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

The Ottawa County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, June 23, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. and was called to order by the Chairperson.

The prayer was pronounced by Commissioner Miedema.

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

Present at roll call: James Barry, Jordan Jorritsma, Doug Zylstra, Jacob Bonnema, Joe Moss, Kendra Wenzel, John Teeples, Sylvia Rhodea, Philip Kuyers, Josh Brugger, Allison Miedema. (11)

Correspondence

A. Sheriff's Awards-Sheriff DeBoer presented Captain J. Douglas for completion of FBI National Academy.

B. Customer Service Awards-Chairperson Brugger presented Customer Service Award to Sam Bode, Environmental Public Health.

C. 58th District Court, Probation & Community Corrections 2025 Annual Report-Chief Judge Craig Bunce presented the 2025 58th District Court, Probation & Community Corrections Annual Report.

D. Sheriff's Office 2025 Annual Report-Sheriff Eric DeBoer, presented the 2025 Sheriff's Office Annual Report.

E. Officers' Compensation Commission Determination was presented to be received for information.

Public Comments

Public comments were made by the following:

1. Tom Mahoney – General Manager Republic Waste – Jenison and Coopersville Landfill
2. Russ Boresma – General Manager Arrow Waste
3. Keegan Host – Georgetown Township

Online Public Comments

None.

B/C 26-098 Joe Moss moved to approve the agenda.

Motion B/C 26-098 passed.

Consent Resolutions

Sylvia Rhodea requested to move Consent Item 7J to become the new Action Item 8A. Allison Miedema requested to move Consent Items 7M and 7N to become the new Action Items 8B and 8C.

B/C 26-099 Joe Moss moved to approve the following Consent Resolutions as presented:

A. Approve the minutes of the May 19, 2026, Board of Commissioners meeting.

B. Approve the minutes of the June 1, 2026, Board of Commissioners work session.

C. To approve the general claims in the amount of $21,900,320.37 as presented by the summary report from May 1, 2026, through May 31, 2026.

D. To approve the Master Retail Natural Gas Supply Agreement with Constellation Energy for the supply of natural gas to Ottawa County facilities.

E. To approve the Fiscal Year 2027 Michigan Department of Corrections Plan and Application.

F. To approve an option agreement with Dennis W. Finkler for the development rights to 40.25 acres of farmland in Chester Township at a cost of $250,000 covered by a donation, grant funding, and privately raised funds.

G. To approve the request for the Parks and Recreation Department to implement On Call Pay for the Guest Services Supervisor and the Reservation Specialists.

H. To adopt the Resolution approving the 10-year Interlocal Agreement between Ottawa County, Allegan County, and the City of Holland for jail transport and housing of Allegan residents arrested in the City of Holland, as well as terminating the Interlocal Agreement between Ottawa and Allegan counties for shared prosecutor services.

I. To approve the request from the Sheriff's Office to add 1.0 FTE deputy to be assigned to Holland Charter Township.

J. To approve the easement agreement for the Stam Property in Allendale Township in the amount of $2,100.00 and authorize the Parks Director to take all actions necessary to implement the intent of the Commission in this matter.

K. To approve the contract with Midwest Construction Group for the construction of a restroom building at the Upper Macatawa Natural Area at a total cost of $711,741.96 and to appropriate revenue and matching expense of $20,000 to the capital project from the Capital Fund balance for FY26.

Motion B/C 26-099 passed by the following votes: Yeas: Joe Moss, Philip Kuyers, Jim Barry, Jacob Bonnema, Sylvia Rhodea, Doug Zylstra, Kendra Wenzel, Allison Miedema, Jordan Jorritsma, John Teeples, Josh Brugger. (11)

Agenda and Action Items

Budget Adjustments

B/C 26-100 Jordan Jorritsma moved to approve FY2026 budget adjustments per the attached schedule.

