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

The Ottawa County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, August 25, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. and was called to order by the Chairperson.

The prayer was pronounced by Commissioner Bonnema.

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

Present at roll call: James Barry, Doug Zylstra, Jacob Bonnema, Joe Moss, John Teeples, Sylvia Rhodea, Philip Kuyers, Josh Brugger, Allison Miedema. (9)

Absent: Jordan Jorritsma and Kendra Wenzel. (2)

Correspondence

A. Sheriff's Commendation Awards; presented by Sheriff DeBoer, given to Kristy Carlotto, Captain Eric Westveer, and Deputy Ryan Tottingham.

B. Community Mental Health 2025 Annual Report-Chief Executive Officer Dr. Michael Brashears presented the 2025 Community Mental Health Annual Report.

C. Michigan State University Extension 2025 Annual Report-District 7 Director Kai Gritter presented the 2025 Michigan State University Extension Annual Report.

D. Human Resources 2025 Annual Report-Interim Human Resources Director Sarah Allen presented the 2025 Human Resources Annual Report.

Public Comments

1. Dirk Koetje-Olive Township
2. Kurt VanKoevering-Road Commission
3. Chip VanderZwaag-Ottawa County
4. Rev Matthew Wolford-Olive Township
5. Howard Bauman-Port Sheldon Township
6. Randy VanDuinen-Georgetown Township

B/C 26-126 Joe Moss moved to approve the agenda.

Motion B/C 26-126 passed.

B/C 26-126a Doug Zylstra moved to amend the agenda to add a discussion item to consider increasing the Housing Advisory Board from 11 to 12 members by adding a second nonprofit development position.

Motion B/C 26-126a failed by the following votes: Nays: Phil Kuyers, Jim Barry, Jacob Bonnema, John Teeples, Josh Brugger. (5)

Yeas: Joe Moss, Sylvia Rhodea, Doug Zylstra, Allison Miedema. (4)

Consent Resolutions

Commissioner Zylstra has requested to move Consent Item F to Action Item K. Commissioner Moss has requested to move Consent I to Action Item L.

B/C 26-127 Phil Kuyers moved to approve the following Consent Resolutions as presented:

A. To approve the minutes of the August 4, 2026, Board of Commissioners work session.

B. To approve the minutes of the August 11, 2026, Board of Commissioners work session.

C. To approve the general claims in the amount of $18,969,644.45 as presented by the summary report from July 1, 2026, through July 31, 2026.

D. To approve the Data Sharing Agreement with the Michigan Department of Technology, Management and Budget for the mutual exchange of Geographic Information System Data and Digital Orthoimagery Data to allow public download of Ottawa County's address points, road centerlines, and tax parcels via the State of Michigan Open Data Portal.

E. To approve the Second Amendment to the Broadband Wired Infrastructure Expansion Partnership Agreement with 123Net to extend the contract through March 31, 2027.

F. To receive for information the detailed Financial Statements for the General Fund and Mental Health Fund, as well as a higher level summary for the Special Revenue Funds, through the end of the 3rd quarter of Fiscal Year 2026.

G. To approve FY2026 budget adjustments per the attached schedule.

Motion B/C 26-127 passed by the following votes: Yeas: Sylvia Rhodea, John Teeples, Doug Zylstra, Jacob Bonnema, Allison Miedema, Joe Moss, Phil Kuyers, Jim Barry, Josh Brugger. (9)

Agenda and Action Items

B/C 26-128 Joe Moss moved to ratify all contracts on the Ratification Report pursuant to the County's Contracting policy.

Motion B/C 26-128 passed by the following votes: Yeas: Jacob Bonnema, John Teeples, Allison Miedema, Jim Barry, Sylvia Rhodea, Joe Moss, Doug Zylstra, Phil Kuyers, Josh Brugger. (9)

B/C 26-129 Phil Kuyers moved to approve the 2027-2032 Capital Improvement Plan.

Motion B/C 26-129 passed by the following votes: Yeas: Phil Kuyers, Joe Moss, Allison Miedema, Jim Barry, Doug Zylstra, John Teeples, Jacob Bonnema, Sylvia Rhodea, Josh Brugger. (9)

B/C 26-130 Joe Moss moved to open the Public Hearing to receive comments on the Fiscal Year 2027 Ottawa County Operating Budget.

Motion B/C 26-130 passed by the following votes: Yeas: John Teeples, Doug Zylstra, Phil Kuyers, Jim Barry, Joe Moss, Sylvia Rhodea, Allison Miedema, Jacob Bonnema, Josh Brugger. (9)

Public Comment

None.

B/C 26-131 Allison Miedema moved to close the Public Hearing on the Fiscal Year 2027 Ottawa County Operating Budget.

Motion B/C 26-131 passed by the following votes: Yeas: Doug Zylstra, John Teeples, Phil Kuyers, Jim Barry, Allison Miedema, Jacob Bonnema, Sylvia Rhodea, Joe Moss, Josh Brugger. (9)

B/C 26-132 Phil Kuyers moved to approve the Board Chairperson's appointment of Commissioner Barry to the Housing Advisory Board beginning immediately and ending December 31, 2026.

Motion B/C 26-132 passed.

B/C 26-133 Joe Moss moved to accept the nominations of

Jennifer Johnson Devin Shea

and to select one (1) to fill one (1) Housing Advisory Board City or Village Representative seat vacancy for a staggered term beginning immediately and ending December 31, 2028.

