PROPOSED
PROCEEDINGS OF THE OTTAWA COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OCTOBER SESSION – FIRST DAY

The Ottawa County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, October 27, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. and was called to order by the Chairperson.

The prayer was pronounced by Commissioner Kuyers.

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, Phil Kuyers, Josh Brugger, Allison Miedema. (11)

Correspondence

A. Sheriff's Commendation Award-Sheriff DeBoer presented Marine Patrol Deputy Dave Oostindie with the award.

B. Sheriff's Office Life Saving Awards-Sheriff DeBoer presented Deputy Alexandra Ashcraft and Deputy Hunter Younts with these awards.

C. Outstanding Customer Service Award-Chairperson Brugger presented Curtis Critchlow, Environmental Public Health Technician, with the award.

Public Comments

1. Donna Mooney-Georgetown Township
2. Chris Reed-Georgetown Township
3. Joe Spaulding-Holland Township
4. Cadence DeVree-City of Zeeland
5. Oliver Shampine-Grand Haven
6. Kerri Bosma-Zeeland Township
7. Tommy Raymond-Kalamazoo

Online Public Comments

1. Joseph Parnell McCarter-Georgetown Township

B/C 26-161 Joe Moss moved to approve the agenda.

Motion B/C 26-161 passed.

B/C 26-161a Joe Moss moved to amend the agenda to add a discussion item to talk about ALPR's.

Motion B/C 26-161a failed by the following votes: Nays: Phil Kuyers, Jim Barry, Jacob Bonnema, Jordan Jorritsma, John Teeples, Josh Brugger. (6)

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

Consent Resolutions

Commissioner Miedema has requested to move Consent Items C & E to Action Items A & B.

B/C 26-162 Joe Moss moved to approve the following Consent Resolutions as presented:

A. To approve the minutes of the September 22, 2026, Board of Commissioners meeting.

B. To approve the minutes of the October 16, 2026, Board of Commissioners work session.

C. To approve the 5-year contract with SurveyMonkey for survey platform services at a not to exceed cost of $265,000.

D. To approve the contract with Copy-Tech Integrated Office Solutions for copier service and maintenance of active Toshiba multi-function printers (MFP) throughout the County at an estimated cost of $140,000.

E. To approve a purchase agreement with Mobil Crest LLC for the development rights to approximately 25 acres of farmland in Jamestown Township.

F. To approve a purchase agreement with Ryan Dietrich for development rights to approximately 90 acres of farmland in Chester Township.

G. To approve a purchase agreement with Josh and Laura Rolfe for the development rights to 77.04 acres of farmland in Polkton Township.

H. To approve a purchase agreement with Joel Creager and Melissa Hogan-Creager for the development rights to approximately 36 acres of farmland in Chester Township.

I. To approve the Interlocal Agreement for Ottawa County to Approve the Designated Assessor for the period beginning January 1, 2027.

J. To approve the 2026 Ottawa County Apportionment Report.

K. To approve the agreement for Extension Services with Michigan State University for Fiscal Year 2027 at a total cost of $297,847.

L. To approve a request from the Sheriff's Office to fund three additional part-time, limited-benefited Cadet positions and to authorize the reallocation of General Fund contingency to the Sheriff's Office in the amount of $58,658.

M. To approve the Community Mental health Transition Agreement Schedule 4.2(a)(2) CMHA – County Support Services Agreement including Human Resources, Fiscal Services, Information Technology, Facilities & Maintenance, and Building Leases and to change the language of Section 3.1 to "this agreement shall be effective as of 10/1/2026."

N. To approve an increase to the Medical Examiner's Office cremation permit fee from $50 to $70, effective November 1, 2026.

O. To approve the FY2027 budget adjustments per the attached schedule.

P. To approve the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Development Project Agreement and Resolution for the Idema Explorers Trail Bass River Segment Phase 2 and to appropriate additional revenue and matching expense of $248,126 to capital project CP2211 to bring the total project revenue and expense to $1,283,126.

Q. To approve the easement agreement with Philip and Diane Forner to facilitate construction of the Allendale Segment of the Idema Explorers Trail and authorize the Parks Director to take such actions as are necessary to implement the intent of the Commission in these matters.

Motion B/C 26-162 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)

Agenda and Action Items

B/C 26-163 Jordan Jorritsma moved to approve the general claims in the amount of $35,087,413.42 as presented by the summary report for September 1, 2026, through September 30, 2026.

Motion B/C 26-163 passed by the following votes: Yeas: John Teeples, Doug Zylstra, Phil Kuyers, Jim Barry, Jordan Jorritsma, Jacob Bonnema, Josh Brugger, (7)

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

B/C 26-163a Allison Miedema moved to amend Motion B/C 26-163 by separating out the payment to Flock Group on page 3 of the report.

Motion B/C 26-163a failed by the following votes: Nays: Phil Kuyers, Jim Barry, John Teeples, Jacob Bonnema, Jordan Jorritsma, Josh Brugger. (6)

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

B/C 26-164 Josh Brugger called the question on Motion B/C 26-163.

