

**APPROVED  
PROCEEDINGS OF THE OTTAWA COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
DECEMBER SESSION – SECOND DAY**

The Ottawa County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, December 28, 2010, at 1:30 p.m. and was called to order by the Chair.

Mr. Swartout pronounced the invocation.

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

Present at roll call: Messrs. Kuyers, Swartout, Hehl, Rycenga, Disselkoen, Karsten, Holtrop, Holtvluwer. (8)

Absent: Mrs. Kortman, Mrs. Ruiter, Mr. Schrotenboer. (3)

Public Comments and Communications from County Staff

Roger Jansen, 15707 New Holland St., stated there is no central place for veterans to go to receive information on benefits. The County needs a coordinated effort to get the benefits to those who have served. He looks forward to the Veterans Affairs Council.

Mrs. Kortman arrived at 1:35 p.m.

Larry Buursema, Georgetown Township, expressed gratitude to the Commission for allowing him to serve on the Road Commission Board for the time he did. He is disappointed in the decision not to recommend him but thankful for the opportunity he had to serve.

B/C 10-303 Mr. Karsten moved to approve the agenda of today as presented. The motion passed.

B/C 10-304 Mr. Holtrop moved to approve the following Consent Resolutions:

1. To approve the Minutes of the December 14, 2010 Board of Commissioners Meeting.
2. To authorize the payroll of December 28, 2010 in the amount of \$470.00.
3. To approve the general claims in the amount of \$4,537,724.41 as presented by the summary report for December 1, 2010 through December 17, 2010.

4. To approve the appropriation changes greater than \$50,000 and those approved by the Administrator and Fiscal Services Director for \$50,000 or less which changed the total appropriation from the amended budget for the month of November 2010.

The motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Karsten, Disselkoen, Holtrop, Mrs. Kortman, Messrs. Holtvluwer, Swartout, Rycenga, Hehl, Kuyers. (9)

- B/C 10-305 Mr. Swartout moved to approve and authorize the Board Chair and Clerk to sign the Resolution requesting the Department of Energy, Labor and Economic Growth (DELEG) to rescind Information Memorandum 16. The motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Disselkoen, Karsten, Hehl, Holtrop, Mrs. Kortman, Messrs. Swartout, Rycenga, Holtvluwer, Kuyers. (9)
- B/C 10-306 Mr. Swartout moved to receive for information the Conceptual Lease Area Plan for the proposed Ottawa County Farm Park, and to direct Administration to work with the parties to finalize all documents necessary to implement the proposal. The motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Mrs. Kortman, Messrs. Swartout, Holtvluwer, Disselkoen, Hehl, Holtrop, Karsten, Rycenga, Kuyers. (9)
- B/C 10-307 Mr. Swartout moved to approve and authorize the Board Chair and Clerk to sign the Resolution regarding the distribution of \$100,000 in grant funding for local businesses in Ottawa County. The motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Mrs. Kortman, Messrs. Holtvluwer, Disselkoen, Holtrop, Karsten, Hehl, Rycenga, Swartout, Kuyers. (9)
- B/C 10-308 Mr. Swartout moved to approve the Veterans Affairs Report and General Fund appropriation of \$25,000 beginning in FY 2011 to provide staffing for a Department of Veterans Affairs three (3) year pilot project. The motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Mrs. Kortman, Messrs. Hehl, Karsten, Swartout, Holtvluwer, Rycenga, Holtrop, Disselkoen, Kuyers. (9)
- B/C 10-309 Mr. Swartout moved to approve the Land Bank Authority Board By-Laws. The motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Hehl, Rycenga, Disselkoen, Holtvluwer, Mrs. Kortman, Messrs. Holtrop, Swartout, Karsten, Kuyers. (9)
- B/C 10-310 Mr. Holtrop moved to place into nomination and cast a unanimous ballot for the name(s) of (\*indicates recommendation of the Interview Subcommittee):

\*Leroy Dell

To fill a one (1) member vacancy on the Ottawa County Building Authority to serve a one (1) year term beginning January 1, 2011, and ending December 31, 2011.

