

## FOIA Mailbox

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**From:** Gretchen Cosby  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 5, 2023 6:32 PM  
**To:** John Gibbs;Marcie VerBeek  
**Cc:** Joe Moss;Sylvia Rhodea  
**Subject:** HR Policies and request for contracts

Good Evening John and Marcie,

In an effort to tie up loose ends from Tuesday 1/3/22 Organizational Meeting, I am reaching out to you for document request to better understand current contracted services and obligations.

To start, is it possible that I could have access to Ottawa County policies and procedures? Is there a shared drive for Ottawa County? I am looking specifically for new employee policies and procedures. I would like to know what position/job code Doug VanEssen was hired into, record of the job posting and budget approval of the position. Is there a probationary period for new hires? If yes, what is the duration? Is it common or customary to hire a new employee with a holiday start date?

I believe it was disclosed at Tuesdays meeting, that Silver and VanEssen LLC. dissolved and Legacy Law Group was now providing contracted legal services for Ottawa County, I would like a copy of all contracts Legacy Law and Doug VanEssen has with the county before end of day tomorrow if possible.

One more ask, can I get the last 5 year total expenses paid by the county for Silver and VanEssen LLC services?

Thank you for your help,

Gretchen Cosby  
Ottawa County Commissioner, District 1

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**From:** Roger Bergman  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 5, 2023 6:28 PM  
**To:** Commissioner Roger Bergman (rogerabergman@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Mileage Rate Change

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**From:** Regina MacMillan <rmacmillan@miottawa.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 5, 2023 4:01:10 PM  
**Cc:** Sandra Brinks <sbrinks@miottawa.org>  
**Subject:** Mileage Rate Change

*Please see the following message on behalf of Fiscal Services:*

As of January 1, 2023, the IRS mileage rate has changed to \$0.655 per mile for business purposes.

Any mileage occurring on or after January 1, 2023, must be submitted using the new 2023 Mileage template. If the incorrect template is used, the claim will be rejected, and the employee will have to re-enter the claim using the correct template.

Employees who traveled in calendar year 2022 should submit their mileage expense claims now. The 2022 Mileage templates will only be available until February 28, 2023.

Please contact Accounts Payable Supervisor Sandra Brinks ([sbrinks@miottawa.org](mailto:sbrinks@miottawa.org)) with any questions.

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Claim type	GENERAL REIMBURSEMENT
Department*	2022 JUDGES MAGISTRATES ONLY TAXABLE MILEAGE .625 2022 MILEAGE RATE .625 - JULY TO DECEMBER
Description*	2023 JUDGES MAGISTRATES ONLY TAXABLE MILEAGE .655 2023 MILEAGE RATE .655 TRAVEL & CONFERENCE

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Template Code	Description
2022MILEAGEADJ	2022 MILEAGE RATE .625 - JULY TO DECEMBER
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2023MILEAGE	2023 MILEAGE RATE .655
2023TAXABLE	2023 JUDGES MAGISTRATES ONLY TAXABLE MILEAGE .655
REIMBURSEMENT	GENERAL REIMBURSEMENT
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Have a nice afternoon.

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**From:** Allison Miedema  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 5, 2023 4:22 PM  
**To:** Adam J. Sheridan; Roger Belknap  
**Subject:** RE: Thank You

Thank you, Adam for taking the time to reach out to Roger and I. It's greatly valued and appreciated. I look forward to humbling serving in my role as county commissioner. Thank you for your continued prayers!

Allison Miedema

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**From:** Adam J. Sheridan <adam.sheridan@sheridanlawplc.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 3, 2023 10:23 PM  
**To:** Allison Miedema <amiedema@miottawa.org>; Roger Belknap <rbelknap@miottawa.org>  
**Subject:** Thank You

Allison and Roger:

Thank you for your work at the meeting today. Please know that you have the support of so many Ottawa County residents. We pray for your continued strength in the fight to raise our families and run our businesses in the type of common sense Christian community we knew in our youth.

Regards,

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**From:** Jacob Bonnema <jacob@jacobbonnema.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 5, 2023 4:02 PM  
**To:** Madison Schnaidt  
**Cc:** Gretchen Cosby; Jacob Bonnema; Gretchen Cosby; Justin Roebuck; Renee Kuiper; Kathryn Sims  
**Subject:** Re: Meeting to Discuss Centers for Election Excellence Alliance

Madison,

Thank you for reaching out to organize this. I agree with Gretchen that the 18th would be preferable.

Best,  
Jacob

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 5, 2023, at 2:58 PM, Madison Schnaidt <mschnaidt@miottawa.org> wrote:

Hello All!

Just circling back to this to see if Commissioner Bonnema has a preferred meeting date! 😊 Let me know what you think and I will add it to our calendars.

Best,

### Madison Schnaidt

**Administrative Specialist | Clerk/Register of Deeds Office**

She/her

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**From:** Gretchen Cosby <gretchen@gretchencosby.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, December 30, 2022 2:55 PM  
**To:** Madison Schnaidt <mschnaidt@miottawa.org>; jacob@jacobbonnema.com  
**Cc:** Justin Roebuck <jroebuck@miottawa.org>; Renee Kuiper <rkuiper@miottawa.org>; Kathryn Sims <ksims@miottawa.org>  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting to Discuss Centers for Election Excellence Alliance

Good Afternoon Madison,

To avoid any scheduling conflicts on January 17th, I can make either Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup> or Monday January 23<sup>d</sup> work. I will wait to see if the others have a preferred meeting date.

Thank you for your help,

Gretchen

Gretchen Cosby, MSN, RN  
Ottawa County Commissioner Elect District 1

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**From:** [Madison Schnaidt](#)  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 22, 2022 1:27 PM  
**To:** [jacob@jacobbonnema.com](mailto:jacob@jacobbonnema.com); [gretchen@gretchencosby.com](mailto:gretchen@gretchencosby.com)  
**Cc:** [Justin Roebuck](#); [Renee Kuiper](#); [Kathryn Sims](#)  
**Subject:** Meeting to Discuss Centers for Election Excellence Alliance

Hello Commissioners!

Justin asked me to reach out and find a time for you all to meet and chat about the Centers for Election Excellence Alliance. He mentioned the 17<sup>th</sup> was suggested as a potential meeting date. If neither of you are on Finance or Planning and Policy committees, then we could schedule it for 9:00 on the 17<sup>th</sup>. If you are planning on attending those committee meetings, I have listed some other options:

Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at noon  
Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:00  
Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 3:00

Let me know if none of these work and I will look for some more options!

Best,

**Madison Schnaidt**

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**To:** Eric Slaughter  
**Cc:** Lucy Ebel; Doug Zylstra; Jacob Bonnema; Joe Moss; Kyle Terpstra; Rebekah Curran; Sylvia Rhodea; Roger Belknap; Roger Bergman; Allison Miedema  
**Subject:** RE: Announcement of termination of administrator and hiring of John Gibbs

Good Afternoon,

Thank you for writing and sharing your concerns about Tuesday's Organizational Meeting, I am always open to conversations and differing points of view, we need more dialogue.

As a candidate, I knocked on over 7000, presented my platform and answered questions to the best of my ability. I am not sure you received my campaign literature or not, if you had, perhaps you would be less surprised by Tuesday.

I am not a politician, I am a nurse. I am here to serve and have little concern about my next election, I care about you and all of my constituents needs. The media has not fairly represented what happened during Tuesday's meeting, if you get a chance, review the meeting minutes and the resolutions that were passed. I believe we did act responsibly and our actions were researched and well- constructed. [Miottawa.org/departments/board of commissioners/meetings](https://miottawa.org/departments/board-of-commissioners/meetings).

Please feel free to reach out anytime and I will be getting a cell phone number soon that you can contact me directly in the future.

Sincerely,

Gretchen Cosby MSN, RN  
Ottawa County Board of Commissioners, District 1

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**From:** Eric Slaughter <eslaughter14@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 3, 2023 4:56 PM  
**To:** Gretchen Cosby <gcosby@miottawa.org>  
**Cc:** Lucy Ebel <lebel@miottawa.org>; Doug Zylstra <dzylstra@miottawa.org>; Jacob Bonnema <jbonnema@miottawa.org>; Joe Moss <jmoss@miottawa.org>; Kyle Terpstra <kterpstra@miottawa.org>; Rebekah Curran <rcurran@miottawa.org>; Sylvia Rhodea <srhodea@miottawa.org>; Roger Belknap <rbelknap@miottawa.org>; Roger Bergman <rbergman@miottawa.org>; Allison Miedema <amiedema@miottawa.org>  
**Subject:** Announcement of termination of administrator and hiring of John Gibbs

Dear Commissioner Cosby,

When I first read this announcement I was, to put it mildly, flabbergasted. To say that I was disappointed by the board's action would be a world class understatement. But, the taxpayer money you are spending to terminate the current administrator and pony up a new contract for John Gibbs was just the beginning. Upon further investigation, I now read that the DEI is to be closed. Really?? This is too divisive? This all sounds like you intend to erect a fence around the county, the better to have the echo chamber you seem to be creating reflect a single, narrow minded view of what some think our community should be. Ottawa county, instead of being "where you belong", is now "where freedom rings". Perhaps a better way to word this would be "where freedom rings for some, but not for all"; only those who think just like the new board majority.

To summarize, I am extremely disappointed in the board's action on this matter and in the way it was handled. You have brought much shame upon yourselves and I am very angry with you.

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**Eric Slaughter**  
**2232 Sunset Bluff Dr.**  
**Holland 49424**  
**C: 616.286.0622**



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**From:** Rebekah Curran  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 4, 2023 11:41 PM  
**To:** Amanda Price  
**Cc:** Joe Moss  
**Subject:** Re: Here are the links

Thank you, Amanda.

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**From:** Amanda Price <aprice@miottawa.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 4, 2023 1:11:59 PM  
**To:** Rebekah Curran <rcurran@miottawa.org>  
**Cc:** Joe Moss <jmoss@miottawa.org>  
**Subject:** RE: Here are the links

Rebekah and Joe,

Thanks for having the discussion on the MPO appointments.

I do not want to go to the extent of suggesting Board members for roles, but will say that the Metropolitan Planning Organizations (Macatawa Area Coordinating Council, Grand Valley Metro Council, and West Michigan Regional) primarily do Transportation Planning and discuss how to allocate federal transportation dollars across regions.

