Agenda
Appointment & Alignment Committee
West Olive Administration Building – Board Room and YouTube
12220 Fillmore Street, West Olive, MI 49460
Tuesday, March 10, 2026
11:30 AM

Public Comment

Approval of Agenda

Consent Resolutions:

1. Approval of Minutes from the December 9, 2025, Appointment & Alignment Committee meeting.

Agenda and Action Requests:

1. Election of Committee Vice-Chairperson
   Suggested Motion:
   To elect _____ as Vice Chairperson of the Appointment & Alignment Committee for 2026.

2. Community Action Agency Advisory Board – Consumer Sector Seat
   Suggested Motion:
   To accept and forward to the Board of Commissioners the nomination of Britney Brown to the Community Action Agency Advisory Board Consumer Sector seat beginning March 24, 2026, and ending March 23, 2029.

3. Veterans Services Committee – War Veteran Seat
   Suggested Motion:
   To approve and forward to the Board of Commissioners the nomination of

David Chesney	Mark Northrup	Terry Sheffield
Larry Jackson	Eric Rasmussen	

   and to select one (1) to fill one (1) Veterans Services Committee War Veteran seat vacancy beginning immediately and ending December 31, 2030.

4. Land Bank Authority – Township Representative Seat
   Suggested Motion:
   To approve and forward to the Board of Commissioners the nomination of

Matthew Butts	Kirk Perschbacher
Helen Deitrich	Russell TeSlaa

   and to select one (1) to fill one (1) Land Bank Authority Township Representative seat vacancy beginning immediately and ending December 31, 2030.

Discussion Items

Public Comment

Adjournment at Call of Chairperson

Note: Public comments on the day's business are to be limited to three (3) minutes.

APPOINTMENT & ALIGNMENT COMMITTEE

Proposed Minutes

DATE: December 9, 2025

TIME: 12:56 p.m.

PLACE: Fillmore Street Complex

PRESENT: Douglas Zylstra, Josh Brugger, Allison Miedema, Philip Kuyers. (4)

ABSENT: Jordan Jorritsma. (1)

SUBJECT: PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Rebecca Patrick-Allendale Township

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

AA 25-061 Motion: To approve the agenda of today.
Moved by: Miedema UNANIMOUS

SUBJECT: CONSENT RESOLUTIONS

AA 25-062 Motion: To approve the minutes from the November 11, 2025, Appointment & Alignment Committee meeting.
Moved by: Miedema UNANIMOUS

SUBJECT: COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY ADVISORY BOARD – CONSUMER SECTOR SEAT

AA 25-063 Motion: To accept and forward to the Board of Commissioners the nomination of Gabrielle Dunai to the Community Action Agency Advisory Board Consumer Sector seat beginning December 18, 2025, and ending December 17, 2028.
Moved by: Miedema

The motion passed by the following votes: Yeas: Phil Kuyers, Doug Zylstra, Allison Miedema, Josh Brugger. (4)

SUBJECT: DISCUSSION ITEMS

Discussion took place on the Community Mental Health open positions and the confusion on what positions are open.

SUBJECT: PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

SUBJECT: ADJOURNMENT

The chairperson called for adjournment at 1:24 p.m.

Action Request

Committee:	Appointment & Alignment Committee
Meeting Date:	03/10/2026
Requesting Department:	Community Action Agency
Submitted By:	Jennifer Brozowski
Agenda Item:	Community Action Agency Advisory Board- Consumer Sector Seat

Suggested Motion:

To accept and forward to the Board of Commissioners the nomination of Britney Brown to the Community Action Agency Advisory Board Consumer Sector seat beginning March 24, 2026, and ending March 23, 2029.

Summary of Request:

Per Membership Representation, Section 1.6b (Election for consumer sector) of the Ottawa County Community Action Agency Advisory Board bylaws, the Governing Board will be informed of the individuals (s) who received the most votes and has the final say in confirming the appointment.

Financial Information:

Total Cost:	General Fund Cost:	Included in Budget:	☐ Yes	☐ No	☑ N/A

If not included in budget, recommended funding source:

Action is Related to an Activity Which Is: ☑ Mandated ☐ Non-Mandated ☐ New Activity

Action is Related to Strategic Plan:

Goal: Goal 2: To Contribute to the Long-Term Economic, Social and Environmental Health of the County.

Objective: Goal 2, Objective 1: Consider initiatives that contribute to the economic health and sustainability of the County and its' residents.

