This change would result in the reduction of six

individuals. The second consistent option is to increase budgeted revenues as a result of implementing the Maximus Fee Study. The third option is to increase Indirect Cost Allocation to Michigan Works! by \$15,000.

Public Comments

Robert Melamed, 16817 Pincrest Lane, Spring Lake, addressed concerns of contracting out housekeeping services. If this is done, the Board needs to look at employees who are close to being vested with the County and see what can be done to reach their 10 years. The Chair requested the Administrator to look into this.

B/C 09-223 Mr. Holtvluwer moved to adjourn at 2:38 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