I served on the MACC for many years as the representative from Park Township. I found it very helpful to understand the roads in the area and the possible improvements that an MPO may make with the federal and any state dollars that are allocated to them.

It is my understanding that Roger Belknap has experience with MDOT and he makes perfect sense to serve at the WMSRDC board as he is from the Tri-Cities area.

As to Grand Valley metro Council, I would suggest someone from the eastern portion of the County as they would have more familiarity with the traffic patterns and roads.

Jacob Bonnema is appointed to the MACC and that makes sense as he represents the Zeeland area as well.

Patrick Waterman can be of assistance on this topic as well.

It is yours to figure out the appointments but just offering a bit of input.

Have a blessed day!

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**Cc:** Joe Moss <[jmoss@miottawa.org](mailto:jmoss@miottawa.org)>  
**Subject:** RE: Here are the links

Hi Amanda,

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Blessings,  
Rebekah

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**From:** Amanda Price <[aprice@miottawa.org](mailto:aprice@miottawa.org)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 4, 2023 11:04 AM  
**To:** Rebekah Curran <[rcurran@miottawa.org](mailto:rcurran@miottawa.org)>  
**Subject:** Here are the links

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**Sent:** Wednesday, January 4, 2023 11:37 PM  
**To:** Stephen Rockman;Gretchen Cosby;Lucy Ebel;Joe Moss;Sylvia Rhodea;Roger Belknap;Allison Miedema;Jacob Bonnema  
**Subject:** Re: MOGA (Make Ottawa Great Again)

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**From:** Stephen Rockman <rockman.s@outlook.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 4, 2023 5:06:18 PM  
**To:** Gretchen Cosby <gcosby@miottawa.org>; Lucy Ebel <lebel@miottawa.org>; Joe Moss <jmoss@miottawa.org>; Sylvia Rhodea <srhodea@miottawa.org>; Roger Belknap <rbelknap@miottawa.org>; Allison Miedema <amiedema@miottawa.org>; Jacob Bonnema <jbonnema@miottawa.org>; Rebekah Curran <rcurran@miottawa.org>  
**Subject:** MOGA (Make Ottawa Great Again)

God bless you. Promises made, promises kept. How about a department of Ottawa Individual Liberty (OIL) to replace the DEI. The acronym will drive the climate change cult crazy ... er.

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**From:** Joe Moss  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 4, 2023 11:22 PM  
**To:** Joe Moss  
**Subject:** Signature test

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Joe Moss  
Ottawa County Commissioner  
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**From:** Joe Moss  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 4, 2023 7:04 PM  
**To:** Sylvia Rhodea  
**Subject:** Fwd: Proposed Legal Services Agreement  
**Attachments:** Legal Services Agreement, Ottawa.docx

Please see attached

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**From:** Stephen Kallman <steve@kallmanlegal.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 4, 2023 4:12:17 PM  
**To:** Joe Moss <jmoss@miottawa.org>  
**Cc:** David Kallman <dave@kallmanlegal.com>; Jack Jordan <jack.jordanlegal@gmail.com>  
**Subject:** Proposed Legal Services Agreement

Joe,  
Attached is the proposed legal services agreement. Let us know what you think.  
Sounds like the meeting went really well yesterday.  
We'll talk soon.

Thanks,

**Steve Kallman**

**Kallman Legal Group, PLLC**

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**To:** John & Michele Sanocki  
**Cc:** Joe Moss;Sylvia Rhodea;Gretchen Cosby;Roger Belknap;Allison Miedema;Lucy Ebel  
**Subject:** Re: Thank you

Thank you, John!

I agree these changes needed to be made. Had I been consulted I would have chosen to do it differently.

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**From:** John & Michele Sanocki <[jsanocki@prodigy.net](mailto:jsanocki@prodigy.net)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 4, 2023 6:03:43 PM  
**To:** Rebekah Curran <[rcurran@miottawa.org](mailto:rcurran@miottawa.org)>  
**Subject:** Thank you

Rebekah,

I would like to thank you and the other Ottawa impact members for your courage. The decisions you made are certainly not easy or without coming controversy. However, you all are doing the right thing!

I am not an Ottawa county resident, and hope your leadership will be a springboard for other cities, counties, and states to end nonsense that is prevalent in our government and institutions.

Please forward this message of thanks to the other members.

If there is anything I can do to help, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thank you again,

John Sanocki  
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Muskegon 49441

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**From:** Allison Miedema  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 4, 2023 4:30 PM  
**To:** Adam J. Sheridan; Roger Belknap  
**Subject:** RE: Thank You

Thank you, Adam! Your feedback and prayers are greatly appreciated.  
Allison Miedema

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**From:** Adam J. Sheridan <adam.sheridan@sheridanlawplc.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 3, 2023 10:23 PM  
**To:** Allison Miedema <amiedema@miottawa.org>; Roger Belknap <rbelknap@miottawa.org>  
**Subject:** Thank You

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**Sent:** Wednesday, January 4, 2023 3:52 PM  
**To:** Sarah Fuhs;Allison Miedema;Roger Belknap;Sylvia Rhodea;Joe Moss;Lucy Ebel;Jacob Bonnema;Gretchen Cosby  
**Cc:** Doug Zylstra;Rebekah Curran  
**Subject:** Re: Disappointed and Embarrassed

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**From:** Sarah Fuhs <sfuhs2@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 4, 2023 1:38:00 PM  
**To:** Allison Miedema <amiedema@miottawa.org>; Roger Belknap <rbelknap@miottawa.org>; Sylvia Rhodea <srhodea@miottawa.org>; Joe Moss <jmoss@miottawa.org>; Lucy Ebel <lebel@miottawa.org>; Jacob Bonnema <jbonnema@miottawa.org>; Gretchen Cosby <gcosby@miottawa.org>  
**Cc:** Roger Bergman <rbergman@miottawa.org>; Doug Zylstra <dzylstra@miottawa.org>; Rebekah Curran <rcurran@miottawa.org>  
**Subject:** Disappointed and Embarrassed

Good Afternoon,

I have wrestled with the new board's actions ever since becoming aware of the drastic measures taken yesterday. I am embarrassed and disappointed by what transpired. In one meeting you alienated a number of your constituents and set our community back 50 years in time.

I understand that many of you are members of Ottawa Impact and according to the website you are concerned about conservative family values and even go so far as to say that some people on the left are Marxists. I am not sure how your behavior yesterday is any different. Your actions are just as extreme if not more so. You claim to be Christians yet you are purposely alienating a significant number of your constituents and those living in our community.

For the first time in my life, I am ashamed to say where I live. One of the things I valued about our community were the steps we had taken to be more inclusive. "Where You Belong" invited people to come here. "Where Freedom Rings" is extremist and alienating. Couple this with the elimination of a Diversity and Inclusion office, it is terrifying that this could be the new future of our community.

I am not sure how you can justify your actions and how that aligns with Christian values. In fact, I find it to be contrary to how I was raised. My heart is broken for our community and my hope is that you take time to reflect on how damaging your actions were to our greater community.

Sincerely,

Sarah Fuhs



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**From:** Sylvia Rhodea  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 4, 2023 3:38 PM  
**To:** Joe Moss;Rachel Sanchez  
**Cc:** Justin Roebuck  
**Subject:** Re: Meeting schedule question

It was great meeting you, Rachel! I like this plan. It helps to keep the rotation in sync.

Sylvia Rhodea

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**From:** Joe Moss <jmoss@miottawa.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 4, 2023 3:35:22 PM  
**To:** Rachel Sanchez <rsanchez@miottawa.org>  
**Cc:** Justin Roebuck <jroebuck@miottawa.org>; Sylvia Rhodea <srhodea@miottawa.org>  
**Subject:** Re: Meeting schedule question

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**To:** Allison Miedema  
**Subject:** RE: Concerns about character of appointed Admin. Health Office of Ottawa Co

Received.

Looks like a skit with Stand Up Michigan's Tammy Clark.

Joe Moss  
Ottawa County Commissioner  
District 5  
P: 616-250-0249



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**To:** Doug Zylstra  
**Cc:** Regina MacMillan; Kyle Terpstra  
**Subject:** RE: Parks meeting

Thank you, Doug and Regina! That is very helpful.  
Allison

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**From:** Doug Zylstra <dzylstra@miottawa.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 4, 2023 8:48 AM  
**To:** Allison Miedema <amiedema@miottawa.org>  
**Cc:** Regina MacMillan <rmacmillan@miottawa.org>; Kyle Terpstra <kterpstra@miottawa.org>  
**Subject:** Re: Parks meeting

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c 616-443-4281  
[dzylstra@miOttawa.org](mailto:dzylstra@miOttawa.org)

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**Sent:** Tuesday, January 3, 2023 10:00 PM  
**To:** Rachel Sanchez; Justin Roebuck  
**Cc:** John Gibbs; Sylvia Rhodea  
**Subject:** RE: Documents from today

You did an excellent job!

Joe Moss  
Ottawa County Commissioner  
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**From:** Rachel Sanchez <[rsanchez@miottawa.org](mailto:rsanchez@miottawa.org)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 3, 2023 7:09 PM  
**To:** Joe Moss <[jmoss@miottawa.org](mailto:jmoss@miottawa.org)>; Justin Roebuck <[jroebuck@miottawa.org](mailto:jroebuck@miottawa.org)>  
**Cc:** John Gibbs <[jgibbs@miottawa.org](mailto:jgibbs@miottawa.org)>; Sylvia Rhodea <[srhodea@miottawa.org](mailto:srhodea@miottawa.org)>  
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Thank you so much Joe. I will get these all typed up as soon as possible!

Thanks so much for your patience with me today.

Have a great evening!  
Rachel

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**From:** Joe Moss <[jmoss@miottawa.org](mailto:jmoss@miottawa.org)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 3, 2023 6:55:07 PM  
**To:** Rachel Sanchez <[rsanchez@miottawa.org](mailto:rsanchez@miottawa.org)>; Justin Roebuck <[jroebuck@miottawa.org](mailto:jroebuck@miottawa.org)>  
**Cc:** John Gibbs <[jgibbs@miottawa.org](mailto:jgibbs@miottawa.org)>; Sylvia Rhodea <[srhodea@miottawa.org](mailto:srhodea@miottawa.org)>  
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## FOIA Mailbox

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**Sent:** Tuesday, January 3, 2023 8:35 PM  
**To:** Eric Slaughter;Gretchen Cosby  
**Cc:** Lucy Ebel;Doug Zylstra;Jacob Bonnema;Joe Moss;Kyle Terpstra;Sylvia Rhodea;Roger Belknap;Roger Bergman;Allison Miedema  
**Subject:** Re: Announcement of termination of administrator and hiring of John Gibbs

Hi Eric,

Thank you for your feedback.