\*Marvin Allen

To fill a one (1) member vacancy on the Ottawa County Building Authority to serve a two (2) year term beginning January 1, 2011, and ending December 31, 2012.

\*Allen O. Morningstar

To fill one (1) Public Sector vacancy on the Ottawa County Community Action Agency Advisory Board, to serve a two year term beginning immediately and ending September 30, 2012.

\*Richard Joslyn

To fill one (1) Private Sector vacancy on the Ottawa County Community Action Agency Advisory Board, to serve a two year term beginning immediately and ending September 30, 2012.

The motion passed.

B/C 10-311 Mr. Holtrop moved to place into nomination the name(s) of (\*indicates recommendation of the Interview Subcommittee):

\*Gail Ringelberg

Andrew Brown

Richard Cypher

To fill one (1) member vacancy on the Ottawa County Department of Human Services Board to serve a three (3) year term beginning immediately and ending September 30, 2013.

The results of the roll call vote are as follows:

Mr. Swartout – Ringelberg

Mr. Holtvluwer – Ringelberg

Mrs. Kortman – Ringelberg

Mr. Holtrop – Ringelberg

Mr. Karsten – Brown

Mr. Disselkoe - Ringelberg

Mr. Rycenga – Cypher

Mr. Hehl – Ringelberg

Mr. Kuyers – Ringelberg

Total votes received: Brown – 1, Ringelberg – 7, Cypher – 1.

The Clerk declared Gail Ringelberg appointed to the Human Services Board.

B/C 10-312 Mr. Holtrop moved to place into nomination the name(s) of (\*indicates recommendation of the Interview Subcommittee):

\*Ray Statema  
Steve Billingsley  
Glenn Bareman  
Laura Grant

Andrew Brown  
Ervin Keeter  
\*Roger Jonas  
Jeffrey Meyer

To fill a two (2) member vacancies on the Ottawa County Parks and Recreation Commission to serve a three (3) year term, beginning January 1, 2011 and ending December 31, 2013.

The results of the roll call vote are as follows:

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| Mr. Holtvluwer – Jonas, Statema | Mr. Karsten – Grant, Jonas    |
| Mr. Disselkoen – Jonas, Statema | Mrs. Kortman – Jonas, Statema |
| Mr. Rycenga – Meyer, Statema    | Mr. Hehl – Jonas, Meyer       |
| Mr. Holtrop – Jonas, Statema    | Mr. Kuyers – Jonas, Statema   |
| Mr. Swartout – Jonas, Statema   |                               |

Total votes received: Bareman – 0, Billingsley – 0, Brown – 0, Grant – 1, Jonas – 8, Keeter – 0, Meyer – 2, Statema – 7.

The Clerk declared Roger Jonas and Ray Statema appointed to the Ottawa County Parks and Recreation Commission.

B/C 10-313 Mr. Holtrop moved to place into nomination the name(s) of (\*indicates recommendation of the Interview Subcommittee):

\*Roman Wilson  
Laura Grant

To fill a one (1) member vacancy on the Ottawa County Planning Commission (Environmental Sector) to serve a three (3) year term, beginning January 1, 2011, and ending December 31, 2013.

The results of the roll call vote are as follows:

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| Mr. Hehl – Wilson       | Mr. Rycenga – Wilson  |
| Mr. Holtvluwer – Wilson | Mr. Swartout – Wilson |
| Mrs. Kortman – Wilson   | Mr. Holtrop – Wilson  |
| Mr. Karsten – Grant     | Mr. Kuyers – Wilson   |
| Mr. Disselkoen – Wilson |                       |

Total votes Received: Grant – 1, Wilson – 8.

The Clerk declared Roman Wilson appointed to the Ottawa County Planning Commission.

