

Ottawa Integrity and multitudes of supportive community members extend our utmost gratitude to the Ottawa County Board of Commissioners.

Commissioners are part-time positions elected to provide leadership in policy, oversight, constituent services, and keeping a birds-eye view of the county. They establish policies and listen to the concerns and input of citizens. They provide answers and information to residents and help them obtain county services. The relationship between the Board of Commissioners and residents can help to create community solutions.

Covid-19 forced our Board of Commissioners to make speedy and drastic adjustments in providing and overseeing constituent services. We are confident our Board of Commissioners will continue to make adjustments based on changing data and increased understanding of evidence-based best practices.

The Board of Commissioners has worked within the constraints of Covid-19 to create environments for residents to safely and productively participate in democracy. They have listened to input and have responded to several specific concerns of residents. They have provided the community with reasonable explanations and information surrounding recent decisions related to Covid-19 and their positions of authority. They have called for the end of bullying and threats to our representatives and administrators.

Ottawa Integrity recognizes the efforts of our Board of Commissioners to respond to the constraints of Covid-19 in a manner conducive to democracy. One of their organizational values is the importance of the democratic process; they have shown integrity through upholding that value. We recognize their efforts toward transparency and appreciate their willingness to serve Ottawa County.

Covid-19 has caused significant challenges and trauma to all of us. We have all had to make adjustments in our lives. We are all processing this experience. Ottawa Integrity recognizes how difficult this has been on our community. We have also observed the efforts to come together and to care for each other. We have seen our community's resilience and grace.

We look forward to the future as we work together toward dignified political participation from our representatives and community members. As we all work together to protect, promote, and uphold integrity in our community.

In service,
Ottawa Integrity PAC