Administration: ☑ Recommended ☐ Not Recommended ☐ Without Recommendation

County Administrator:

Committee/Governing/Advisory Board Approval Date:

OCCAA
Ottawa County Community Action Agency

February 27, 2026

Dear Chairman Brugger:

I am writing to formally notify you that the OCCAA Advisory Board has voted unanimously in support of seating Brittney Brown as the next Consumer Sector member of the Advisory Board. The vote took place on 2/18/2026 in accordance with the Advisory Board's bylaws.

Brittney was selected based on the value she has brought to the Advisory Board over the past 3 years. Her experience as a Community Health Worker is invaluable and she continues to show passion for the population assisted by OCCAA.

We respectfully request that this appointment is recorded as part of the official membership of the Consumer Sector Advisory Board.

Thank you for your support. Please feel free to contact me if additional information or documentation is required.

Respectfully,

Jennifer Brozowski

Program Director

OCCAA

Action Request

Ottawa County

Committee:	Appointment & Alignment Committee
Meeting Date:	03/10/2026
Requesting Department:	Administrator's Office
Submitted By:	Brian Dissette
Agenda Item:	Veterans Services Committee - War Veteran Seat

Suggested Motion:

To approve and forward to the Board of Commissioners the nomination of:

David Chesney, Larry Jackson, Mark Northrup, Eric Rasmussen, Terry Sheffield

and to select one (1) to fill one (1) Veterans Services Committee War Veteran seat vacancy beginning immediately and ending December 31, 2030.

Summary of Request:

Per Board Rule 5.1, the Appointment & Alignment Committee is tasked with interviewing qualified candidates for appointment to County boards and commissions and making recommendations to the Board of Commissioners.

Financial Information:

Total Cost: $0.00	General Fund Cost: $0.00	Included in Budget:	☐ Yes	☐ No	☑ N/A

If not included in budget, recommended funding source:

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Action is Related to Strategic Plan:

Goal: Goal 2: To Contribute to the Long-Term Economic, Social and Environmental Health of the County.

Objective: Goal 2, Objective 1: Consider initiatives that contribute to the economic health and sustainability of the County and its' residents.

Administration: ☑ Recommended ☐ Not Recommended ☐ Without Recommendation

County Administrator:

Committee/Governing/Advisory Board Approval Date:

David Chesney

Committee: Ottawa County Veterans Services Committee

Seat: War Veteran

Education

School

Western Michigan University

Degree

Master's Degree/Counseling and Personnel

School

Grand Valley State University

Degree

Bachelor's Degree/German

Employment Background

Current Employer

Big Ten Conference

Position

Evaluator

Responsibilities: *(Max length: 1000)*

My responsibility in this seasonal, part time, position is to evaluate the performance of Football Game Officials on a weekly basis and submit a Game Report to the Big Ten Office.

Previous Employer

Position

Kentwood Public Schools

Middle School Principl

Responsibilities: *(Max length: 1000)*

I am retired. However, prior to my retirement, my responsibilities as Middle School Principal were to hire and evaluate teachers. Oversee the building budget and be responsible for day-to-day activities.

Other Information

How many years have you lived in Ottawa County?

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Are you or any member of your family currently employed by Ottawa or any other unit of government?

- ○ Yes
- ◉ No

If yes, please describe: *Max length: 500*

What is your past experience in serving on government boards, or the boards of civic and other similar organizations? *(Max length: 1000)*

I have served on the Board of Directors for the Grand Rapids Child Guidance Clinic. I have, also, served as a Senior Volunteer for the Ottawa County Sheriff's Department and I am a past President of the Big Ten Football Officials' Association.

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- (●) Yes
- ( ) No

If no, please explain. *Max length: 1000.*

Why do you want to be considered for this appointment? *(Max length: 1000. Please be as detailed as possible)*

I want to be considered for this position in order to utilize the leadership skills I have developed as a result of my years of experience as a servant leader in education. I believe my skills would assist the Committee and the Administration in serving the Veterans of Ottawa County. I am, also, retired. My retirement allows me to devote as much time as is required to support events, projects or other programs designed to serve our county Veterans.

Larry Jackson

Committee: Ottawa County Veterans Services Committee

Seat: War Veteran

Education

School

Devry

Degree

Computer Network Systems

School

Roberto Clemente High School

Degree

Diploma

Employment Background

Current Employer

ITC Inc.