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**Sent:** Tuesday, January 3, 2023 4:56:22 PM  
**To:** Gretchen Cosby <gcosby@miottawa.org>  
**Cc:** Lucy Ebel <lebel@miottawa.org>; Doug Zylstra <dzyltra@miottawa.org>; Jacob Bonnema <jbonnema@miottawa.org>; Joe Moss <jmoss@miottawa.org>; Kyle Terpstra <kterpstra@miottawa.org>; Rebekah Curran <rcurran@miottawa.org>; Sylvia Rhodea <srhodea@miottawa.org>; Roger Belknap <rbelknap@miottawa.org>; Roger Bergman <rbergman@miottawa.org>; Allison Miedema <amiedema@miottawa.org>  
**Subject:** Announcement of termination of administrator and hiring of John Gibbs

Dear Commissioner Cosby,

When I first read this announcement I was, to put it mildly, flabbergasted. To say that I was disappointed by the board's action would be a world class understatement. But, the taxpayer money you are spending to terminate the current administrator and pony up a new contract for John Gibbs was just the beginning. Upon further investigation, I now read that the DEI is to be closed. Really?? This is too divisive? This all sounds like you intend to erect a fence around the county, the better to have the echo chamber you seem to be creating reflect a single, narrow minded view of what some think our community should be. Ottawa county, instead of being "where you belong", is now "where freedom rings". Perhaps a better way to word this would be "where freedom rings for some, but not for all"; only those who think just like the new board majority.

To summarize, I am extremely disappointed in the board's action on this matter and in the way it was handled. You have brought much shame upon yourselves and I am very angry with you.

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**Eric Slaughter**  
**2232 Sunset Bluff Dr.**  
**Holland 49424**  
**C: 616.286.0622**

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**Sent:** Tuesday, January 3, 2023 6:55 PM  
**To:** Rachel Sanchez; Justin Roebuck  
**Cc:** John Gibbs; Sylvia Rhodea  
**Subject:** Documents from today  
**Attachments:** Appointments.xlsx; RESOLUTION - LEGAL COUNSEL - As Amended.docx; Rules of the Ottawa County Board of Commissioners - 2023 - As Amended.docx; RESOLUTION - ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR TO THE BOARD.docx; RESOLUTION - COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR.docx; RESOLUTION - DEI.docx; RESOLUTION - HEALTH OFFICER.docx; RESOLUTION - LEGAL COUNSEL.docx; RESOLUTION - VISION STATEMENT.docx; Rules of the Ottawa County Board of Commissioners - 2023.pdf

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**Cc:** Patrick Waterman; Justin Roebuck; Rachel Sanchez  
**Subject:** Re: New Comment from the Public Received Online

Thank you, Shannon!

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**From:** Shannon Felgner <sfelgner@miottawa.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 3, 2023 2:13:39 PM  
**To:** Doug Zylstra <dzylstra@miottawa.org>; Kyle Terpstra <kterpstra@miottawa.org>; Roger Bergman <rbergman@miottawa.org>; Jacob Bonnema <jbonnema@miottawa.org>; Rebekah Curran <rcurran@miottawa.org>; Sylvia Rhodea <srhodea@miottawa.org>; Roger Belknap <rbelknap@miottawa.org>; Allison Miedema <amiedema@miottawa.org>; Lucy Ebel <lebel@miottawa.org>; Joe Moss <jmoss@miottawa.org>; Gretchen Cosby <gcosby@miottawa.org>  
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**Subject:** FW: New Comment from the Public Received Online

Good Day –

A handful of comments came in from the public and I will forward them all to you. I will update the settings in the system so that you can all receive these real time in the future.

**Shannon Felgner | Communications Manager**

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**From:** Qualtrics Survey Software <Ottawacounty@qemailserver.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 3, 2023 10:30 AM  
**To:** Shannon Felgner <sfelgner@miottawa.org>  
**Subject:** New Public Comment Received

A new comment was received via the online public comment portal.

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Thank you for your interest in submitting a public comment. The Ottawa County Board of Commissioners is always happy to hear from you. Public comment is an opportunity for you to share your concern, observation or praise with the Board. This form may be used in place of speaking in person at the Board of Commissioners meeting. Comments submitted through this form will be shared with the Board however you may not receive a response. Your submission is not confidential and is subject to the Michigan Freedom of Information Act.

**Q2. First and Last Name:**

Kristen Hintz

**Q3. Are you an Ottawa County resident?**

- Yes

**Q4. What is your city or township of residence?**

- Park Township

**Q5. Street Address:**

73 Sun Ridge Dr

**Q6. City:**

Holland

**Q7. State:**

MI

**Q8. Zip Code**

49424

**Q9. Phone Number:**

6165109510

**Q10. Email Address:**

[k2hintz@gmail.com](mailto:k2hintz@gmail.com)

**Q11. Subject of your public comment:**

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**Q12. Please type your public comment below. Comments are limited to 2500 characters.**

I have been a resident of Ottawa County since 2004. Over the years, I have seen Ottawa County work with non-profits, and businesses, and other groups to make our county a more inclusive and welcoming county. I believe that all people belong,...not just white, Anglo Saxon, heterosexual Christians. I am a Christian, but not one that forces personal views on others and excludes anyone who sees other wise. Personal rights are important, but not at the cost of hurting the whole community. As newly elected commissioners, it is your responsibility and oath to ensure EVERYONE feels welcomed, included and valued and proudly display it with the logo. As with the corporation council, you need to send it out to bid. You are not representing me or our community..only your special interest. This board meeting is certainly showing the lack of your transparency....not including other board members in writing new rules, trying to limit the number of public commenters, and trying to get your own corporate council without getting bids. Lastly, I suggest you read "Jesus and John Wayne: How white Evangelicals corrupted a Faith and fractured a Nation.

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## FOIA Mailbox

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**From:** Doug Zylstra <doug.r.zylstra@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 3, 2023 4:54 PM  
**To:** Rebekah Folkert  
**Cc:** Roger Bergman  
**Subject:** Re: Thank You

Beka -

Thank you for your email of support.

I am sorry for what happened today, both for the employees of Ottawa County and for the residents of this great county.

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Doug

On Jan 3, 2023, at 12:48 PM, Rebekah Folkert <rfolkert@miottawa.org> wrote:

Hi!

I just wanted to thank you all for your work in the past and moving forward. This meeting is brutal and I appreciate you standing strong for all of the people of Ottawa County.

Beka Folkert

**Rebekah Folkert, MPH, REHS, CHES | Senior Environmental Health Specialist | Public Health**

12251 James St. | Holland, Michigan 49424 | 616-393-5629

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**Sent:** Saturday, December 31, 2022 12:41 PM  
**To:** Roger Bergman  
**Subject:** Re: Update: Items for Organizational Meeting 1/3

Hi Roger,

The organization meeting on Tuesday, January 3 is at 8:30 AM.

Thanks,

Joe Moss  
616.402.7751



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**To:** Justin Roebuck  
**Cc:** Joe Moss  
**Subject:** OC resolutions and ordinances

Happy Friday, Justin!

I am wondering if you would know where to locate the current resolutions and county ordinances so that I can peruse them?

Thanks so much and Happy New Year!  
Allison Miedema



## FOIA Mailbox

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**From:** Roger Bergman  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 29, 2022 7:27 PM  
**To:** Commissioner Roger Bergman (rogerabergman@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Appointment To Michigan State Boundary Commission  
**Attachments:** ORDER OF APPOINTMENT - 1971-000001-ML - - 12-29-2022.pdf

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**From:** Johanna Wallace <jwallace@miottawa.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 29, 2022 4:34:29 PM  
**To:** Roger Bergman <rbergman@miottawa.org>  
**Subject:** FW: Appointment To Michigan State Boundary Commission

Thank you for your continued service on the Michigan State Boundary Commission.

Happy New Year,

**Johanna**

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**From:** Roger Bergman <rbergman@miottawa.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 19, 2022 2:04 PM  
**To:** Johanna Wallace <jwallace@miottawa.org>  
**Subject:** Re: Appointment To Michigan State Boundary Commission

Yes Johanna please put me down for this appointment  
Thanks  
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**From:** Johanna Wallace <jwallace@miottawa.org>  
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**To:** Roger Bergman <rbergman@miottawa.org>  
**Subject:** Appointment To Michigan State Boundary Commission

Mr. Bergman,

Your appointment to the Michigan State Boundary Commission as a City resident has expired. The purpose of this email is to ask whether you wish to continue to serve for another three year term.

Please respond with your answer via this email as soon as possible. Thank you for your willingness to serve.

**Johanna Wallace, Probate Register**

**Ottawa County Probate Court**

12120 Fillmore Street

West Olive MI 49460

PH: 616.786.4109

FX: 616.738.4624

[jwallace@miottawa.org](mailto:jwallace@miottawa.org)



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## FOIA Mailbox

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**From:** Sylvia Rhodea  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 29, 2022 3:46 PM  
**To:** Joe Moss  
**Subject:** RE: Email Signature

It looks good.

Sylvia Rhodea

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## FOIA Mailbox

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**From:** Jacob Bonnema <jacob@jacobbonnema.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 29, 2022 11:19 AM  
**To:** Regina MacMillan  
**Cc:** Roger Bergman; Doug Zylstra; Kyle Terpstra; Joe Moss; Rebekah Curran; Sylvia Rhodea; Lucy Ebel; Allison Miedema; Jacob Bonnema; Roger Belknap; Gretchen Cosby; Allison Miedema; Joe Moss; Lucy Ebel; Rebekah Curran; Roger Belknap; Sylvia Rhodea; Stephanie Roelofs; John Shay; Patrick Waterman; Shannon Felgner  
**Subject:** Re: Commissioner Cell Phone Numbers

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Regina,

Thank you for this. I will not be in possession of this phone until sometime after the 6th. Please feel free to reach me at 616-843-3452 until then.

Best,  
Jacob Bonnema

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 29, 2022, at 9:04 AM, Regina MacMillan <rmacmillan@miottawa.org> wrote:

Good Morning.

