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To All Ottawa County Commissioners:

The Ottawa County Board of Commissioners will meet on Tuesday, January 26, 2010 immediately following the Board of Commissioners meeting for a Board Work Session, at the Ottawa County Fillmore Street Complex in West Olive, Michigan

The Agenda is as follows:

1. Call to Order by the Chairperson
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
3. Roll Call
4. Public Comments and Communications from Staff
5. Work Session Items:
 - A. Ranking of Services
 - B. Ranking of 2010 Business Plan Objectives
 - C. Use of Courier Service for Board of Commissioner Packets
 - D. Discussion with Drain Commissioner
 - E. Appreciation Resolution Discussion
6. Public Comments
7. Adjournment

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Commissioners –

Listed below are both the goals and objectives developed at the strategic session last week. These are provided, as requested, for you to review in advance of Tuesday's work session. At that session we will ask that you rank the goals and then separately the various objectives. Thank you!

RANKING OF BROAD GOALS

- To maintain and improve the strong financial position of the County.
- To maintain and enhance communication with citizens, employees and other stakeholders.
- To contribute to a healthy physical, economic and community environment.
- To continually improve the County's organization and services.

RANKING OF SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

- Advocate removing obstacles that prevent full funding of mandates.
- Advocate for county revenue sharing reinstatement.
- Reduce health benefit costs.
- Move to a Defined Contribution plan for new hires.
- Maintain or improve bond ratings.
- Fully fund financing tools.
- Eliminate operational budget deficit.
- Identify legislation that would impact County finances.
- Develop and implement a legislative action plan.
- Develop and implement methods for communicating with employee groups.
- Continue to improve communication with Commissioners.
- Identify members of the Commission to represent the county on MAC and NACO boards and committees.
- Reexamine our role in state, regional and national professional organizations and define the specific purpose of what we are to accomplish in those roles.
- Examine the expanded use of social networking.
- Improve communication with editors of local newspapers.
- Increased focus on getting coverage on the radio and local television.
- Continue to improve miOttawa.

- Continue to work on road policy issues.
- Develop a comprehensive sustainability plan.
- Identify and discuss potential diversity initiatives.
- Complete an Urban Smart Growth demonstration project.
- Develop a water quality plan of action.
- Complete a groundwater resources inventory.
- Study additional use of land for communication tower leasing.
- Improve knowledge on drain issues.
- Expand regional economic development efforts.
- Continue support and monitoring of the US-231 bypass/bridge.
- Maintain presence of MSU Extension services in Ottawa County.
- Continue work on developing an agriculture incubator.
- Study and report on a potential reorganization of public utilities.
- Report on veterans services in the County.
- Report from Jail Mental Health Task Force.
- Prioritize mandated and discretionary services.
- Continue implementation of outcome-based performance measurement system.
- Continue Labor-Management Cooperation Committee.
- Study and report on a health management plan.
- Make cost-effective services available to local units of government.
- Adopt a “Continuity of Operations” government plan.
- Continue work and provide report on combining CMH and LCC.
- Report on combination of offices for Clerk – Register of Deeds.
- Report on Fiscal Services organizational review.
- Examine possibilities for collaboration with other counties and local units.