

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

The Ottawa County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, January 24, 2012, at 1:30 p.m. and was called to order by the Chair.

Mr. Rycenga pronounced the invocation.

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

Present at roll call: Messrs. Visser, Kuyers, Mrs. Ruiters, Messrs. DeJong, Rycenga, Baumann, Disselkoe, Karsten, Holtrop, Holtvluwer. (10)

Absent: Mr. Swartout. (1)

Public Comments and Communications from County Staff

Kenneth David, 15896 Comstock, Grand Haven, expressed concerns with the approving of Action Item #7 – County Administrator’s 2013-2015 Contract Revision. Mr. David feels the Mr. Vanderberg shouldn’t hold a position on the West Michigan Strategic Alliance Board at the same time as being County Administrator.

B/C 12-007 Mr. Disselkoe moved to approve the agenda of today as presented. The motion passed.

B/C 12-008 Mr. Holtrop moved to approve the following Consent Resolutions:

1. To approve the minutes of the December 27, 2011 Board of Commissioners Meeting and the January 3, 2012 Board of Commissioners Organizational Meeting.
2. To authorize the payroll of January 3, 2012 and January 24, 2012 in the amount of \$1,042.96.
3. To receive for information the Correspondence Log.
4. To approve the general claims in the amount of \$3,905,791.72 as presented by the summary report for December 19, 2011 through December 30, 2011.
5. To approve the general claims in the amount of \$3,190,863.32 as presented by the summary report for January 1, 2012 through January 13, 2012.
6. 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 December 2011.

The motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Karsten, Disselkoen, Holtrop, Visser, Holtvluwer, DeJong, Mrs. Ruiter, Messrs. Rycenga, Baumann, Kuyers. (10)

B/C 12-009 Mr. Rycenga moved to approve and authorize the Board Chair and Clerk to sign the County Administrator's 2013-2015 Contract. The motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Disselkoen, Karsten, DeJong, Holtrop, Visser, Mrs. Ruiter, Messrs. Rycenga, Holtvluwer, Baumann, Kuyers. (10)

Mr. Vanderberg addressed Mr. David's concerns. He is not aware of any conflict of interest issues as the Board wanted him to serve on the West Michigan Strategic Alliance Board and he receives no compensation for this. He would be willing to step down from this board if the Commissioners desire. Corporate Counsel sees no issues because the Administrator was directed by the Board of Commissioners to serve on the Alliance which would be part of his job.

B/C 12-010 Mr. Rycenga moved to approve the 2013 Budget Calendar. The motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. DeJong, Visser, Holtvluwer, Mrs. Ruiter, Messrs. Disselkoen, Baumann, Holtrop, Karsten, Rycenga, Kuyers. (10)

B/C 12-011 Mr. Rycenga moved to approve the request from Community Mental Health to create one (1) FTE Mental Health Clinician-Children's Services (Group T, Paygrade 15, F Step) at a cost of \$81,196. Funding to come from Medicaid Funds. The motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Visser, Holtvluwer, Disselkoen, Holtrop, Mrs. Ruiter, Messrs. Karsten, DeJong, Rycenga, Baumann, Kuyers. (10)

B/C 12-012 Mr. Rycenga moved to approve the request from Community Mental Health to create one (1) FTE Occupational Therapist (Group T, Paygrade 15, F Step) at a cost of \$81,196. Funding to come from Medicaid Funds. The motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Mrs. Ruiter, Messrs. Baumann, DeJong, Karsten, Holtvluwer, Rycenga, Holtrop, Disselkoen, Visser, Kuyers. (10)

B/C 12-013 Mr. Rycenga moved to adopt the new procedures regarding mileage reimbursements for Commissioners in the Per Diem Expense and Mileage Policy. The motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. DeJong, Rycenga, Baumann, Disselkoen, Holtvluwer, Visser, Holtrop, Karsten, Mrs. Ruiter, Kuyers. (10)

B/C 12-014 Mr. Rycenga moved to approve the 2012 Board of Commissioners Approved Committees and Rates. The motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Messrs. Holtvluwer, Visser, Holtrop, Disselkoen, Baumann, Rycenga, DeJong, Mrs. Ruiter, Mr. Kuyers. (9)

Nay: Mr. Karsten. (1)

Discussion Items

1. 2011 Business Plan Final Report – Alan Vanderberg presented the highlights of the Ottawa County Board of Commissioners 2011 Business Plan: Final Report.
2. Southwest Ottawa County Landfill – Patrick Staskiewicz, P.E., Public Utilities Engineer, Ottawa County Road Commission, and Barbara Marczak, Team Leader, Prein & Newhof, presented a powerpoint presentation giving a status update and brief history on the Southwest Ottawa County Landfill.
3. Closed Session

B/C 12-015 Mr. Rycenga moved to go into Closed Session at 2:11 p.m. for the purposed of discussing pending litigation. (2/3 roll call vote required) The motion passed as shown by the following votes: Yeas: Mr. Holtvluwer, Mrs. Ruitter, Messrs. Holtrop, Rycenga, Disselkoen, Baumann, Visser, Karsten, DeJong, Kuyers. (10)

B/C 12-016 Mr. Karsten moved to rise from Closed Session at 2:50 p.m. The motion passed.

The Administrator's report was presented.

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

Public Comments

Brett Laughlin, Road Commission Managing Director, updated the Board on the 8th Avenue Bridge in Marne.

B/C 12-017 Mr. Holtrop moved to adjourn at 2:55 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