Here is an updated list that includes Roger Bergman's new number:

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10. Roger Bergman: 616-980-7941
11. Sylvia Rhodea: 616-250-2932

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**To:** Joe Moss  
**Subject:** Re: Items for Organizational Meeting 1/3

Joe -

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**Subject:** Fw: Commissioner Cell Phone Numbers

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**To:** Doug Zylstra  
**Subject:** Fwd: Rumor Mill

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Douglas Van Essen <dvanessen@miottawa.org>  
**Date:** December 22, 2022 at 4:08:32 PM EST  
**To:** allison@allisonmiedema.com, gretchen@gretchencosby.com, jacob@jacobbonnema.com, joe@joemoss.com, ebellu1981@gmail.com, Rebekah Curran <rebekahacurran@gmail.com>, roger@rogerbelknap.com, sylvia@sylviarhodea.com  
**Subject:** Rumor Mill

Dear new Commissioners:

John Shay has no idea I am sending this message and would not approve of it. John has left for Ohio for Christmas and I have not talked to him about what my connections in other parts of the State are advising me. Let me summarize the rumor. You have decided to fire John and fire me at the start of the year.

In the event that this is a rumor, largely ignore the following. In the event that it is true, let me say this:

1. I was planning on retiring from my corporation counsel job January 1<sup>st</sup> anyway and was only sticking around until a full time replacement could be found to sit every day in my office and perform the work every day that is required in an operation that has 1800 employees and a quarter of a billion dollar budget. I actually only took the position in 2017 as a favor to Al Vanderberg, so, I am not writing this about me. You can do whatever you want for whatever reason to my position as corporation counsel. Although for the past 30 years, the person holding this position has ALWAYS been a daily (necessary) presence in West Olive. It cannot be done from afar.
2. I am writing about John Shay and the good of Ottawa County whose interests you will soon be sworn to uphold. First, John is not a friend. We only work together. I am not personally close to John, but I have watched him in operation since he came as deputy administrator.
3. John had absolutely no role in COVID, on the mask mandate or any of the Health Department issues that are so important to you. John had absolutely no role in DEI. It was here when he came and he has had no role with it while he has been here.
4. John ONLY took the administrator's job because literally the County had no one remotely capable who applied. All good candidates were worried about the politics in Ottawa County.
5. John has worked tirelessly since he started in the County and redoubled his efforts as Administrator. He literally gets up at 5 in the morning to be here by 8 and he is often here when I leave at 6 pm, meaning he has yet to drive home to Ludington and repeat his daily cycle.

6. John is doing that because his wife has friends in Ludington and they are active in their church up there. That is that kind of selfless Christian husband. Ask Kyle!!! In short, John has done nothing to deserve any retaliation; he is a very good administrator and an even better human being.
7. There are 1800 employees who work at Ottawa that have been scared (some have already left) about the political turnover and John has worked tirelessly to calm matters down, restoring brown bag lunches with all departments to spread the news that County is functioning and services will not suffer on January 1, 2023 and that the new Board members undoubtedly has the best interests of the County in mind and while stamping their own views on some issues there isn't going to be huge dysfunction at the County. By the way, of the millions of things that happen in a year in County government, the now dead mask mandate and DEI are not even blips on the day to day functioning of Ottawa County Government.
8. You can fire me and you can fire the DEI Director and serve whatever base you think you have to serve and do minimal damage. But if you fire the Corporation Counsel and Administrator you will send shock waves, not just throughout the County but at Wall Street where we have ended up with one of the few AAA bond ratings in Michigan, in part due to Ottawa County's perceived stability. Stable counties don't fire their corporation counsel and administrator. It either means there is mass corruption or that the commissioners are inexperienced and on some witch hunt. Either way, that bond rating which affects the ability of the County and townships to save thousands of dollars in rates will be rattled and at risk because the intangibles are as important in the rating as the financial fundamentals.
9. Turnover is already an issue at the County; you will immediately cause some of Ottawa's most talented employees to look for other employment.
10. The elected officials will immediately put up barriers that have taken 25 years to break down. Each elected official has co-employer status and can operate independently on personnel issues. The Courts are sole employers and don't have to use any County human resources or fiscal services. In the 1980's, each elected official demanded a lump sum budget and then administered it independently of the BOC. That can and will likely happen again.
11. Ottawa County will immediately lose its standing across the State as one of the best run counties.
12. You will likely cause the RHINOs and big business in the County to support a charter and county executive form of government that will eliminate the kind of rapid political instability that will have occurred by reducing the BOC to approving a budget and some bills during the course of the year. You think I am exaggerating? This is exactly what the elected officials did in the late 1980's after a County Administrator was appointed and while the voters defeated it that time, business was against it then. It won't be now.

All of this for what? Again, if you need to show blood, sacrifice Robyn and me. Don't sacrifice an administrator who did nothing to deserve it and is very good at what he does. Ask anyone in local government in Ottawa County.

Are you mad because the old Board gave Lisa S a 3 month severance "OPTION" if you terminate her before her retirement? First of all, that was my doing to PROTECT the General Fund from a potential million dollar action she would have because some of you continue to defame her. The Sixth Circuit (Libertas case) held that she did not violate the Michigan or State Constitutions in enforcing the Governor's mask mandate; The Michigan Court of Appeals—thanks to the case some of you were involved with—has now held that she did not abuse her power in issuing the temporary, partial mask mandate under Michigan law. That is not my opinion; Thanks to Libertas and those behind the Flynn case—that is the law in the State of Michigan. Had you fired her for abuse of power or fire her now, Ottawa County would have and is still exposed to an expensive litigation that it will invariably lose and

be exposed to millions of dollars in defamatory damages. If you fire her when you take office, because of my work, she will have to decide whether to sue or take the 3 months severance which also includes a waiver. If she sues, Ottawa County will lose and whatever lawyer has been giving some of you bad advice will only hand you a multimillion dollar loss. Knowing Lisa, she will probably take the severance and sign the complete waiver I have prepared in the employment agreement to protect the Ottawa County General Fund. Why? Because she is a quality person and a dedicated Ottawa County officer. You can disagree with her all you want on the mask mandate—I personally didn't like it either—but she did that in good faith and well within her powers, and she did it to protect the vulnerable.

Are you mad because Addie was hired and you didn't get to pick that position or because most of the ARPA money has been spent? John had no defining role on either of those issues. Those were following the old Board's edicts. They mandated that they pick the new Public Health Officer and they would have spent ALL ARPA money if John did not slow some of that down on that front. And, both were their rights as Commissioners until December 31, 2022.

In short, things are not always what they seem and everything you do will now have significant collateral consequences. You have to be crafty or you wouldn't have been elected. But you are not experienced in government nor certainly in municipal government. Whomever you are consulting with obviously has NO experience in county law or they wouldn't have lost so badly in the Court of Appeals or frankly, in Libertas. Worse, that person is now creating rumors in the State that are damaging the County.

Again, if my contacts are wrong, ignore this message. But, I suspect that they are not wrong. I suspect that I have sealed my fate with you, but I won't regret it. My loyalty is to Ottawa County the Corporation and always has been. I have served those interest for over 40 years. Believe it or not, that is what I am doing now.

This is a confidential communication so I cannot use it against you, nor can I use any response you might give while I am Corporation Counsel. I will protect you and my charge until the end of my service.

--Doug



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**Subject:** Looking towards 2023

To all new Ottawa County Commissioners:

As you prepare to take the mantle of commissioner leaders in Ottawa County, we wanted to make sure that you hit the ground on a positive note, and are not subject to external criticism on a couple of key areas—election of officers and social media. To that end, with John’s and Patrick’s input and authorization, I have put together an opinion on these subjects and some advice to neutralize any concerns that might be raised.

The duties of this office are to the corporation, including its elected and appointed officials and other personnel. Since you are all commissioners elect, the attorney/client privilege between this office and you on BOC or other County related issues is in existence and I welcome any questions or concerns you have regarding this memorandum.

I have met some of you and look forward to meeting the rest of you on January 3, 2023.

--Doug



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**Attachments:** 2022-12-21 NWS Grand Rapids Briefing.pdf; December Winter Storm Briefing.pdf

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**Sent:** Wednesday, December 21, 2022 5:03:56 PM  
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**Subject:** EOC Winter Storm Briefings: December 23rd and 24th at 9:00 am

Hello,

As you may be aware, Ottawa County is expected to be impacted by a storm that will begin Thursday evening, continue through Friday, and into Saturday with a blizzard warning already having been issued by the National Weather Service this afternoon. Slides from the 1:00 pm National Weather Service Briefing on 12/21/22 are attached.

**A 9:00 am EOC briefing will be held on Friday and Saturday, December 23 and 24<sup>th</sup>** to communicate the current and anticipated impacts from the storm and identify any unmet needs. The agenda for the briefing is attached.

Below you will find a link to the Teams Meeting that will be used for those briefings.

Communications: 616-738-4612 can be used to contact the EOC.

To Do's:

- Please participate in the 2 briefings if you can
- Maintain a charged cell phone to receive notifications
- Be personally prepared at home (your family/household is prepared) and share a preparedness mindset with all those around you, including friends/family, and your workplace

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Doug

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**Sent:** Tuesday, December 20, 2022 10:43 PM  
**To:** Douglas Van Essen;allison@allisonmiedema.com;jacob@jacobbonnema.com;joe@joemoss.com;ebellu1981@gmail.com;Rebekah Curran;roger@rogerbelknap.com;sylvia@sylviarhodea.com  
**Cc:** John Shay;Patrick Waterman;Danielle Galla;Doug Zylstra;Roger Bergman;Kyle Terpstra  
**Subject:** RE: Looking towards 2023

Mr. Van Essen,

Thank you for sharing your perspective.