Position

IT Manager

Responsibilities: *(Max length: 1000)*

? Lead the management and growth of Active Directory, including modernization efforts and integration with Entra ID and related identity platforms.
? Administered DNS and DHCP services across multiple locations, ensuring network reliability.
? Used PowerShell scripting to automate administrative tasks, streamline processes, and enhance system efficiency.
? Knowledge of Windows Server (2012-2022), Group Policy, Trusts, Replication, and Organizational Units.
? Experience leading domain migrations and restructuring projects, ensuring minimal disruption and improved performance.

Previous Employer

Position

Westrock

IT Lead

Responsibilities: *(Max length: 1000)*

? I am responsible for maintaining servers, network and desktop systems throughout my 4 plants. Maintain uptime, answer user requests via service now, manage inventory, Change Control, and report back to IT management staff in Georgia.
? Provide service desk support via ServiceNow.
● Expertise integrating AD with Entra ID, and similar platforms.
● Monitor Uptime across plants via network monitoring tools.
● Grant/Remove access for leavers and joiners to the company via Office 365.
● Break fix issue on desktops, printers, network equipment across sites.
● Update and maintain all SOP (Standard Operating Procedures)
● SAAS (O365/Microsoft 365 Products)
● Configured Insite and Autopilot for seamless deployment of new devices for users.
● Maintain Meraki Cisco equipment

Other Information

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Are you or any member of your family currently employed by Ottawa or any other unit of government?

- ○ Yes
- ◉ No

If yes, please describe: *Max length: 500*

What is your past experience in serving on government boards, or the boards of civic and other similar organizations? *(Max length: 1000)*

I'm currently on the compensation board, previously on the veterans board, and service in multiple other public facing boards.

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If no, please explain. *Max length: 1000.*

Why do you want to be considered for this appointment? *(Max length: 1000. Please be as detailed as possible)*

Mark B Northrup

Committee: Ottawa County Veterans Services Committee

Seat: War Veteran

Education

School

St Olaf College, Minnesota

Degree

BA Biology

School

Lake Forest Grad School of Mgmt, Chicago

Degree

MBA

Employment Background

Current Employer

Reeder Murphy Attorneys

Position

Disabilities Specialist (part time)

Responsibilities: *(Max length: 1000)*

I have successfully written and managed approximately 300 veteran disability applications through the VA in four years.

Previous Employer

Position

City of Hudsonville

Mayor

Responsibilities: *(Max length: 1000)*

12 years elected.

Previously: leadership roles at Gentex, TGW, Siemens, Motorola. 14 years commissioned officer US Coast Guard (regular), two commands, 5 years serving on ships Great Lakes and Alaska.

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- (●) Yes
- ( ) No

If yes, please describe: *Max length: 500*

Hudsonville 11 years mayor, 2 years as city commissioner.

What is your past experience in serving on government boards, or the boards of civic and other similar organizations? *(Max length: 1000)*

Too many to recall, over 50 years serving. Most recently as Mayor of Hudsonville. Commanding Officer of Hudsonville's Sea Cadets.

LinkedIn has a full listing of my credentials.

I have been interviewed numerous times on radio (Frontlines of Freedom) and podcasts concerning Veteran Disability processes.

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- (●) Yes
- ( ) No

If no, please explain. *Max length: 1000.*

Why do you want to be considered for this appointment? *(Max length: 1000. Please be as detailed as possible)*

A lifetime of experience and knowledge. I have leadership and extensive insight and knowledge of veterans and their struggles.

Duty calls me to serve.

Eric Allen Rasmussen

Committee: Ottawa County Veterans Services Committee

Seat: War Veteran

Education

School

Purdue Global

Degree

BS of Science in Profesional Studies - Leadership

School

N/A

Degree

N/A

Employment Background

Current Employer

Tommy Car Wash Systems

Position

Install Coordinator

Responsibilities: *(Max length: 1000)*

The Install Coordinator will work closely with the Install Coordination Manager and be a central hub of communication for team members and install crews in the field.

Operational Responsibilities:

-Assisting and working alongside the install coordination manager with day-to-day tasks as it relates to the department.
-An integral part of our install process ?timelines, deliverables, coordination, etc.
-Ensure a smooth installation process of the building and equipment while working with internal team members to analyze and execute the proper course of action.
-Schedule job boxes and forklifts while ensuring they are on-site at the appropriate time.
-Approving hours, tracking job costs, and per diems in an effort to reduce expenses per job.

