

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

The Ottawa County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, June 27, 2023, at 6:31 p.m. and was called to order by the Chairperson.

The prayer was pronounced by Pastor Mark Neymeiyer.

Chairperson Moss led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Present at roll call: Gretchen Cosby, Lucy Ebel, Douglas Zylstra, Jacob Bonnema, Joe Moss, Kyle Terpstra, Rebekah Curran, Sylvia Rhodea, Roger Belknap, Roger Bergman, Allison Miedema. (11)

Correspondence

None

Public Comments

Public comments were made by the following:

1. Kate Leighton-Colburn-Holland
2. Sheila Detloff-Holland
3. Cindy Spielmaker-Grand Haven
4. Christina Strait-Grand Haven
5. Karen Obits-Spring Lake Village
6. Kelly Vrugink-Zeeland
7. Joe Spaulding-Holland Township
8. Jackie Laughlin-Grand Haven Township
9. Adrea Hill-Holland Township
10. Thom Parker-City of Zeeland
11. Dan Zimmer-Port Sheldon Township
12. Elizabeth Brubaker-Holland Township
13. Kristen Meghan Kelly-Hudsonville City
14. Dave Dunayczan-Robinson Township
15. Donna Mooney-Georgetown Township
16. Darlene Dykstra-Georgetown Township
17. Chet Seay-Zeeland
18. Harvey Nikkel-Georgetown Township
19. Ellis Kelly-Hudsonville
20. Michael Kuras-Spring Lake Township
21. Rebecca Patrick-Allendale Township
22. Lori Grasman-Robinson Township

23. Stephen Rockman-Grand Haven Township
24. Derrick Muilenburg-Holland Township
25. Christi Meppelink-Zeeland Township
26. J. Parnell McCarter-Georgetown Township
27. Catherine Ristola Bass-Holland City
28. Deb Cizek-Port Sheldon Township
29. Chuck Cizek-Port Sheldon Township
30. Donovan Monte Gomez-Park Township
31. Nick DeHaan-Georgetown Township
32. Joel Studebaker-Jamestown Township
33. M. Bilsky-Park Township
34. Brian Stork-Spring Lake Township
35. Sandra Hansen-Holland
36. Charity McMaster-Spring Lake Township
37. Melanie Scholten-Park Township
38. Walter Davis-Grand Haven Township
39. Cindy Lohrke-Grand Haven Township
40. Roberta Nauta-Grand Haven Township
41. Alpha Mansaray-Holland Township
42. Barbara Lee VanHorssen-Grand Haven City
43. David Barnosky-Port Sheldon Township
44. Vince Bush-Holland Township
45. Amber Ciesielski-Allendale Township
46. Diane Veldheer-No jurisdiction given
47. George Maierhauser-Spring Lake Township
48. David Morren-Allendale Township
49. John Steinbock-Spring Lake Township
50. Eric-Ottawa County
51. Aaron Compagner-District 4
52. Don Dykstra-Georgetown Township
53. Kendra Wenzel-Hudsonville

Chairperson Moss called a recess at 9:02 p.m.

Chairperson Moss called the meeting back to order at 9:21 p.m.

#### Approval of Agenda

B/C 23-118 Gretchen Cosby moved to approve the agenda of today.

The motion passed.

#### Consent Resolutions

B/C 23-119 Roger Bergman moved to approve the following Consent Resolutions.

- A. To approve the minutes of the June 13, 2023, Board of Commissioners meeting
- B. To ratify all contracts for the period of May 1, 2023 to May 31, 2023 currently pending on the post-execution ratification list as authorized under Section IV (D)(2) of the Ottawa County Contracting Authorization and Form Policy.

The motion passed by the following votes: Yeas: Kyle Terpstra, Rebekah Curran, Douglas Zylstra, Roger Belknap, Sylvia Rhodea, Allison Miedema, Lucy Ebel, Roger Bergman, Jacob Bonnema, Gretchen Cosby, Joe Moss. (11)

Public Hearings

None.

Agenda and Action Requests

- B/C 23-120 Sylvia Rhodea moved to approve a resolution expressing support for protecting childhood innocence.
- B/C 23-121 Douglas Zylstra moved to table the resolution in motion B/C 23-120 for 3 months.

The motion failed for lack of a second.

Motion B/C 23-120 passed by the following votes: Yeas: Roger Belknap, Rebekah Curran, Gretchen Cosby, Jacob Bonnema, Sylvia Rhodea, Kyle Terpstra, Allison Miedema, Lucy Ebel, Joe Moss. (9)

Nays: Douglas Zylstra and Roger Bergman. (2)

- B/C 23-122 Rebekah Curran moved to approve a resolution to withdraw the City of Hastings from the Grand Valley Metro Council, at the request of the City of Hastings.

The motion passed by the following votes: Yeas: Gretchen Cosby, Roger Bergman, Douglas Zylstra, Jacob Bonnema, Kyle Terpstra, Allison Miedema, Rebekah Curran, Lucy Ebel, Roger Belknap, Sylvia Rhodea, Joe Moss. (11)

- B/C 23-123 Gretchen Cosby moved to approve a resolution to censure Commissioner Jacob Bonnema.