B/C 10-314 Mr. Holtrop moved to place into nomination the name(s) of (\*indicates recommendation of the Interview Subcommittee):

\*Jennifer Becksvoort  
\*Rebecca Dernberger  
\*Julie Kelley

Joan Epperson

To fill three (3) Business Sector vacancies on the Ottawa County Workforce Development Board, to serve a three (3) year term beginning January 1, 2011, and ending December 31, 2013.

The results of the roll call vote are as follows:

Mr. Holtrop – Becksvoort, Dernberger, Kelley  
Mr. Holtvluwer – Becksvoort, Dernberger, Kelley  
Mr. Swartout – Becksvoort, Dernberger, Kelley  
Mrs. Kortman – Becksvoort, Dernberger, Kelley  
Mr. Disselkoe – Becksvoort, Dernberger, Kelley  
Mr. Karsten – Becksvoort, Epperson, Kelley  
Mr. Rycenga – Becksvoort, Dernberger, Kelley  
Mr. Hehl – Becksvoort, Dernberger, Kelley  
Mr. Kuyers – Becksvoort, Dernberger, Kelley

Total votes received: Becksvoort – 9, Dernberger – 8, Kelley – 9, Epperson – 1.

The Clerk declared Jennifer Becksvoort, Rebecca Dernberger and Julie Kelley appointed to the Workforce Development Board.

B/C 10-315 Mr. Holtrop moved to place into nomination the name(s) of (\*indicates recommendation of the Interview Subcommittee):

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| *Al Rietberg    | Alden Jelsema    | *Betty Gajewski    | Brian Sinnott   |
| Bruce Campbell  | Chris Larson     | *Douglas Riewald   | Glenn Bareman   |
| Jerry Rogers    | Travis Underhill | Keith Boerman      | Keith Boonstra  |
| Kenneth Haveman | Larry Bruursema  | William Holland    | Penny Doan      |
| Peter Armstrong | Richard Joslyn   | Russell Brown, Jr. | *Thomas Bird    |
| Thomas Caldwell | *Thomas Elhart   | *Timothy Grifhorst | William Gruppen |

The results of the roll call vote are as follows:

Mr. Holtrop – Elhart, Gajewski, Rietberg  
Mr. Swartout – Bird, Elhart, Gajewski  
Mr. Rycenga – Brown, Jelsema, Underhill  
Mr. Disselkoe – Bird, Elhart, Gajewski  
Mr. Karsten – Boonstra, Elhart, Grifhorst  
Mrs. Kortman – Bird, Elhart, Grifhorst  
Mr. Holtvluwer – Bird, Elhart (only voted for 2)

Mr. Hehl – Bird, Grifhorst, Underhill  
Mr. Kuyers – Elhart, Gajewski, Grifhorst

Total votes received: Armstrong – 0, Bareman – 0, Bird – 5, Boerman – 0, Boonstra – 1, Brown – 1, Bruursema – 0, Caldwell – 0, Campbell – 0, Doan – 0, Elhart – 7, Gajewski – 4, Grifhorst – 4, Gruppen – 0, Haveman – 0, Holland – 0, Jelsma – 1, Joslyn – 0, Kelly – 0, Larson – 0, Rietberg – 1, Riewald – 0, Rogers – 0, Sinnott – 0, Stevens – 0, Underhill – 2, Van Ess – 0.

Mr. Elhart and Mr. Bird received a majority. Because of a tie for the third position, another roll call vote for one was taken.