Previous Employer

Position

US Army

Calvary Scout

Responsibilities: *(Max length: 1000)*

Reconnaissance & Surveillance: Conducts mounted (using armored vehicles) and dismounted patrols to gather intelligence on enemy, terrain, and weather.
Airborne Operations: Executes insertion via parachute or air assault (helicopters) into remote or hostile areas.
Reporting: Operates communication equipment to transmit intelligence regarding enemy strength, disposition, and equipment to command.
Combat Engagement: Operates and maintains individual and crew-served weapons, armored reconnaissance vehicles, and anti-armor systems.
Security Ops: Operates observation and listening posts (OP/LP) to provide early warning to the main force.
Navigation: Performs day/night mounted and dismounted navigation using maps, compasses, and GPS.

Other Information

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- ○ Yes
- ◉ No

If yes, please describe: *Max length: 500*

What is your past experience in serving on government boards, or the boards of civic and other similar organizations? *(Max length: 1000)*

I served as a board member for the North Carolina Military Veterans Programs in Asheville, NC, from 2009 to 2012. In this role, I worked alongside fellow veterans who shared a strong commitment to improving the lives of those who served. Our board regularly reviewed upcoming veteran events scheduled within the next 30 days, discussed longer-term planning for future events, and identified community-based programs and resources that could be leveraged to better support veterans and their families. These discussions were not just logistical; they were driven by a shared passion to ensure veterans were informed, co

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Why do you want to be considered for this appointment? *(Max length: 1000. Please be as detailed as possible)*

I am seeking anappointment to the Ottawa County Veterans Services Committee because service did not end for me when I removed the uniform;it simply took a different form. As a war veteran, my experiences during deployment and after returning home shaped my understanding of sacrifice, responsibility, and the lasting impact military service has on veterans and their families. I witnessed strength and resilience, but also the emotional, physical, and mental challenges many face when transitioning to civilian life. Like many veterans, I experienced firsthand how confusing and overwhelming it can be to navigate benefits, healthcare, and support systems. Those challenges showed me how essential it is for veterans to have advocates who truly understand their struggles and are willing to stand up for them. Too many veterans suffer in silence, and I believe no one who has served should feel forgotten or unsupported. I bring lived experience, empathy, integrity, and accountability to this role.

Terry Randolph Sheffield

Committee: Ottawa County Veterans Services Committee

Seat: War Veteran

Education

School

Hope College

Degree

BA

School

Boston University, Harvard University

Degree

MA, National Security Fellow

Employment Background

Current Employer

Retired

Position

See below

Responsibilities: *(Max length: 1000)*

Husband, father, and grandfather. Member of the Waterway Pines Condominiums.

Previous Employer

Position

RAND Corp and the US Navy

National secuirty analyst with NATO/Captain/Comm

Responsibilities: *(Max length: 1000)*

Worked in Belgium in support of SACEUR with a focus weapons of mass destruction. Thirty years in the US Navy as a Surface Warfare Officer. CIC officer on the USS Newport News (CA-148) in the coastal waters of Vietnam. Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe as a flag lieutenat . Subsequent assignments included department and executive oiffcer on destroyers and duty at the US Naval War College. In 1986, assumed command of the USS CAPODANNO (FF1093) with duty in Operation Eldorado Canyon followed by selection for the Federal Executive Fellowship at Harvard. Reported to CINC US Naval Forces Europe in London, UK and in January 1992 assumed command of Destroyer Squadron 17. Included duty in the Persian Gulf enforcing the arms embargo on Iraq and service as Commander Naval Forces Somalia. Final assignment was as the Professor of Naval Science/Commanding Officer NROTC at the University of Colorado Boulder.

Other Information

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- ○ Yes
- ◉ No

If yes, please describe: *Max length: 500*

What is your past experience in serving on government boards, or the boards of civic and other similar organizations? *(Max length: 1000)*

Served as President of the Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs in Portsmouth, RI and Boulder, Co. Served on the board of the Combined Federal Campaign in Denver, CO, Served as President of the Condominium Association in Carlsbad, CA. In Boulder, served as the Chairman of the Boulder County Coalition for Early Childhood Immunization. Zone leader in Pasadena, CA for 10 years for the Homeless Count and numerous commitees in Lake Avenue Church. Several other boards around the country as we have moved 19 times in our 57 years of marriage.

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Why do you want to be considered for this appointment? *(Max length: 1000. Please be as detailed as possible)*

The Veterans Service Officer, Al Lamb, has been the most professional and supportive VA agent with whom I have dealt with since I retired in 1997. An exceptional individual, he sets the standard - I simply want to carry on. This is an opportunity for me to serve my local community and the many veterans deserving of our support. We moved here last July after 20plus years with family in California. Returning to our roots, I am committed to reaching out and serving when the call goes out. Thank you.