Motion B/C 26-100 passed by the following votes: Yeas: Sylvia Rhodea, John Teeples, Doug Zylstra, Jacob Bonnema, Kendra Wenzel, Allison Miedema, Joe Moss, Jordan Jorritsma, Phil Kuyers, Jim Barry, Josh Brugger. (11)

B/C 26-100a Sylvia Rhodea moved to divide the question in order to consider Item 09-9 separately.

Motion B/C 26-100a failed by the following votes: Nays: Jacob Bonnema, Jordan Jorritsma, John Teeples, Jim Barry, Phil Kuyers, Josh Brugger. (6)

Yeas: Allison Miedema, Kendra Wenzel, Sylvia Rhodea, Joe Moss, Doug Zylstra. (5)

B/C 26-100b Allison Miedema moved to require the Ottawa County Health Department to respect and follow the 2023 Resolution passed by the Board regarding providing vaccine waiver information.

Motion B/C 26-100b passed by the following votes: Yeas: Phil Kuyers, Joe Moss, Allison Miedema, Kendra Wenzel, Jim Barry, John Teeples, Jacob Bonnema, Sylvia Rhodea, Jordan Jorritsma, Josh Brugger. (10)

Nays: Doug Zylstra. (1)

Housing Advisory Board

B/C 26-101 Joe Moss motioned to approve the Resolution to disband the Ottawa County Housing Commission and create the Ottawa County Housing Advisory Board with originating bylaws.

Motion B/C 26-101 passed by the following votes: Yeas: John Teeples, Doug Zylstra, Phil Kuyers, Jim Barry, Joe Moss, Jordan Jorritsma, Sylvia Rhodea, Allison Miedema, Jacob Bonnema, Kendra Wenzel, Josh Brugger. (11)

Commissioner Doug Zylstra left the meeting at 10:36 a.m.

Solid Waste Financing Ordinance

B/C 26-102 Jordan Jorritsma motioned to approve the Resolution adopting the Ottawa County Solid Waste Financing Ordinance.

Motion B/C 26-102 passed by the following votes: Yeas: Doug Zylstra, Phil Kuyers, Jordan Jorritsma, John Teeples, Jacob Bonnema, Jim Barry, Josh Brugger. (7)

Nays: Kendra Wenzel, Joe Moss, Sylvia Rhodea, Allison Miedema. (4)

B/C 26-102a Allison Miedema motioned to table the Solid Waste Ordinance Resolution.

Motion B/C 26-102a failed by the following votes: Nays: John Teeples, Phil Kuyers, Jim Barry, Jordan Jorritsma, Jacob Bonnema, Josh Brugger. (6)

Yeas: Joe Moss, Sylvia Rhodea, Allison Miedema, Kendra Wenzel. (4)

Absent: Doug Zylstra. (1)

Commissioner Doug Zylstra returned to the meeting at 10:38 a.m.

B/C 26-102b Joe Moss motioned to change the in-county fees to $0.00 for waste from Ottawa County and change the out of county fees to $1.50.

B/C 26-102c Joe Moss moved to amend his original motion B/C 26-102b to change the in-county fees to $0.30 for waste from Ottawa County and change the out of county fees to $1.25.

Amended Motion B/C 26-102c failed by the following votes: Nays: John Teeples, Phil Kuyers, Jim Barry, Jordan Jorritsma, Jacob Bonnema, Doug Zylstra, Josh Brugger. (7)

Yeas: Joe Moss, Sylvia Rhodea, Allison Miedema, Kendra Wenzel. (4)

B/C 26-102d Joe Moss motioned to send back the Solid Waste Ordinance Resolution to legal to provide definitions for Reasonable Notice and Relevant Records.

Motion B/C 26-102d was withdrawn.

B/C 26-102e Allison Miedema motioned to change Section 200.6.5.2 to strike County Administrator and replace with Board of Commissioners.

Motion B/C 26-102e passed by the following votes: Yeas: Joe Moss, Philip Kuyers, Jim Barry, Jacob Bonnema, Sylvia Rhodea, Doug Zylstra, Kendra Wenzel, Allison Miedema, Jordan Jorritsma, John Teeples, Josh Brugger. (11)

Post-Execution Contract Ratification

B/C 26-103 Joe Moss moved to ratify all contracts on the Ratification Report pursuant to the County's Contracting policy.