Sincerely,

Gretchen Cosby

Gretchen Cosby, MSN, RN  
Ottawa County Commissioner Elect District 1

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**From:** [Douglas Van Essen](#)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 20, 2022 5:53 PM  
**To:** [allison@allisonmiedema.com](mailto:allison@allisonmiedema.com); [gretchen@gretchencosby.com](mailto:gretchen@gretchencosby.com); [jacob@jacobbonnema.com](mailto:jacob@jacobbonnema.com); [joe@joemoss.com](mailto:joe@joemoss.com); [ebellu1981@gmail.com](mailto:ebellu1981@gmail.com); [Rebekah Curran](mailto:Rebekah Curran); [roger@rogerbelknap.com](mailto:roger@rogerbelknap.com); [sylvia@sylviarhodea.com](mailto:sylvia@sylviarhodea.com)  
**Cc:** [John Shay](#); [Patrick Waterman](#); [Danielle Galla](#); [Doug Zylstra](#); [Roger Bergman](#); [Kyle Terpstra](#)  
**Subject:** Looking towards 2023

To all new Ottawa County Commissioners:

As you prepare to take the mantle of commissioner leaders in Ottawa County, we wanted to make sure that you hit the ground on a positive note, and are not subject to external criticism on a couple of key areas—election of officers and social media. To that end, with John’s and Patrick’s input and authorization, I have put together an opinion on these subjects and some advice to neutralize any concerns that might be raised.

The duties of this office are to the corporation, including its elected and appointed officials and other personnel. Since you are all commissioners elect, the attorney/client privilege between this office and you on BOC or other County related issues is in existence and I welcome any questions or concerns you have regarding this memorandum.

I have met some of you and look forward to meeting the rest of you on January 3, 2023.

--Doug



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**Sent:** Tuesday, December 20, 2022 1:12 PM  
**To:** Lyn Raymond  
**Cc:** Doug Zylstra;josephalfonso32@yahoo.com;Belinda Coronado;Larry Jackson;Mary Soule;essentialpatriot@gmail.com;Scott Klingberg;Alicia R. Cox;Diolinda Sali;spanjerk@michigan.gov  
**Subject:** Re: Veteran Homelessness

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Hi all,

I look forward to learning more about this initiative and meeting you. Please use jacob@jacobbonnema.com as my email until my new miottawa email is set up.

Best,  
Jacob Bonnema  
District 4 Zeeland  
616-843-3452

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 20, 2022, at 1:03 PM, Lyn Raymond <lraymond@ottawaunitedway.org> wrote:

Thank you. I'll be there.

**Lyn Raymond** (*She/Her/Hers*) [Why include this?](#)

Director of the Lakeshore Housing Alliance

p: 616.368-9150

w: [www.oaunitedway.org](http://www.oaunitedway.org)

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**From:** Doug Zylstra <dzylstra@miottawa.org>

**Sent:** Tuesday, December 20, 2022 12:54 PM

**To:** josephalfonso32@yahoo.com <josephalfonso32@yahoo.com>; Lyn Raymond <lraymond@ottawaunitedway.org>; Belinda Coronado <B.Coronado@cityofholland.com>; Larry Jackson <larryjack226@gmail.com>; Mary Soule <msole@goodsamottawa.org>; essentialpatriot@gmail.com <essentialpatriot@gmail.com>; Scott Klingberg <sklingberg@hopefoundhere.org>; Alicia R. Cox <alicia.cox@va.gov>; Diolinda Sali <dsali@voami.org>; Spanjer, Kendra (DHHS) <spanjerk@michigan.gov>; Jacob D. Bonnema <jacob@jacobbonnema.com>

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**Sent:** Monday, December 19, 2022 9:27 PM  
**To:** josephalfonso32@yahoo.com;Lyn Raymond;Belinda Coronado;Larry Jackson;Mary Soule;essentialpatriot@gmail.com;Scott Klingberg;Alicia R. Cox;Diolinda Sali;spanjerk@michigan.gov;Jacob Bonnema  
**Subject:** Veteran

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**Sent:** Monday, December 19, 2022 9:25 PM  
**To:** josephalfonso32@yahoo.com;Lyn Raymond;Belinda Coronado;Larry Jackson;Mary Soule;essentialpatriot@gmail.com;Scott Klingberg;Alicia R. Cox;Diolinda Sali  
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**From:** Roger Bergman  
**Sent:** Friday, December 16, 2022 4:08 PM  
**To:** Commissioner Roger Bergman (rogerabergman@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** Fwd: 2023 County Board and Committee Assignments  
**Attachments:** 2023 BOC Committee Assignments.pdf

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**From:** Patrick Waterman <pwaterman@miottawa.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, December 16, 2022 2:49:51 PM  
**To:** Roger Bergman <rbergman@miottawa.org>; Kyle Terpstra <kterpstra@miottawa.org>; Jacob D. Bonnema <jacob@jacobbonnema.com>; allison@allisonmiedema.com <allison@allisonmiedema.com>; joe@joemoss.com <joe@joemoss.com>; rebekahAcurran@gmail.com <rebekahAcurran@gmail.com>; sylvia@sylviarhodea.com <sylvia@sylviarhodea.com>; roger@rogerbelknap.com <roger@rogerbelknap.com>; Doug Zylstra <dzylstra@miottawa.org>; Lucy Ebel <ebellu1981@gmail.com>; Gretchen Cosby <gretchen@gretchencosby.com>  
**Cc:** John Shay <jshay@miottawa.org>; Regina MacMillan <rmacmillan@miottawa.org>  
**Subject:** 2023 County Board and Committee Assignments

Hello everyone!

I hope this email finds you well. In preparation for your upcoming Organizational Meeting on January 3<sup>rd</sup>, I have created the attached worksheet which lists all of the County's current board and commission appointments that will need to be filled that day. For reference, I have also listed the name(s) of *current* board appointees in each role. If there have already been discussions/decisions about which of you are slated to be appointed to the various seats, feel free to write these names in on your worksheet and bring it to the meeting as a reference. Any remaining appointments that are still undecided can be filled in during your meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Please note that several of the committees require the County Board Chair to be the appointee (denoted with "\*\*"), while other committees have special requirements for the Board appointee, per state statute or the bylaws (denoted with "\*\*\*"). For example, state statute for the Drain Board requires that the Chair of the Finance Committee be the other designated County Board appointee (in addition to the County Board Chair).

Feel free to reference the [county's website for descriptions](#) of the various boards and committees. It is recognized that some of the information on the website is currently missing or in need of being updated. Regina and I in the process of reformatting and updating these links, and we're expecting to see new information beginning to populate soon. In the meantime, feel free to contact any of us if you have any specific questions about the various boards and committees.

I'm looking forward to working with you all in 2023!

Kind regards,

**Patrick B. Waterman | Deputy County Administrator**  
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**Cc:** Patrick Waterman; Regina MacMillan  
**Subject:** Re: Talent and Recruitment Recommendation

John, fellow Talent and Recruitment members-

Thank you for forwarding Treasurer Price's concerns.

However, reading through them, they simply read as a relitigation of the fall general election campaign in both cases, and not as a real set of disqualifying circumstances that would raise issues regarding an Ottawa County residents abilities to serve on a citizen board. I would not be in favor of altering our recommendations.

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Dear Talent & Recruitment Committee Members:

In case you were not aware, please see below an email from County Treasurer Amanda Price regarding her concern about two applicants to the Veterans Affairs Committee and the Officers Compensation Commission (OCC) that the Interview Subcommittee is recommending be appointed.

Please contact me if you have any questions. Thanks.

**John Shay | County Administrator**

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**Cc:** John Shay <jshay@miottawa.org>; Regina MacMillan <rmacmillan@miottawa.org>

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Hi Amanda,

Unfortunately, I have been home battling Covid since last Friday night and have not been able to respond to emails and voicemails. I also received a voicemail from Joe Bush who raised similar concerns, but did not name the candidates (I can only assume it is the two you refer to). A few on the committee seemend to know Joe Alfonso. Both Joe and Larry were selected for the Veteran's Affairs Committee due to their veteran status, but were also asked to serve on othere committees where there weren't enouty applicants (e.g. compensation committee).

I am copying in John so he is made aware of your concerns. I would recommend discussing it with him prior to today's Talent and Recruitment meeting.

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**Sent:** Monday, December 12, 2022 4:24 PM

**To:** Patrick Waterman <[pwaterman@miottawa.org](mailto:pwaterman@miottawa.org)>

**Subject:** Talent and Recruitment Recommendation

Patrick,

I have just reviewed the list of folks under consideration for Board appointments which is something I ordinarily do to see who has applied to what.

I ran across two names of folks that seem a bit unusual and inappropriate for appointment in my opinion.

Joseph Alfonso. He has lived in Ottawa County for about three years. Has a limited background in HR (which I think you would need to be on the Commission). He ran against me (as a write-in) and received .2% of the vote (185 votes).

This year he ran against Congressman Huizenga, again as a write-in and was elevated to the ballot at the Democratic State convention. Not the finest representative of our county in my opinion.

He has a spotty employment record and none of it is in HR. Wondering what exactly gives him the creds to be a representative on this Committee?

The second person I question is Larry Jackson. Larry moved to Ottawa County in 2021 so really recent resident. He was the democrat nominee for a House seat (running against Nancy DeBoer).

He has I believe a military background and is now working in some sort of IT field.

Late in the campaign, there was a story in Gongwer or MIRS which discussed some of his arrests for carrying a concealed weapon without a permit, public drunkenness, a DUI, and eight separate charges of driving with a suspended license. Some of Larry's social media posts were quite explicitly sexual in nature and very demeaning to women. This is the link to the story:



<https://www.hollandsentinel.com/story/news/politics/elections/2022/10/11/report-reveals-past-arrests-lewd-posts-from-86th-district-candidate-larry-jackson/69554580007/>

I did see the social media posts and cannot forget how really demeaning they were.

If you have time, give me a call.

*Amanda Price*

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**Sent:** Sunday, December 11, 2022 6:44 PM  
**To:** Commissioner Roger Bergman (rogerabergman@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** Fwd: You've been enrolled in training

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**From:** Ottawa County <it.training@miottawa.org>  
**Sent:** Saturday, December 10, 2022 12:36:31 AM  
**To:** Roger Bergman <rbergman@miottawa.org>  
**Subject:** You've been enrolled in training



Dear Roger Bergman,

You are now enrolled in 2022 Q2 OC Security Awareness Training. You must complete this training by 01/10/2023 11:59 PM.

The assignments you've been enrolled in are displayed below:

- Data Breaches: Stop the Leaks

Please use this link to start your training:

<https://training.knowbe4.com/ui/login/cmJzlcmdtYWd5AbWlvdHeRh2Euyib3Jn>

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It is important that you complete this training before the deadline. Thank you for helping to keep our organization safe from cybercrime.

We suggest that you use a modern web browser such as Chrome, Firefox, or Edge to complete the training.