Action Request

Ottawa County

Committee:	Appointment & Alignment Committee
Meeting Date:	03/10/2026
Requesting Department:	Administrator's Office
Submitted By:	Brian Dissette
Agenda Item:	Land Bank Authority - Township Representative Seat

Suggested Motion:

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County Administrator:

Committee/Governing/Advisory Board Approval Date:

Matthew Christopher Butts

Committee: Ottawa County Land Bank Authority

Seat: Township Representative

Education

School

GVSU

Degree

Bachelor's Degree - History

School

GVSU

Degree

Master's Degree - Public Administration

Employment Background

Current Employer

Park Township (as of 3/2/2026)

Position

Township Manager

Responsibilities: *(Max length: 1000)*

Manager day to day operations of the township.

Previous Employer

Position

City of Grandville (current until 2/27/2026)

Assistant City Manager

Responsibilities: *(Max length: 1000)*

Manage community and economic development projects and operations as well as project management.

Other Information

How many years have you lived in Ottawa County?

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Are you or any member of your family currently employed by Ottawa or any other unit of government?

- ○ Yes
- ◉ No

If yes, please describe: *Max length: 500*

What is your past experience in serving on government boards, or the boards of civic and other similar organizations? *(Max length: 1000)*

Given my occupation, I have extensive experience working with and serving on various boards and committees.

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- (●) Yes
- ( ) No

If no, please explain. *Max length: 1000.*

Why do you want to be considered for this appointment? *(Max length: 1000. Please be as detailed as possible)*

To represent Park Township on the board.

Helen Dietrich

Committee: Ottawa County Land Bank Authority

Seat: Township Representative

Education

School

Coopersville High School

Degree

Graduate

School

Michigan State University

Degree

N/A

Employment Background

Current Employer

Chester Township

Position

Clerk

Responsibilities: *(Max length: 1000)*

As Clerk of Chester Township, I am responsible for maintaining all official township records and overseeing the general ledger. I prepare township warrants, record and publish meeting minutes, and ensure proper notice is given for all regular and special meetings.

My duties include maintaining the Book of Oaths and Ordinance Book, administering elections, and managing voter registration records. I also oversee operations for the township?s three cemeteries, serve as purchasing agent, process PA116 agreements, and act as the Freedom of Information Act Coordinator.

In addition, I am a commissioned Notary Public.

Previous Employer

Position

Ridgeview Orchards

Owner/Human Resources manager

Responsibilities: *(Max length: 1000)*

In my role as Payroll Manager I was responsible for processing payroll for approximately 500 agricultural employees, ensuring timely and accurate compensation in compliance with all federal and state regulations. Maintained comprehensive employee records and documentation. Provided training and oversight regarding Worker Protection Standards and worked directly with migrant employees to ensure regulatory compliance, proper recordkeeping, and effective communication.

Other Information

How many years have you lived in Ottawa County?

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Are you or any member of your family currently employed by Ottawa or any other unit of government?

- (●) Yes
- ( ) No

If yes, please describe: *Max length: 500*

Chester Township Clerk

What is your past experience in serving on government boards, or the boards of civic and other similar organizations? *(Max length: 1000)*

I have extensive experience serving on local, state, and federal boards. I currently serve on the Ottawa County Clerks Association (2022?present). Federally, I served on the USDA Fruit and Vegetable Advisory Committee (2014?2018) and as Minority Advisor to the USDA Farm Service Agency Ottawa County Board (2008?2015). At the state level, I served on the Governor?s Talent Investment Board (2011?2019), the American Farm Bureau Agriculture Labor Industry Advisory Board (2015?2018), and the Michigan Farm Bureau Agriculture Labor Advisory Board (2004?2020). Locally, I served on the Chester Township Planning Commission (2011?2020) and as Board Member and Treasurer of the Coopersville Area District Library (2002?2017). I also serve with the Sparta Area Migrant Resource Council (1986?present) and previously led the Silver Star 4-H Club (1998?2011). Through these roles, I have gained experience in governance, budgeting, policy development, regulatory compliance, across diverse stakeholder groups

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- (●) Yes
- ( ) No

If no, please explain. *Max length: 1000.*

Why do you want to be considered for this appointment? *(Max length: 1000. Please be as detailed as possible)*

I would like to be considered for this appointment because my experience as Clerk of Chester Township has given me strong knowledge of governance, land use planning, financial oversight, and statutory compliance. I work closely with township officials to ensure transparency, accountability, and responsible decision-making.