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| Mr. Holtrop – Gajewski    | Mrs. Kortman – Grifhorst   |
| Mr. Swartout – Gajewski   | Mr. Holtvluwer – Grifhorst |
| Mr. Rycenga – Gajewski    | Mr. Hehl - Grifhorst       |
| Mr. Disselkoen – Gajewski | Mr. Kuyers - Grifhorst     |
| Mr. Karsten – Grifhorst   |                            |

Total votes received: Armstrong – 0, Bareman – 0, Boerman – 0, Boonstra – 0, Brown – 0, Bruursema – 0, Caldwell – 0, Campbell – 0, Doan – 0, Gajewski – 4, Grifhorst – 5, Gruppen – 0, Haveman – 0, Holland – 0, Jelsma – 0, Joslyn – 0, Kelly – 0, Larson – 0, Rietberg – 0, Riewald – 0, Rogers – 0, Sinnott – 0, Stevens – 0, Underhill – 0, Van Ess – 0.

The motion passed.

B/C 10-316 Mr. Holtrop moved to place into nomination and cast a unanimous ballot for Thomas Elhart to fill one (1) member vacancy on the Ottawa County Road Commission to serve a six year term beginning January 1, 2011 and ending December 31, 2016. The motion passed.

B/C 10-317 Mr. Holtrop moved to place into nomination and cast a unanimous ballot for Thomas Bird to fill one (1) member vacancy on the Ottawa County Road Commission to serve a four year term beginning January 1, 2011 and ending December 31, 2014. The motion passed.

B/C 10-318 Mr. Holtrop moved to place into nomination and cast a unanimous ballot for Timothy Grifhorst to fill one (1) member vacancy on the Ottawa County Road Commission to serve a two year term beginning January 1, 2011 and ending December 31, 2012. The motion passed.

Discussion Items

1. MSU Extension – Memorandum of Agreement – The Administrator recommended MSU Extension conduct a survey on what services, staffing and office costs are. Robert Spaman, Fiscal Services Director, is asking the County to choose one of three funding options. He says obviously the lowest funding is in the County’s best interest, however, will probably not go over well. Administration is recommending restructuring of administrative expenses for MSU Extension.

2. Closed Session to Discuss Labor Negotiations

B/C 10-319 Mr. Disselkoen moved to go into a Closed Session at 2:09 p.m. for the purpose of discussing labor negotiations. (2/3 roll call vote required.) The motion passed as shown by the following votes: Messrs. Swartout, Holtvluwer, Mrs. Kortman, Messrs. Holtrop, Karsten, Disselkoen, Rycenga, Hehl, Kuyers. (9)

B/C 10-320 Mr. Karsten moved to rise from Closed Session at 2:19 p.m. The motion passed.

B/C 10-321 Mr. Swartout moved to allow Administration to finalize contract language for negotiation between Ottawa County and the Michigan Nurses Association. The motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Holtvluwer, Holtrop, Rycenga, Disselkoen, Mrs. Kortman, Messrs. Karsten, Hehl, Swartout, Kuyers. (9)

B/C 10-322 Mr. Swartout moved to allow Administration to finalize contract language for negotiation between Ottawa County and the 58<sup>th</sup> District Court. The motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Rycenga, Hehl, Karsten, Mrs. Kortman, Messrs. Swartout, Holtvluwer, Disselkoen, Holtrop, Kuyers. (9)

B/C 10-323 Mr. Swartout moved to allow Administration to finalize contract language for negotiation between Ottawa County and Juvenile Services. The motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Holtrop, Holtvluwer, Swartout, Mrs. Kortman, Messrs. Disselkoen, Karsten, Rycenga, Hehl, Kuyers. (9)

#### Public Comments

Thomas Bird thanked the Board for the appointment to the Road Commission. He stated his commitment to work for the public, the Road Commission Board as well as the Ottawa County Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Swartout thanked Mrs. Kortman, Mr. Hehl and Mr. Schrottenboer for their years of service to the County and invited them to come back and visit soon.

B/C 10-324 Mr. Hehl moved to adjourn at 2:21 p.m. subject to the call of the Chair.  
The motion passed.

DANIEL C. KRUEGER, Clerk  
Of the Board of Commissioners

PHILLIP KUYERS, Chairman  
Of the Board of Commissioners