

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

The Ottawa County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, March 12, 2024, at 9:05 a.m. and was called to order by the Chairperson.

The prayer was pronounced by Pastor South.

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, Doug Zylstra, Joe Moss, Kendra Wenzel, Rebekah Curran, Sylvia Rhodea, Roger Belknap, Allison Miedema. (9)

Absent: Jacob Bonnema and Roger Bergman. (2)

Correspondence

GCSI Update-Bob DeVries gave a legislative update.

Public Comments

Public comments were made by the following:

1. Rebekah Curran-County Commissioner
2. Adrea Hill-Holland Township
3. Rebecca Patrick-Allendale Township
4. David Barnosky-Port Sheldon Township
5. Dan Zimmer-Port Sheldon Township
6. Harvey Nikkel-Georgetown Township
7. Joe Spaulding-Holland Township
8. Lori Grasman-Robinson Township
9. Deb Cizek-Port Sheldon Township
10. Dave Morren-Allendale Township
11. Karen Obits-Spring Lake Village
12. Dena Arner-Holland Township
13. Melanie Scholten-Park Township
14. Luke Saner-Park Township
15. Christi Meppelink-Zeeland Township
16. Brendan Link-Grand Haven

Approval of Agenda

B/C 24-064 Kendra Wenzel moved to approve the agenda.

The motion passed.

Consent Resolutions

Commissioner Zylstra requested to remove Consent Resolutions D-K from Consent and move them to Action Requests D-K.

B/C 24-065 Allison Miedema moved to approve the following Consent Resolutions.

- A. To approve the minutes of the February 29, 2024, Board of Commissioners meeting, the October 24, 2023, Special Hearing and the February 22, 2024, Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners.
- B. To receive for information the Treasurer's Office 2023 Annual Report.
- C. To receive for information the 20th Circuit Court Probation and Parole 2023 Annual Report.

The motion passed.

Agenda and Action Requests

B/C 24-066 Roger Belknap moved to approve a contract with The Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) for beach water monitoring.

The motion passed by the following votes: Yeas: Roger Belknap, Rebekah Curran, Gretchen Cosby, Sylvia Rhodea, Doug Zylstra, Kendra Wenzel, Allison Miedema, Lucy Ebel, Joe Moss. (9)

B/C 24-067 Roger Belknap moved to approve and sign the scrap tire clean-up grant from the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE).

The motion passed by the following votes: Yeas: Gretchen Cosby, Doug Zylstra, Kendra Wenzel, Allison Miedema, Rebekah Curran, Lucy Ebel, Roger Belknap, Sylvia Rhodea, Joe Moss. (9)

Discussion took place on who to appoint as Interim County Administrator. Four candidates were discussed, and a vote was taken on who to bring forward in a motion as the candidate to appoint.

Roll Call:

Ebel-Karen Karasinski	Miedema-Jon Anderson
Wenzel-Jon Anderson	Cosby-Karen Karasinski
Rhodea-Jon Anderson	Curran-Karen Karasinski
Zylstra-Karen Karasinski	Belknap-Jon Anderson
Moss-Jon Anderson	

With 5 votes, Jon Anderson was the candidate they will bring forward in a motion to appoint.

- B/C 24-068 Roger Belknap moved to approve the Land and Water Conservation Fund program application for funding assistance for Upper Macatawa Natural Area – Greenway Trailhead project.
- The motion passed by the following votes: Yeas: Roger Belknap, Rebekah Curran, Allison Miedema, Kendra Wenzel, Gretchen Cosby, Doug Zylstra, Sylvia Rhodea, Lucy Ebel, Joe Moss. (9)
- B/C 24-069 Allison Miedema moved to approve the Cooperative Agreement with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for funding assistance in the amount of \$715,000 for the development of the Idema Explorers Trail Bass River Segment Phase I.
- The motion passed by the following votes: Yeas: Doug Zylstra, Roger Belknap, Gretchen Cosby, Rebekah Curran, Lucy Ebel, Sylvia Rhodea, Allison Miedema, Kendra Wenzel, Joe Moss. (9)
- B/C 24-070 Rebekah Curran moved to approve the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MN RTF) program application for funding assistance to construct the Eastmanville Connector Segment of the Grand River Greenway Idema Explorers Trail.
- The motion passed by the following votes: Yeas: Doug Zylstra, Lucy Ebel, Roger Belknap, Gretchen Cosby, Allison Miedema, Sylvia Rhodea, Rebekah Curran, Kendra Wenzel, Joe Moss. (9)
- B/C 24-071 Roger Belknap moved to go into a break at 10:50 a.m.
- The motion passed.
- The Chairperson called the meeting back to order at 11:13 a.m.
- B/C 24-072 Joe Moss moved to appoint Jon Anderson as the Interim County Administrator.
- The motion passed.
- B/C 24-073 Gretchen Cosby moved to approve the general claims in the amount of \$19,109,990.54 as presented by the summary report for January 29, 2024 through February 23, 2024.
- The motion passed by the following votes: Yeas: Roger Belknap, Rebekah Curran, Allison Miedema, Kendra Wenzel, Gretchen Cosby, Doug Zylstra, Sylvia Rhodea, Lucy Ebel, Joe Moss. (9)
- B/C 24-074 Rebekah Curran moved to approve a contract with Republic Services.
- The motion passed by the following votes: Yeas: Lucy Ebel, Gretchen Cosby, Allison Miedema, Rebekah Curran, Sylvia Rhodea, Doug Zylstra, Kendra Wenzel, Roger Belknap, Joe Moss. (9)
- B/C 24-075 Sylvia Rhodea moved to approve the Resolution to authorize certification of a “Qualifying Statement” for bonding purposes.

The motion passed.

B/C 24-076 Kendra Wenzel moved to approve a proposal to add one, 1.0 FTE full-time, benefited Administrative Assistant position at universal paygrade 7 for a total cost of \$97,211.

The motion passed by the following votes: Yeas: Roger Belknap, Rebekah Curran, Gretchen Cosby, Sylvia Rhodea, Doug Zylstra, Kendra Wenzel, Allison Miedema, Lucy Ebel, Joe Moss. (9)

B/C 24-077 Allison Miedema moved to approve the FY2024 budget adjustments per the attached schedule.

The motion passed by the following votes: Yeas: Gretchen Cosby, Doug Zylstra, Kendra Wenzel, Allison Miedema, Rebekah Curran, Lucy Ebel, Roger Belknap, Sylvia Rhodea, Joe Moss. (9)

Committee Reports

A. Ottawa County Treasurer's Office 2023 Annual Report-Cheryl Clark, Ottawa County Treasurer, presented the 2023 Ottawa County Treasurer's Annual Report.

B. Ottawa County 20th Circuit Court Probation and Parole 2023 Annual Report-Heath White, Probation/Parole Manager, presented the 2023 Ottawa County 20th Circuit Court Probation and Parole Annual Report.

Public Comment

1. Karen Obits-Spring Lake Village
2. David Morren-Allendale Township
3. Dena Arner-Holland Township
4. Christi Meppelink-Zeeland Township
5. Jim Kuiper-Holland Township
6. Rebecca Patrick-Allendale Township

Online Public Comment

1. Megan Ryan-Holland Township
2. Joe Spaulding-Holland Township

Additional Business

A. Update from the Board Chair-Chairperson Moss gave several County updates.

Adjournment at Call of the Chairperson

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 12:34 p.m.

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

JOE MOSS, Chairperson
Of the Board of Commissioners