Motion B/C 26-164 passed by the following votes: Yeas: Jacob Bonnema, Jordan Jorritsma, John Teeples, Jim Barry, Phil Kuyers, Josh Brugger. (6)

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

B/C 26-165 Joe Moss moved to approve a contract with Resource Recycling Systems for a strategic needs assessment at a total cost of $100,000.

Motion B/C 26-165 passed by the following votes: Yeas: Doug Zylstra, John Teeples, Jordan Jorritsma, Phil Kuyers, Jim Barry, Allison Miedema, Jacob Bonnema, Sylvia Rhodea, Joe Moss, Kendra Wenzel, Josh Brugger. (11)

B/C 26-166 Jordan Jorritsma moved to ratify all contracts on the Ratification Report pursuant to the County's Contracting policy.

Motion B/C 26-166 passed by the following votes: Yeas: Jordan Jorritsma, Jim Barry, Allison Miedema, Joe Moss, Sylvia Rhodea, Doug Zylstra, Kendra Wenzel, Phil Kuyers, Jacob Bonnema, John Teeples, Josh Brugger. (11)

B/C 26-167 Jordan Jorritsma moved to approve the revised Reemployment of Retirees Policy for a second reading.

Motion B/C 26-167 passed.

B/C 26-168 Jordan Jorritsma moved to approve the revised Facilities Use Policy for first reading as amended.

Motion B/C 26-168 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 26-168a Doug Zylstra moved to amend Motion B/C 26-168 by cutting the suggested room rate increase in half.

Motion B/C 26-168a passed by the following votes: Yeas: Kendra Wenzel, Joe Moss, Doug Zylstra, Sylvia Rhodea, Allison Miedema, Jordan Jorritsma. (6)

Nays: Phil Kuyers, John Teeples, Jacob Bonnema, Jim Barry, Josh Brugger. (5)

B/C 26-168b Doug Zylstra moved to amend Motion B/C 26-168 by keeping in E. (The Facilities Director reserves the right to waive any and all fees for non-profit organizations).

Motion B/C 26-168b failed for lack of support.

B/C 26-169 Jordan Jorritsma moved to authorize the County Administrator to file a Petition to Intervene with the Michigan Public Services Commission by the November 12, 2026, deadline.

Motion B/C 26-169 passed by the following votes: Yeas: Jacob Bonnema, Jordan Jorritsma, John Teeples, Allison Miedema, Kendra Wenzel, Jim Barry, Sylvia Rhodea, Joe Moss, Phil Kuyers, Josh Brugger. (10)

Nays: Doug Zylstra. (1)

B/C 26-170 Sylvia Rhodea moved to authorize the County Administrator to develop the County's position and testimony and to identify and engage legal counsel for intervention with the Michigan Public Services Commission on the Silver Maple Solar siting project as amended.

Motion B/C 26-170 passed by the following votes: Yeas: John Teeples, Phil Kuyers, Jim Barry, Joe Moss, Jordan Jorritsma, Sylvia Rhodea, Allison Miedema, Jacob Bonnema, Kendra Wenzel, Josh Brugger. (10)

Nays: Doug Zylstra. (1)

B/C 26-170a Sylvia Rhodea moved to amend Motion B/C 26-170 to read as follows: To authorize the County Administrator to coordinate the development of the County's position and testimony and to identify and engage legal counsel for intervention with the Michigan Public Service Commission on the Silver Maple Solar siting project, provided that the County's substantive policy positions shall remain subject to the direction and approval of the Board of Commissioners.

Any proposed host community agreement or related settlement, including any commitment to support the project, withdraw intervention, waive appeal rights, or otherwise limit the County's legal rights, shall require the express approval of the Board of Commissioners before the County becomes bound.

Motion B/C 26-170a 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)

B/C 26-171 Joe Moss moved to authorize the use of $50,000 in funding supplied by RWE Americas in connection with the Silver Maple Solar siting project to cover costs associated with participation in the contested case.

Motion B/C 26-171 passed by the following votes: Yeas: Doug Zylstra, John Teeples, Jordan Jorritsma, Phil Kuyers, Jim Barry, Allison Miedema, Jacob Bonnema, Sylvia Rhodea, Joe Moss, Kendra Wenzel, Josh Brugger. (11)

Committee Reports

Several Commissioners commented on Committee meetings they attended.

Public Comment

1. Cadence DeVree-City of Zeeland
2. Brian DeWeerd-Hudsonville
3. Oliver Shampine-Grand Haven
4. Becky Patrick-Allendale Township
5. Karen Obits-Spring Lake
6. Kerri Bosma-Zeeland Township
7. Kai Gritter-MSU Extension

Additional Business

A. Discussion on Housing Advisory Board Membership-Commissioner Zylstra gave an update on the discussion that took place at the last meeting of the Housing Advisory Board. They would like the County Board to amend the Bylaws to add a second Housing Advocate Seat, and they would like Erin Kamphuis to be appointed to the seat. Discussion took place among the Commissioners around the processes for these changes.
B. Report of the County Administrator –County Administrator Patrick Waterman gave an update.
C. Commissioner Comments – Several Commissioners gave comments.

Adjournment at Call of the Chairperson

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 12:11 p.m.

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

JOSH BRUGGER, Chairperson
Of the Board of Commissioners