- B/C 23-124 Douglas Zylstra moved to strike the last paragraph of the resolution to censure Commissioners Jacob Bonnema, which reads, "Be it further resolved, the Board requests Commissioner Bonnema be removed from Ottawa County Board of Commissioner Standing Committees for the remainder of 2023."

The motion failed by the following votes: Nays: Roger Belknap, Allison Miedema, Gretchen Cosby, Sylvia Rhodea, Lucy Ebel, Joe Moss. (6)

Yeas: Rebekah Curran, Kyle Terpstra, Douglas Zylstra, Roger Bergman, Jacob Bonnema. (5)

B/C 23-125 Douglas Zylstra moved to update the last paragraph of the resolution to censure Commissioners Jacob Bonnema, to read, "Be it further resolved, the Board requests that Commissioner Bonnema be potentially removed as the Vice-Chairperson of the Finance and Administration Committee depending on the disposition of the Finance and Administration Committee."

The motion passed by the following votes: Yeas: Lucy Ebel, Gretchen Cosby, Rebekah Curran, Douglas Zylstra, Kyle Terpstra, Roger Belknap, Roger Bergman. (7)

Nays: Allison Miedema, Sylvia Rhodea, Joe Moss. (3)

Abstain: Jacob Bonnema. (1)

B/C 23-126 Allison Miedema moved to amend motion B/C 23-125 to request the Board remove Commissioner Jacob Bonnema from the Finance and Administration Committee.

The motion failed by the following votes: Nays: Roger Belknap, Rebekah Curran, Gretchen Cosby, Jacob Bonnema, Douglas Zylstra, Kyle Terpstra, Lucy Ebel, Roger Bergman. (8)

Yeas: Sylvia Rhodea, Allison Miedema, Joe Moss. (3)

B/C 23-127 Joe Moss moved to update the last paragraph of the resolution to censure Commissioners Jacob Bonnema, to read, "Be it further resolved, the Board requests that Commissioner Bonnema be removed from one Standing Committee for the remainder of 2023."

The motion passed by the following votes: Yeas: Gretchen Cosby, Roger Bergman, Allison Miedema, Lucy Ebel, Roger Belknap, Sylvia Rhodea, Joe Moss. (7)

Nays: Douglas Zylstra, Jacob Bonnema, Kyle Terpstra, Rebekah Curran. (4)

Motion B/C 23-123 passed with the approved amendment from Motion B/C 23-127 by the following votes: Yeas: Roger Belknap, Gretchen Cosby, Lucy Ebel, Sylvia Rhodea, Allison Miedema, Joe Moss. (6)

Nays: Roger Bergman, Douglas Zylstra, Rebekah Curran, Jacob Bonnema, Kyle Terpstra. (5)

Chairperson Moss called for a recess at 11:20 p.m.

Commissioner Bergman left the meeting at 11:20 p.m.

Chairperson Moss called the meeting back to order at 11:49 p.m.

B/C 23-128 Allison Miedema moved to approve the nomination of (\*indicates recommendation from the Interview Subcommittee):

\*Eric Johnson

David Chesney  
Charles Murray  
Nicholas Matias  
James Chiodo  
Joshua Miller  
William Haynes

and to select one (1) to fill one (1) War Veteran vacancy on the Veteran's Affairs Committee beginning January 27, 2023 and ending December 31, 2025.

Roll Call Votes:

Bonnema-Johnson	Ebel-Johnson
Miedema-Johnson	Terpstra-Johnson
Cosby-Johnson	Rhodes-Johnson
Curran-Johnson	Zylstra-Johnson
Belknap-Johnson	Moss-Johnson

Total votes received-Johnson-10 votes

Public Comment

1. David Morren-Allendale Township
2. Catherine Ristola Bass-Holland City
3. Karen Obits-Spring Lake Village
4. Donna Mooney-Georgetown Township
5. David Barnosky-Port Sheldon Township
6. Christi Meppelink-Zeeland Township
7. Dan Zimmer-Port Sheldon Township
8. Kendra Wenzel-Georgetown Township
9. Aaron Compagner-District 4
10. Sandra Hansen-Holland
11. Sara Westhuis-Georgetown Township

Online Public Comments

1. Joe Spaulding-Holland Township

Additional Business

- A. Report from County Commissioners who attended the Ottawa County Conservation District Annual Meeting-Several Commissioners were able to attend and commented on the meeting.
- B. Report from the Lunch at the Park event hosted by the Parks Foundation of Ottawa-Commissioner Miedema was able to host a table at the luncheon and enjoyed the event very much. Commissioner Terpstra was able to run the 5K Trail Run on Saturday.

- C. Update for Commissioners on an upcoming tour of the Ottawa Area Intermediate School District-Commissioner Terpstra updated that he reached out to the OAISD and they are willing to do a tour for the Commissioners. Anyone that is interested, let him know and they can coordinate a date for this tour.
- D. Report from County Administrator-The County Administrator's report was presented.
  - 1. Strategic Plan Update-Administrator Gibbs gave an update on the new direction for the strategic plan process. This will be kicking off soon.

Adjournment at Call of the Chairperson

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting on June 28, 2023 at 12:28 a.m.

JUSTIN F. ROEBUCK, Clerk/Register  
Of the Board of Commissioners

JOE MOSS, Chairperson  
Of the Board of Commissioners