If you have any questions, please send an email to [it.training@miottawa.org](mailto:it.training@miottawa.org).

Regards,  
Ottawa County IT Training Team  
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Jon Walters

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**Sent:** Thursday, December 8, 2022 3:09 PM  
**To:** Megan Boos; Doug Zylstra  
**Cc:** Doug Grotenrath; Rivka Hodgkinson; Matt Hehl  
**Subject:** Re: Contract Amendment

Megan I and perhaps Doug understand why you are asking for this. I believe that if you want this to pass you might want to be here to present your case next Tuesday.

Thanks  
Roger

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I strongly believe the District is a strong organization and provides a valuable service to the residents of Ottawa county. I know I have spoke to you all about the ROI that the county's investment yields always hovers around 800% and the County's investment is what makes that possible.

I have two reasons for the funding increase

- 1.) To be able to support my staff by investing in benefits. This translates into employee retention and the longer we have technicians that our trusted in our community. I have a very talented staff and think we have tremendous potential.
- 2.) Their will be a lot of funding available next year though the USDA through the Inflation Reduction Act and that translates into funding for Agriculture and Forestry with in our county. With the increased funding that will allow us take on those grant projects. If our district had the capacity and the additional County support we will be extremely competitive with those applications.

Lastly, the three year extension does two things. 1. Allows us time to show our value to the new leadership and 2. Continue to operate at the current level throughout the life of the Farm Land Water Quality and Quantity Initiative, other wise know as RCPP (Regional Conservation Partnership Project)

I hope that provides you with some context.

Thank you again for your valuable support!



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**Megan Boos**

Executive Director  
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On Wed, Dec 7, 2022 at 8:11 AM Doug Zylstra <[dzylstra@miottawa.org](mailto:dzylstra@miottawa.org)> wrote:

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Doug

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Doug Zylstra | Commissioner | District 3 | City of Holland

c 616-443-4281  
[dzylstra@miOttawa.org](mailto:dzylstra@miOttawa.org)

On Dec 5, 2022, at 10:10 AM, Megan Boos <[megan.boos@macd.org](mailto:megan.boos@macd.org)> wrote:

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**Cc:** Frank Garcia;Randall Meppelink;Kyle Terpstra;Randy Meppelink;kyle@outsorceinc.net;Patrick Waterman  
**Subject:** Re: Board Appointment Interviews - Additional time needed (12/8?)

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**From:** Roger Bergman  
**Sent:** Friday, December 2, 2022 5:28 PM  
**To:** Commissioner Roger Bergman (rogerabergman@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Question About What Happens Next

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**From:** Sue Collins <fett.s@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, December 2, 2022 5:26:12 PM  
**To:** Roger Bergman <rbergman@miottawa.org>  
**Subject:** Re: Question About What Happens Next

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Roger, thanks for getting back with me. I will look at the dates for the Commission meetings and will do my best to attend. And, I will spread the word among my friends.

Please also let me know when something might be going on that I might not be aware of, that I can help with.

Thank you,

Sue Collins

On Friday, December 2, 2022, 10:55:03 AM EST, Roger Bergman <rbergman@miottawa.org> wrote:

Sue thanks for reaching out.

Yes it's going to be a challenge for sure. They will be in charge, with 9 of the 11 members following their leaders. A few have reached out to me, however they continue to believe the lies that they have been preaching to citizens of Ottawa County.

I believe that the best way for you to help is either showing up at our meeting in person or on line and voicing your opinion. If you know of others who feel as you it would be awesome if they spoke out as well. It would be most helpful if they came from areas of the county that are on the east side of the county.

They seem to believe that it's just those liberal people who live in NWOC or the Holland area who feel like you and I do Long answer to your question but important to know what we're up against

Thanks again

Roger

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**From:** Sue Collins <fett.s@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 1, 2022 7:29:24 AM  
**To:** Roger Bergman <rbergman@miottawa.org>  
**Subject:** Question About What Happens Next

Mr. Bergman - I am happily one of your constituents in Grand Haven.

As the new County Commissioners take office, I believe you will be working under challenging circumstances. I may be wrong.

I'm just wondering what I, or your community, can do to support you? I guess, what can we do to support our County?

Thank you for running, and congratulations on your win.

Sue Collins  
442 Grant Avenue  
Grand Haven, MI

616-842-1699

## FOIA Mailbox

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**From:** Sylvia Rhodea <sylvia@sylviarhodea.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 1, 2022 4:51 PM  
**To:** John Shay  
**Cc:** Patrick Waterman; Regina MacMillan; Joe Moss; Gretchen Cosby; Kyle Terpstra  
**Subject:** Re: Meeting request December 15

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John,

Sounds good. Thank you for confirming.

We're not looking for anything specific from Patrick, just looking forward to connecting.

Thanks for the update on the agreements. Will you please send copies at your next convenience.

We look forward to our conversation.

For Freedom and Family,

Sylvia Rhodea

On Dec 1, 2022, at 9:39 AM, John Shay <[jshay@miottawa.org](mailto:jshay@miottawa.org)> wrote:

Hi, Sylvia:

Let's have Joe, you and me meet on Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. The two of you can then meet with Patrick on that same date after our meeting has concluded. As you are probably aware, I have made the department heads available to meet with the incoming commissioners in order for them to learn more about the individual departments and the services that they provide. Being that Patrick is so new to the organization, he may not be the best resource for you yet. Is there any specific information you are seeking from him, so he can better prepare for this meeting?

The severance agreements for the Health Officer and the DE&I Director have been fully executed.

I look forward to meeting with the two of you and hearing what your vision and goals for the County will be going forward. Please contact me if you have any questions. Thanks.

**John Shay | County Administrator**

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**To:** John Shay <[jshay@miottawa.org](mailto:jshay@miottawa.org)>  
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**Sent:** Tuesday, November 29, 2022 10:24 AM

**To:** John Shay <[jshay@miottawa.org](mailto:jshay@miottawa.org)>; Regina MacMillan <[rmacmillan@miottawa.org](mailto:rmacmillan@miottawa.org)>

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**Sent:** Wednesday, November 30, 2022 9:35 AM  
**To:** Commissioner Roger Bergman (rogerabergman@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** Fwd: November Mileage

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**From:** Stephanie Roelofs <sroelofs@miottawa.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 30, 2022 9:29:37 AM  
**To:** County Commissioners <county.commissioners@miottawa.org>  
**Subject:** November Mileage

Good morning!

Happy Wednesday. I hope you are all doing well. 😊

The Finance meeting is early this month so please send me your November mileage by Friday.

Thanks so much,

**Stephanie Roelofs | Secretary | Ottawa County  
Administrator's Office**

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**Sent:** Monday, November 21, 2022 3:41 PM  
**To:** Commissioner Roger Bergman (rogerabergman@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Ringing Bell for TSA

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**From:** Heather Holman <Heather.Holman@usc.salvationarmy.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 21, 2022 10:43:39 AM  
**To:** Roger Bergman <rbergman@miottawa.org>  
**Cc:** William Holman <William.Holman@usc.salvationarmy.org>  
**Subject:** Ringing Bell for TSA

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Hi Roger,

It was nice to talk to you last Friday and per your request I'm following up with how you can sign up to volunteer to ring bells. If you go to [www.Registertoring.com](http://www.Registertoring.com), the website will walk you through on choosing the site, day/times you are available. If you have any problems with the site, just reach out to us and we'll help.

Thank you for your support in this very important time of fundraising for The Salvation Army. All money raised in our kettles stays right here in the Tri-Cities Area for us to be able to help our neighbors in need.

Blessings!

Building HIS Kingdom,

Major Heather Holman  
Grand Haven Corps Officer  
616-402-8542 Cell

310 N. Despelder

Grand Haven, MI 49417

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**The Salvation Army is celebrating 100 years (1922-2022) of serving in Grand Haven!**

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**From:** Roger Bergman  
**Sent:** Monday, November 21, 2022 6:22 AM  
**To:** Commissioner Roger Bergman (rogerabergman@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Summary of ARPA Social/Human service needs bucket recommendations  
**Attachments:** Memo to Ottawa County.pdf; Appendix B - Review Committee.pdf

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**From:** Mike Goorhouse <mgoorhouse@cfhz.org>  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 20, 2022 10:29:13 PM  
**To:** Frank Garcia <fgarcia@miottawa.org>; Joseph Baumann <jbaumann@miottawa.org>; Doug Zylstra <dzylstra@miottawa.org>; Allen Dannenberg <adannenberg@miottawa.org>; Randall Meppelink <rmeppelink@miottawa.org>; Kyle Terpstra <kterpstra@miottawa.org>; Jim Holtvluwer <jholtvluwer@miottawa.org>; Greg DeJong <gdejong@miottawa.org>; Philip Kuyers <pkuyers@miottawa.org>; Roger Bergman <rbergman@miottawa.org>; Matthew Fenske <mfenske@miottawa.org>  
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**Subject:** Summary of ARPA Social/Human service needs bucket recommendations

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Good Evening Ottawa County Board of Commissioners,

I hope you all had safe, warm and enjoyable weekends! I am emailing on behalf of Care Ottawa County, the coalition hired by the County to facilitate an application and review process for projects in the Social/Human service needs ARPA bucket. With the Finance Committee recommended proposals on your meeting agenda for Tuesday I know there is specific detailed information in your meeting packet about each of these projects. In case it is helpful as you talk with constituents about the Social/Human service needs projects, I wanted to make sure you had the attached summary that Care Ottawa County had prepared when we shared the results of our work with the ARPA task force. It gives an overview of the process we conducted and rationale for why we recommended the projects we did. I have also included the list of community members who joined Care Ottawa County representatives to review, discern and recommend the slate of proposals we provided.

Please don't hesitate to reach out if there are any questions Hadley Streng (Grand Haven Area Community Foundation), Randy Kortering (Greater Ottawa County United Way) or I can answer for you individually, or from any of your constituents, about the process we used or the recommended projects themselves.

Thanks for all that you do for our County!

