

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

The Ottawa County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, April 26, 2011, at 3:13 p.m. and was called to order by the Chair.

Present at roll call: Messrs. Visser, Kuyers, Swartout, Mrs. Ruiten, Messrs. DeJong, Rycenga, Baumann, Disselkoen, Karsten, Holtrop, Holtvluwer. (11)

Work Session Items:

A. Board Budget Ranking – Information Review

The Administrator reviewed the discretionary service ranking process for the new Commissioners stating this began four years ago when the economy started going bad. The Administrator worked with MSU Extension putting the ranking process together.

Bob Spaman, Fiscal Services Director, explained the format of the Discretionary Service Levels booklet. He asked the Board if they saw anything missing to contact him or the Administrator within the next week. The County is looking at a \$4.3 million deficit this year which is lower than originally thought. The Board will be asked to rank discretionary services at the next Board Work Session Meeting.

The Administrator then explained the 2012 Budget Deficit Options and the different tools used to balance the budget. A survey monkey will be emailed to the Commissioners to complete. Some possible options discussed included wage reduction, 4-day work week, and additional health plan changes. Administration will look into and see what area businesses are offering employees for tuition reimbursement. The Administrator asked the Commissioners to contact him if they have anything that should be added to the list.

B/C 11-112 Mr. Holtrop moved to adjourn at 3:44 p.m. The motion passed.

DANIEL C. KRUEGER, Clerk  
Of the Board of Commissioners

PHILIP KUYERS, Chairman  
Of the Board of Commissioners