

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

The Ottawa County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, November 9, 2010, at 1:30 p.m. and was called to order by the Chair.

Mrs. Kortman pronounced the invocation.

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

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

Public Comments and Communications from County Staff

Thomas Haas, Grand Valley State University President, addressed the Board on the differences GVSU is making in West Michigan and how proud they are to part of Ottawa County. He addressed the cost of higher education and reported being the lowest funded institution in the State. President Haas thanked the Board for their services and support.

A. Public Hearing on the Study of Combining the Offices of Ottawa County Clerk and Ottawa County Register of Deeds

B/C 10-248 Mr. Swartout moved to open the Public Hearing at 1:42 p.m. to receive comments on the Study of Combining the Offices of Ottawa County Clerk and Ottawa County Register of Deeds. The motion passed.

The following people addressed the Board opposing the combination of the Ottawa County Clerk and Ottawa County Register of Deeds:

1. Anne Foote, representing the Ottawa County Republican Executive Committee
2. Gary Scholten, Ottawa County Register of Deeds
3. Bob Wuerfel, Michigan Land Title Association
4. Rose Bogardus, Genesee County Register of Deeds
5. Joyce Watts, Allegan County Clerk/Register
6. Jeff Basil, Owner of Safe Title Inc., Grand Haven & Holland
7. Mike Hewitt, Co-Chair Ottawa County Tea Party
8. Scott Haines, Midland County Chief Deputy Register of Deeds
9. Joan Deters, Ottawa County Resident & Ottawa County Board of Canvassers
10. Bob Wuerfel, Lighthouse Title

11. Ann Manary, Midland County Clerk
12. Linda Way, Wright Township Clerk
13. Connie Langeland, Polkton Township Clerk
14. Tim Snow, Kalamazoo County Clerk/Register
15. Kathy Haiker, Ottawa County Chief Deputy Register of Deeds
16. Diana Johnson, Georgetown Township Resident
17. Sue Benson, Michigan Association of Professional Landmen
18. Lorie Sorensen-Smith, Wexford County Register of Deeds & President of the Michigan Association of Register of Deeds
19. Linda Landheer, Newaygo County Register of Deeds
20. Mindy Reilly, Jackson County Register of Deeds
21. Daniel Krueger, Ottawa County Clerk

Dale Mohr, Georgetown Township Supervisor, told the Board to do away with the political issues and deal with the facts.

The Chief Deputy Clerk read three letters opposing the combination of the County Clerk and Register of Deeds offices. The letters were from:

1. Fran Fuller, Eaton County Clerk/Register
2. Carol Shake, Grand Haven resident & Ottawa County retiree
3. Terri Lynn Land, former Kent County Clerk/Register

B/C 10-249 Mr. Swartout moved to close the Public Hearing at 2:55 p.m. on the Study of Combining the Offices of Ottawa County Clerk and Ottawa County Register of Deeds. The motion passed.

Break: 2:55 p.m. – 3:06 p.m.

B/C 10-250 Mr. Disselkoen moved to approve the agenda of today as presented and amended adding Action Item #8 – Board Appointments – Ottawa County Land Bank Authority Board. The motion passed.

B/C 10-251 Mr. Holtrop moved to approve the following Consent Resolutions:

1. To approve the minutes of the October 26, 2010 Board of Commissioners Meeting.
2. To authorize the payroll of November 9, 2010 in the amount of \$578.00.
3. To receive for information the Correspondence Log.
4. To approve the general claims in the amount of \$7,332,553.04 as presented by the summary report for October 18, 2010 through October 31, 2010.

The motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Mr. Holtvluwer, Mrs. Ruiter, Messrs. Holtrop, Rycenga, Disselkoen, Schrotenboer, Mrs. Kortman, Messrs. Karsten, Hehl, Swartout, Kuyers. (11)

B/C 10-252 Mr. Rycenga moved to adopt the proposed Social Media Policy (Second Reading) The motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Rycenga, Hehl, Karsten, Mrs. Ruiter, Mr. Schrotenboer, Mrs. Kortman, Messrs. Swartout, Holtvluwer, Disselkoen, Holtrop, Kuyers. (11)

B/C 10-253 Mr. Rycenga moved to adopt the proposed Legal Services Policy. (Second Reading) The motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Holtrop, Holtvluwer, Swartout, Schrotenboer, Mrs. Kortman, Messrs. Disselkoen, Karsten, Mrs. Ruiter, Messrs. Rycenga, Hehl, Kuyers. (11)

B/C 10-254 Mrs. Ruiter moved to place into nomination the name(s) of (\*indicates recommendation of the Interview Subcommittee):

\*Albert Serrano

Glenn Bareman

To fill one (1) unexpired General Public Vacancy (replacing Yvette Chiquito) on the Community Mental Health Board beginning immediately and ending March 31, 2010 (three year term).

Roll call votes:

Mr. Karsten – Serrano

Mr. Disselkoen – Serrano

Mr. Holtrop – Serrano

Mrs. Kortman – Serrano

Mr. Holtvluwer – Serrano

Mr. Schrotenboer – Serrano

Mrs. Ruiter - Serrano

Mr. Swartout - Serrano

Mr. Rycenga - Serrano

Mr. Hehl - Serrano

Mr. Kuyers - Serrano

Total votes received: Mr. Serrano – 11, Mr. Bareman – 0.

The Clerk declared Albert Serrano appointed to the Community Mental Health Board.

B/C 10-255 Mrs. Ruiter moved to place into nomination the name(s) of (\*indicates recommendation of the Interview Subcommittee):

\*Peter Armstrong

To fill one (1) Public Sector Vacancy (slot 13) on the Community Action Advisory Board beginning immediately and ending September 30, 2010 (two year term). The motion passed.

B/C 10-256 Mrs. Ruiter moved to place into nomination the name(s) of (\*indicates recommendation of the Interview Subcommittee):

\*Ryan Cotton

To fill one (1) member vacancy representing cities/villages in the County of Ottawa on the Ottawa County Land Bank Authority Board beginning immediately and ending December 31, 2014 (4 year term). The motion passed.

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

B/C 10-257 Mr. Hehl moved to adjourn at 3:13 p.m. subject to the call of the Chair. The motion passed.

DANIEL C. KRUEGER, CLERK  
Of the Board of Commissioners

PHILIP KUYERS, Chairman  
Of the Board of Commissioners