Our township recently completed a sub-area plan for the Village of Conklin, reinforcing the importance of balancing development with preservation. As a community rooted in agriculture, it is essential to protect farmland while planning for thoughtful growth.

I would bring practical experience, an understanding of long-term planning, and a commitment to fiscally responsible, legally sound decisions that support sustainable development and preserve agricultural assets.

KIRK W PERSCHBACHER

Committee: Ottawa County Land Bank Authority

Seat: Township Representative

Education

School

Grand Valley State University

Degree

Bachelors of Science in Geology

School

Taipei American School

Degree

High School Degree

Employment Background

Current Employer

Fishbeck

Position

Senior Brownfield Speciaist

Responsibilities: *(Max length: 1000)*

Experienced in environmental due diligence and brownfield incentive planning, supporting projects ranging from residential sites to large industrial facilities. Collaborate with attorneys, lenders, developers, realtors, and municipalities to guide projects from initial assessment through completion. Core responsibilities include conducting Phase I and II ESAs, preparing BEAs and due care plans, implementing response activities, managing indoor air sampling and mitigation, and securing EGLE, MEDC, and USEPA brownfield funding. Additional expertise includes preparing Act 381 Work Plans and coordinating local and state tax‑increment financing incentives.

Previous Employer

Position

Lakeshore Environmental

Due Diligence Manager

Responsibilities: *(Max length: 1000)*

My role at Lakeshore Environmental was similar to what my role is at Fishbeck. The main difference is that I also managed a team of 5 individuals conducting Due Dilgence.

Other Information

How many years have you lived in Ottawa County?

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Are you or any member of your family currently employed by Ottawa or any other unit of government?

- ○ Yes
- ◉ No

If yes, please describe: *Max length: 500*

What is your past experience in serving on government boards, or the boards of civic and other similar organizations? *(Max length: 1000)*

I have served and are currently serving on the following municipal/governmental boards:
Ottawa County Planning Commission- 2018-2020
Ottawa County EDC- 2015-2025
Ottawa County BRA- 2015-2025
City of Hudsonville DDA- 2015-present
City of Hudsonville BRA- 2025-present

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- (●) Yes
- ( ) No

If no, please explain. *Max length: 1000.*

Why do you want to be considered for this appointment? *(Max length: 1000. Please be as detailed as possible)*

With over 18 years of experience in environmental due diligence and brownfield redevelopment, I bring strong technical expertise and a proven ability to guide projects from assessment through completion. I have extensive experience with Phase I/II ESAs, BEAs, due care planning, vapor mitigation, and management of contaminated materials. I also have a successful track record securing and administering EGLE, MEDC, and USEPA grants, loans, and TIF incentives. My background working with municipalities, developers, and community partners uniquely positions me to help the Land Bank Authority return underutilized properties to productive use.

Russell dale TeSlaa

Committee: Ottawa County Land Bank Authority

Seat: Township Representative

Education

School

Calvin University

Degree

BA

School

na

Degree

na

Employment Background

Current Employer

Holland Charter Township

Position

Supervisor

Responsibilities: *(Max length: 1000)*

Elected Official to oversee the staff and operations of the Township on behalf of the citicizens.

Previous Employer

Position

Holland Hospital

Supplychain Manager

Responsibilities: *(Max length: 1000)*

Manage key contracts, purchasing department, warehouse and supply distribution.
Ensure the purchase of quality products, timely delivery for inventory and distribution through the hospital and 18 off-site locations.

Other Information

How many years have you lived in Ottawa County?

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Are you or any member of your family currently employed by Ottawa or any other unit of government?

- (●) Yes
- ( ) No

If yes, please describe: *Max length: 500*

Holland Charter Township

What is your past experience in serving on government boards, or the boards of civic and other similar organizations? *(Max length: 1000)*

The MACC for about 16 years as a representative for the MAX Authority (Macatawa Express Transportation)
The MAX Authority board for about 16 years with a number of the years on the Executive committee and currently the chairperson.
Holland Charter township Trustee 10 years
Holland Charter Township Supervisor

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- (●) Yes
- ( ) No

If no, please explain. *Max length: 1000.*

Why do you want to be considered for this appointment? *(Max length: 1000. Please be as detailed as possible)*

I have always been interested in local government and representing the citizens I live and work with. As a representative of Holland Charter township and citizen which is one of the larger citizen bases in the county, I am very interested in how our land management is preserved and can best be developed for the broader good of our communities. I am always very willing to learn and communicate ideas with citizens to encourage involvement in their community.