Mike

**Mike Goorhouse**  
President/CEO



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**From:** Roger Bergman  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 19, 2022 5:40 PM  
**To:** Commissioner Roger Bergman (rogerabergman@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Statement Regarding Pending ARPA Projects  
**Attachments:** Reponse\_Letter\_ARPA\_2022Nov19.pdf

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**From:** Joe Moss <joe@joemoss.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 19, 2022 12:40:17 PM  
**To:** Frank Garcia <fgarcia@miottawa.org>; Joseph Baumann <jbaumann@miottawa.org>; Doug Zylstra <dzylstra@miottawa.org>; Allen Dannenberg <adannenberg@miottawa.org>; Randall Meppelink <rmeppelink@miottawa.org>; Kyle Terpstra <kterpstra@miottawa.org>; Jim Holtvluwer <jholtvluwer@miottawa.org>; Greg DeJong <gdejong@miottawa.org>; Philip Kuyers <pkuyers@miottawa.org>; Roger Bergman <rbergman@miottawa.org>; Matthew Fenske <mfenske@miottawa.org>  
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**Subject:** Statement Regarding Pending ARPA Projects

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Dear Ottawa County Commissioners,

Please find a statement attached to this email regarding the pending approval of ARPA projects. The letter is signed by the following people:

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**Lucy Ebel**, District 2  
**Jacob Bonnema**, District 4  
**Joe Moss**, District 5  
**Kyle Terpstra**, District 6  
**Rebekah Curran**, District 7  
**Sylvia Rhodea**, District 8  
**Roger Belknap**, District 9  
**Allison Miedema**, District 11

Numerous townships in Ottawa County completely lack representation on the ARPA Advisory Committee—a committee which possesses gatekeeping power to \$57M, with no public presence or accountability applied during its work process.

The ARPA funds need to be more thoughtfully allocated, and the current process should be paused to ensure the fundamental needs of the county and ALL its people are met, including critical infrastructure. The current handling is unacceptable.

We ask the current Ottawa County Board of Commissioners to pass the torch gracefully and allow the remaining ARPA funds be put to use in service of the voices and needs of the entire county under the leadership of the new county commissioner board in 2023.

Accountability and transparency are part of the Public Policy Agenda in the [Contract with Ottawa](#). As such, it is important to address this situation.

For Freedom & Fiscal Responsibility,

Joe Moss  
616.402.7751



## FOIA Mailbox

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**From:** Joe Moss <joe@joemoss.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 19, 2022 1:59 PM  
**To:** Doug Zylstra  
**Subject:** Re: Statement Regarding Pending ARPA Projects

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Hi Doug,

Thank you in advance for championing that vigorous discussion and debate.

Joe Moss  
616.402.7751



----- Original Message -----

On Saturday, November 19th, 2022 at 1:55 PM, Doug Zylstra <dzylstra@miottawa.org> wrote:

Joe -

Thank you for sending this over.

I do believe the work of the ARPA Task Force has given us worthwhile, vetted projects. I do have concerns about various of the County Bucket projects, and hopefully there will be vigorous discussion around those items specifically on Tuesday.

Best,

Doug

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Doug Zylstra | Commissioner | District 3 | City of Holland

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**Subject:** Re: Housing Fund

I agree with Doug what ever is left over could go towards housing  
Thanks  
Roger

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**Sent:** Wednesday, November 16, 2022 11:09:51 AM  
**To:** Matthew Fenske <mfenske@miottawa.org>; Greg DeJong <gdejong@miottawa.org>; Allen Dannenberg <adannenberg@miottawa.org>; Jim Holtvluwer <jholtvluwer@miottawa.org>; Joseph Baumann <jbaumann@miottawa.org>; Roger Bergman <rbergman@miottawa.org>; Kyle Terpstra <kterpstra@miottawa.org>; Philip Kuyers <pkuyers@miottawa.org>; Frank Garcia <fgarcia@miottawa.org>; Randall Meppelink <rmeppelink@miottawa.org>  
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**To:** Commissioner Roger Bergman (rogerabergman@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Upcoming MAC Transportation Committee Meeting  
**Attachments:** 2421\_001.pdf

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**From:** Madeline Fata <fata@micounties.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 18, 2022 10:00:01 AM  
**To:** Tamara Hyman <intern1@micounties.org>; David W Pohl <dwphohl@yahoo.com>; dkapenga@gmail.com <dkapenga@gmail.com>; 'Donald Arquette' <district5da@co.lake.mi.us>; Jim Storey <jstorey@allegancounty.org>; Kyle Harris <krharris6@gmail.com>; Melissa Daub <Mdaub@waynecounty.com>; Michael Brown <MBrown@barrycounty.org>; Neil Ahrens <nahrens@emmetcounty.org>; rnye@Benzieco.net <rnye@Benzieco.net>; Rob Pallarito <rpallarito@gmail.com>; Roger Bergman <rbergman@miottawa.org>; Koeplinger, Suzy <skoeplinger@saginawcounty.com>; Commissioner-Elect Yolanda Charles <district17oc@gmail.com>; enoyola@micountyroads.org <enoyola@micountyroads.org>  
**Subject:** RE: Upcoming MAC Transportation Committee Meeting

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Please find attached the Power Point presentation that will be covered today.

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**From:** Tamara Hyman <intern1@micounties.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 9, 2022 11:56 AM  
**To:** David W Pohl <dwphohl@yahoo.com>; dkapenga@gmail.com; 'Donald Arquette' <district5da@co.lake.mi.us>; Jim Storey <jstorey@allegancounty.org>; Kyle Harris <krharris6@gmail.com>; Melissa Daub <Mdaub@waynecounty.com>; Michael Brown <MBrown@barrycounty.org>; Neil Ahrens <nahrens@emmetcounty.org>; rnye@Benzieco.net; Rob Pallarito <rpallarito@gmail.com>; rbergman@miottawa.org; Koeplinger, Suzy <skoeplinger@saginawcounty.com>; Commissioner-Elect Yolanda Charles <district17oc@gmail.com>; enoyola@micountyroads.org  
**Cc:** Madeline Fata <fata@micounties.org>  
**Subject:** Upcoming MAC Transportation Committee Meeting  
**Importance:** High

Good morning Transportation Committee!



I hope this email finds you well. Attached are the previous committee meeting minutes, along with the agenda for this upcoming meeting on **Friday, November 18th, 2022 at 10:00 AM** in the MAC conference room. For those who wish to utilize the zoom option, the meeting information can be found below. Have a great weekend!

MAC is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

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Thank You!

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**Subject:** Fwd: A Humble Request

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**Sent:** Thursday, April 21, 2022 2:03:57 PM  
**To:** Roger Bergman <rbergman@miottawa.org>  
**Cc:** Ottawa County Republican Party <info@ottawagop.org>; The Office of Senator Victory <SenRVictory@senate.michigan.gov>; Lukemeerman@house.mi.gov <Lukemeerman@house.mi.gov>; Rep. Bradley Slagh (District 90) <BradleySlagh@house.mi.gov>; JimLilly@house.mi.gov <JimLilly@house.mi.gov>  
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Dear Commissioner,

If you didn't have a chance to watch the candidate event from this week, I'd invite you to take a moment to do so. All vetted candidates for Ottawa Impact have signed the [Contract with Ottawa](#), allowing the people to hold them accountable to their word and principles. We've raised the expectations of clarity, transparency, and Constitutional leadership that the people of Ottawa County deserve, so that they can vote for those who align with their principles and take courageous action to preserve them.

Over the past two years, I've seen the passion and excitement build for leaders who stand up for these principles. People want to vote for those who will be accountable to these principles and are willing to take a stand. All of the [candidates vetted](#) by Ottawa Impact are held to that higher standard.

I ask that you review the principles in the Contract with Ottawa and ask yourself, "Do I align with these principles?"

If you do, consider which leaders have the best chance to lead Ottawa County towards those principles. Respectfully, many in our community have lost confidence with the current board. I respect the difficult challenges Covid-19 presented, and the public service you provided in prior years. However, this isn't about the past. It's about the future. My request is that you'd consider the principles you want established and value them higher than any personal position.

This leads me to a difficult request. Today is the last day to withdraw from the race. If you align with the principles of American values and exceptionalism, parental rights, and individual freedoms, and are willing to stand up for them on behalf of the people, then it is my humble request that you would consider withdrawing and supporting the incoming candidate in your district for Commissioner. If you are unwilling to withdraw, I'd encourage you to publicly and specifically enumerate the principles by which you plan to govern.

Let's give the people of Ottawa County a clear and principled choice on election day.

Respectfully yours,



**Joe Moss**  
Executive Director

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**Sent:** Friday, November 11, 2022 8:11 PM  
**To:** Commissioner Roger Bergman (rogerabergman@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Statement of Roger Bergman, August 25  
**Attachments:** Thank\_You\_2022Nov10.pdf

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**Sent:** Friday, November 11, 2022 4:18:10 PM  
**To:** Roger Bergman <rbergman@miottawa.org>  
**Subject:** Re: Statement of Roger Bergman, August 25

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On Wednesday, August 25th, 2021 at 11:03 AM, Ottawa County, Michigan <miOttawa@public.govdelivery.com> wrote:



August 25, 2021



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## Statement of Roger Bergman, August 25



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Board of Commissioners

**Roger A. Bergman**  
Chairperson

**Matthew R. Fenske**  
Vice-Chairperson

Statement of Roger Bergman, Chair  
Ottawa County Board of Commissioners  
Wednesday, August 25, 2021

I was impressed with the number of citizens who showed up yesterday to express themselves, but very disappointed by the organized effort to bully and intimidate anyone who dared to speak in favor of a mask mandate in schools. County-wide epidemic orders are extremely rare and typically generate intense controversy, which is why our state legislature has insured that those decisions are made by the county health officers exclusively. There is no question that the Board of Commissioners cannot make this decision and cannot reverse this decision. Legally, the Board cannot fire the health officer for making this decision nor can it use its power of the purse to bully her into rescinding the decision. There were some legitimate issues that the Board will ask the County's health officer to address such as the timing of her decision, the type of masks that will be available to children, and how students with legitimate medical reasons can more easily obtain exemptions. I wish to remind everyone that most of the students in the United States will be in school with masks, as they were last year. The temporary area local health orders this year only apply to K-6 and, unlike last year, will not apply outdoors. The Ottawa County Board of Commissioners sincerely hope that the order will expire during the fall semester by its own terms, that we can keep the schools open this year, and that we can return to complete normalcy by the spring semester.

Roger A. Bergman

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**Sent:** Friday, November 11, 2022 5:46 PM  
**To:** Joe Moss  
**Subject:** Re: Leading Ottawa in 2023

Thank you Joe.