Motion B/C 26-103 passed by the following votes: Yeas: Kendra Wenzel, Joe Moss, Phil Kuyers, Sylvia Rhodea, Allison Miedema, Jordan Jorritsma, John Teeples, Jacob Bonnema, Jim Barry, Josh Brugger. (10)

Nays: Doug Zylstra. (1)

Debt Management Policy (2nd Reading)

B/C 26-104 Jordan Jorritsma moved to approve the revised Debt Management Policy for a second reading.

Motion B/C 26-104 passed.

Legal Services Policy (2nd Reading)

B/C 26-105 Jordan Jorritsma moved to approve the revised Legal Services Policy for a second reading.

Motion B/C 26-105 passed.

Tuition Reimbursement Policy (2nd Reading)

B/C 26-106 Jordan Jorritsma moved to approve the revised Tuition Reimbursement Policy for a second reading.

Motion B/C 26-106 passed.

Salary and Wage Continuation Policy (1st Reading)

B/C 26-107 Jordan Jorritsma moved to approve the revised Salary and Wage Continuation Policy for a first reading.

Motion B/C 26-107 passed.

Personnel Requisition Policy (1st Reading)

B/C 26-107A Jordan Jorritsma moved to approve the newly drafted Personnel Requisition Policy for a first reading.

Motion B/C 26-107A passed.

Strategic Plan

Commissioner Joe Moss left the meeting at 11:15 a.m.
Commissioner Jacob Bonnema left the meeting at 11:16 a.m.
Commissioner Joe Moss returned to the meeting at 11:17 a.m.
Commissioner Jacob Bonnema returned to the meeting at 11:17 a.m.

B/C 26-108 Phil Kuyers moved to approve the Resolution adopting the 2026-2028 Strategic Plan.

Motion B/C 26-108 passed by the following votes: Yeas: Joe Moss, Philip Kuyers, Jim Barry, Jacob Bonnema, Sylvia Rhodea, Doug Zylstra, Kendra Wenzel, Allison Miedema, Jordan Jorritsma, John Teeples, Josh Brugger. (11)

B/C 26-108a Doug Zylstra moved to include in the final draft to notice and stream all boards, commissions, and committees, whenever possible.

Motion B/C 26-108a passed by the following votes: Yeas: Joe Moss, Allison Miedema, Kendra Wenzel, Jim Barry, Dough Zylstra, Sylvia Rhodea. (6)

Nays: Phil Kuyers, John Teeples, Jacob Bonnema, Jordan Jorritsma, Josh Brugger. (5)

B/C 26-108b Joe Moss moved to amend goal 3 to provide excellent public service.

Motion B/C 26-108b failed by the following votes: Nays: John Teeples, Doug Zylstra, Phil Kuyers, Jim Barry, Jordan Jorritsma, Jacob Bonnema, Josh Brugger. (7)

Yeas: Joe Moss, Sylvia Rhodea, Allison Miedema, Kendra Wenzel. (4)

Commissioner Jordan Jorritsma left the meeting at 11:24 a.m.
Commissioner Jordan Jorritsma returned to the meeting at 11:27 a.m.
Commissioner Allison Miedema left the meeting at 11:35 a.m.
Commissioner Kendra Wenzel left the meeting at 11:36 a.m.
Commissioner Allison Miedema returned to the meeting at 11:36 a.m.
Commissioner Kendra Wenzel returned to the meeting at 11:38 a.m.

Committee Reports

Several Commissioners gave updates on their Committees.

Public Comment

1. Becky Patrick-Allendale Township
2. Karen Obitz-Spring Lake

Additional Business

A. Report of the County Administrator – Deputy County Administrator Brian Dissette discussed updates for the Community Mental Health Authority.
B. Commissioner Comments – Several Commissioners gave comments.

Adjournment at Call of the Chairperson

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 12:05 p.m.

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

JOSH BRUGGER, Chairperson
Of the Board of Commissioners