Roll Call Vote:

Moss-Johnson	Kuyers-Johnson	Barry-Shea
Bonnema-Johnson	Rhodea-Johnson	Zylstra-Shea
Miedema-Johnson	Teeples-Johnson	Brugger-Johnson

With 7 votes, **Jennifer Johnson** is appointed to the Housing Advisory Board.

B/C 26-134 Joe Moss moved to accept the nominations of

Bill Ellingboe Christopher Marco Elisa Hoekwater Jennifer Scott

and to select one (1) to fill one (1) Housing Advisory Board General Business seat vacancy for a staggered term beginning immediately and ending December 31, 2028.

Roll Call Vote:

Moss-Marco	Kuyers-Hoekwater	Barry-Hoekwater
Bonnema-Hoekwater	Rhodea-Marco	Zylstra-Marco
Miedema-Marco	Teeples-Marco	Brugger-Hoekwater

With 5 votes, **Christopher Marco** is appointed to the Housing Advisory Board.

B/C 26-135 Joe Moss moved to accept the nominations of

Erin Kamphuis	Jennifer Scott	John (Field) Reichardt	Judith Dembowske
Mark Allen	Naviah Duron	Randall Kortering	Rebecca Hopp
Regina Sjoberg			

and to select one (1) to fill one (1) Housing Advisory Board Housing Advocacy Community seat vacancy for a staggered term beginning immediately and ending December 31, 2027.

Roll Call Vote:

Moss-Allen	Kuyers-Allen	Barry-Allen
Bonnema-Allen	Rhodea-Allen	Zylstra-Kamphuis
Miedema-Allen	Teeples-Reichardt	Brugger-Allen

With 7 votes, **Mark Allen** is appointed to the Housing Advisory Board.

B/C 26-136 Joe Moss moved to accept the nominations of

Dave Rozman	Steve Grose

and to select one (1) to fill one (1) Housing Advisory Board Nonprofit Developer seat vacancy for a staggered term beginning immediately and ending December 31, 2027.

Roll Call Vote:

Moss-Rozman	Kuyers-Grose	Barry-Grose
Bonnema-Grose	Rhodea-Rozman	Zylstra-Grose
Miedema-Rozman	Teeples-Grose	Brugger-Grose

With 6 votes, **Steve Grose** is appointed to the Housing Advisory Board.

B/C 26-137 Joe Moss moved to accept the nominations of

Jerry Rabideau	Randall Kortering

and to select one (1) to fill one (1) Housing Advisory Board Township Representative seat vacancy for a staggered term beginning immediately and ending December 31, 2028.

Roll Call Vote:

Moss-Rabideau	Kuyers-Rabideau	Barry-Rabideau
Bonnema-Rabideau	Rhodea-Kortering	Zylstra-Kortering
Miedema-Kortering	Teeples-Rabideau	Brugger-Rabideau

With 6 votes, **Jerry Rabideau** is appointed to the Housing Advisory Board.

B/C 26-138 Joe Moss moved to accept the nominations of

Brandon Barthelemy Christine Tober

and to select one (1) to fill one (1) Community Corrections Advisory Board Defense Attorney seat vacancy to serve the remainder of the current term through December 31, 2026, and the following term beginning January 1, 2027, and ending December 31, 2029.

Roll Call Vote:

Moss-Tober	Kuyers-Tober	Barry-Tober
Bonnema-Tober	Rhodea-Tober	Zylstra-Barthelemy
Miedema-Tober	Teeples-Tober	Brugger-Tober

With 8 votes, **Christine Tober** is appointed to the Community Corrections Advisory Board.

B/C 26-139 Joe Moss moved to approve the recommendation to transfer $12,500,000 to the Capital Improvement and Commit $800,000 for use in the Strategic Planning Fund subject to Board approval.

Motion B/C 26-139 passed by the following votes: Yeas: Jim Barry, Allison Miedema, Joe Moss, Sylvia Rhodea, Doug Zylstra, Phil Kuyers, Jacob Bonnema, John Teeples. Josh Brugger. (9)

B/C 26-139a Doug Zylstra moved to amend motion B/C 26-139 to reduce the Capital Improvement Fund by $250,000, to $12,250,000 and add it to the Strategic Planning Fund, making that $1,050,000.

Motion B/C 26-139a failed by the following votes: Nays: Joe Moss, Phil Kuyers, Sylvia Rhodea, Allison Miedema, John Teeples, Jacob Bonnema, Jim Barry, Josh Brugger. (8)

Yeas: Doug Zylstra. (1)

B/C 26-140 Phil Kuyers moved to approve the Out-of-School Time grant for Hager Park Summer camp in the amount of $19,200 and the budget adjustment to increase the revenue by the same amount.

Motion B/C 26-140 passed by the following votes: Yeas: Joe Moss, Phil Kuyers, Jim Barry, Jacob Bonnema, Sylvia Rhodea, Doug Zylstra, Allison Miedema, John Teeples, Josh Brugger. (9)

Committee Reports

Several Commissioners commented on Committee meetings they attended.

Public Comment

1. Becky Patrick-Allendale Township

Additional Business

A. Report of the County Administrator –County Administrator Patrick Waterman gave an update.
B. Commissioner Comments – Several Commissioners gave comments.

Adjournment at Call of the Chairperson

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 11:33 a.m.

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

JOSH BRUGGER, Chairperson
Of the Board of Commissioners