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616.402.7751



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**Subject:** Leading Ottawa in 2023  
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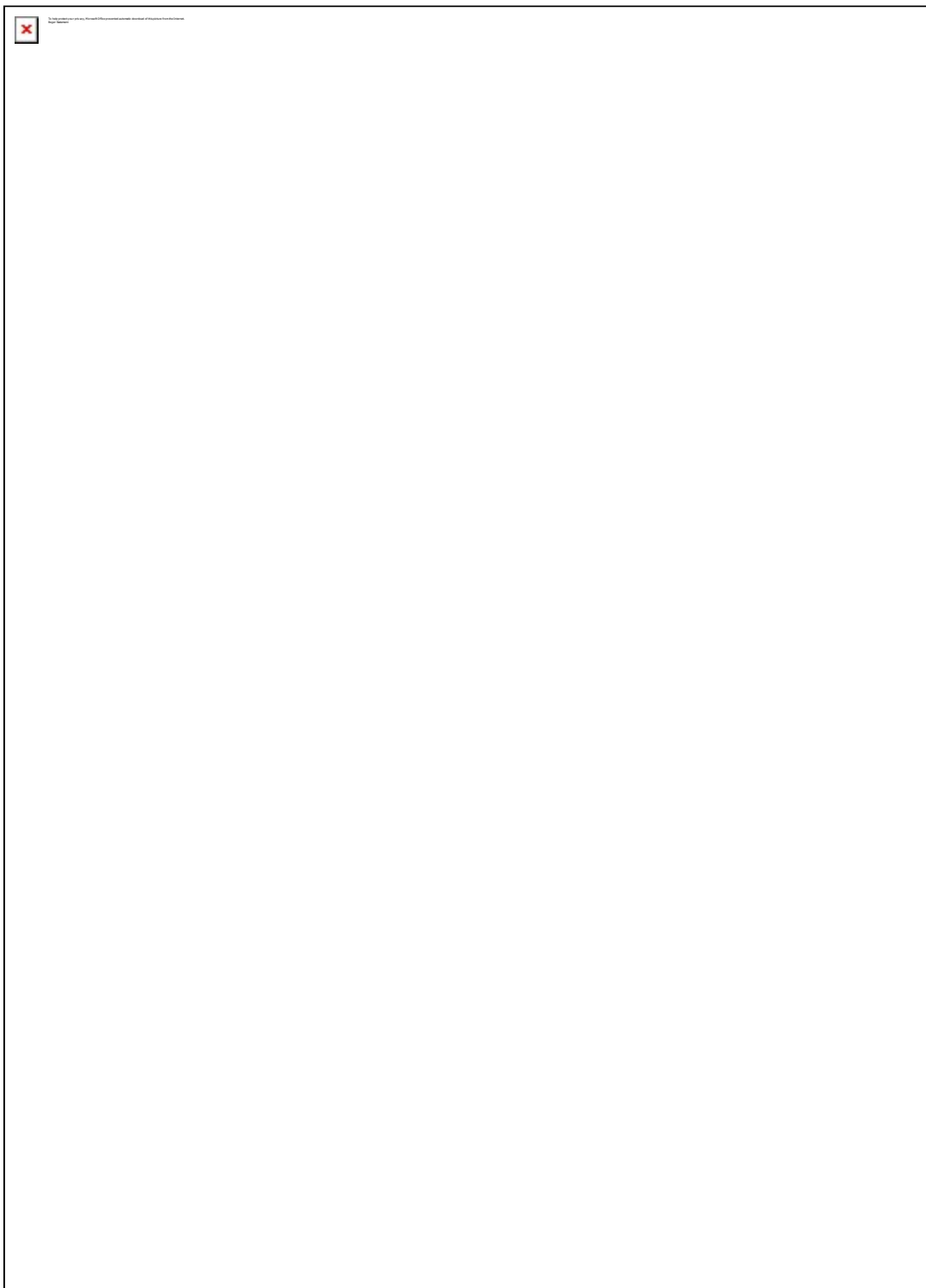


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**Statement of Roger Bergman, August 25**

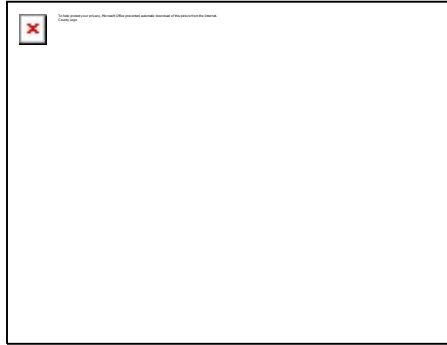


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**To:** Commissioner Roger Bergman (rogerabergman@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** Fwd: 2023 Open Enrollment - Response Needed  
**Attachments:** 2023 Commissioner OE Form w-Dep Life Options.pdf; CURRENT Side by Side Plan Comparison\_priorityhealth\_medical\_20230101.pdf

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**From:** Erin Rotman <erotman@miottawa.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 10, 2022 10:52:51 AM  
**To:** Doug Zylstra <dzylstra@miottawa.org>; Kyle Terpstra <kterpstra@miottawa.org>; Roger Bergman <rbergman@miottawa.org>  
**Subject:** 2023 Open Enrollment - Response Needed

Good morning!

Attached is the open enrollment form for Ottawa County's group health insurance and optional dependent life insurance, which includes biweekly costs. Please complete the attached form and send it to me no later than Tuesday, 11/22/2022. Attached is a comparison of each plan.

**This form is required from each commissioner** (there is a section to waive coverage). For more information on plan coverage, please click [here](#).

If you would like an informational session about these benefits and the coverage, please provide me with a few dates/times this week and next week that work for you, and I will set something up.

Let me know if you have any questions!

## Erin Rotman

### Benefits Analyst

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**Subject:** Fwd: ARPA opinion  
**Attachments:** Opinion on ARPA projects.docx

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**Cc:** John Shay <jshay@miottawa.org>; Karen Karasinski <kkarasinski@miottawa.org>; Paul Sachs <psachs@miottawa.org>  
**Subject:** ARPA opinion

All: Please see the attached.

Call me or reach out via email, with questions.

--Doug



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Douglas W. Van Essen  
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**To:** Commissioner Roger Bergman (rogerabergman@gmail.com)  
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**Attachments:** October 22 Board Packet final.pdf

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**Cc:** Roger Bergman <rbergman@miottawa.org>; Knorek, Jack MDA <knorekj@michigan.gov>; Ray, Sharcy - FPAC-NRCS, Longmont, CO <sharcy.ray@usda.gov>  
**Subject:** Board Packet

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Good afternoon-

I hope you are all doing well!

You will find your board packet attached.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,



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**To:** Commissioner Roger Bergman (rogerabergman@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** Fwd: FW: Outdoor Discovery Center- Correspondence  
**Attachments:** Van Essen Letter w enclosures.pdf

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**Sent:** Monday, November 7, 2022 1:42:13 PM  
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**Cc:** Mike Goorhouse <mgoorhouse@cfhz.org>; hstreng@ghacf.org <hstreng@ghacf.org>; Jennifer Owens <jennifer.owens@lakeshoreadvantage.com>; rkortering@ottawaunitedway.org <rkortering@ottawaunitedway.org>; David Nyitray <david@outdoordiscovery.org>  
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Dear Finance and Administration Committee,

We are grateful for the unanimous support received for our expanding child care grant proposal at the ARPA Task Force meeting on Monday, October 24. It was our understanding that further clarification was needed surrounding the legal avenues to support this work and that assistance in this matter was requested. Attached, please find an opinion from David Bossenbroek, Esq to that end. We respectfully request that this information is included in the packet for the upcoming meeting.

Sincerely,



**Travis Williams**  
Chief Executive Officer  
ODC Network  
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Cc: Reister, Nicholas A. <[nreister@shrr.com](mailto:nreister@shrr.com)>

Travis and Dave,

For your records, please see below/attached. Dave Bossenbroek from our office has sent this to Attorney Van Essen.

Thank you,

Mike

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**From:** Krawczyk, Tabitha M. <[tkrawczyk@shrr.com](mailto:tkrawczyk@shrr.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 7, 2022 1:01 PM  
**To:** [dww@silvervanessen.com](mailto:dww@silvervanessen.com)  
**Cc:** Bossenbroek, David L. <[dbossenbroek@shrr.com](mailto:dbossenbroek@shrr.com)>  
**Subject:** Outdoor Discovery Center- Correspondence

Mr. Van Essen,

Please see attached correspondence from Dave Bossenbroek.

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**Attachments:** Letter to County Commissioners re Lawful Expenditures and Grants Programs - Bergman.pdf

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**To:** Roger Bergman <rbergman@miottawa.org>  
**Cc:** Tami Mannes (tmannes@oaisd.org) <tmannes@oaisd.org>  
**Subject:** OAISD/OAC ARPA Grant Application

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Good afternoon, Commissioner Bergman.

Our office represents the Ottawa Area Intermediate School District (OAISD). We have been asked by representatives of the OAISD to provide you with this letter describing lawful expenditures of certain public funds received by Ottawa County pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), as part of a grants program to local governmental units and area nonprofits – in particular, the use of such funds for expanding childcare.

As you know, the OAISD is working with the Outdoor Discovery Center (ODC) in applying for a grant to expand childcare in our county. It's my understanding that the joint grant received unanimous support at the ARPA Task Force meeting on Monday, October 24. It is my further understanding that the County's legal counsel may have some concerns regarding whether there is authority for the County to make the grant – noting that he had not "landed" on the issue and was open to arguments.

We respectfully request that the attached letter is included in the packet for the upcoming meeting.

Thank you for your time in considering this letter, and for your service to our county.

**Daniel R. Martin**, Attorney  
Thrun Law Firm, P.C.  
Phone [616.588.7702](tel:616.588.7702) – Fax 517.484.0041  
[dmartin@thrunlaw.com](mailto:dmartin@thrunlaw.com) – [www.thrunlaw.com](http://www.thrunlaw.com)



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**To:** Regina MacMillan  
**Cc:** Frank Garcia;Randall Meppelink;Kyle Terpstra;kyle@outsourcinginc.net;Randy Meppelink;Jim Holtvluwer;John Shay  
**Subject:** Re: Community Action Agency Advisory Board Request

I am in favor.

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Doug Zylstra | Commissioner | District 3 | City of Holland

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dzylstra@miOttawa.org

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Thanks!

**Regina MacMillan | Executive Assistant | Administrator's Office**  
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