

# MINUTES

Oshkosh Cable Television Advisory Commission

## REGULAR MEETING

September 5, 2001

The regular meeting of the Oshkosh Cable Television Advisory Commission was held at 4:00 p.m. on September 5, 2001 in Room 404 of City Hall.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Witte and roll call was taken. Present were members Mr. Wuerger, Mr. Castle, Mr. Williams and Mr. McCormick. Also present was Barb Pandolfo, Time Warner Public Relations Manager and Jon Urben, Executive Director of Oshkosh Community Access Television.

Chairman Witte then asked for consideration of the minutes from the special 8/20/01 meeting. It was moved by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. McCormick, that the minutes be approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Being that there were no communications from cable subscribers or the general public, Chairman Witte asked for the Report of the Franchisee. Mrs. Pandolfo noted Time Warner recently added five new channels to their line-up: Women's Entertainment, Oxygen, VH1 Classic, Independent Film Channel and America's Store. Mrs. Pandolfo also noted that on August 17 Time Warner hosted a Game Lab at the County Fair, attracting about 400 attendees. Mrs. Pandolfo noted Time Warner also recently wrapped up their sponsorship of the summer movie series held at the Grand Opera House. Next year she noted T-W would like to expand the series to 3 children and 3 family movies. There is no admission to these movies. Some discussion was held on whether T-W had put in any channel line-up cards in recent bills to alert subscribers to the new channels and other changes. Mrs. Pandolfo noted T-W had sent out notices and has been promoting the changes.

Chairman Witte then asked for the Report of OCAT. Mr. Urben noted the fall edition of the OCAT News has a lot of information about their activities. He wanted to highlight the new partnership program with the OASD entitled "Partners in Learning" which will be hosted by WBAY's Jerry Burke and will feature programs and issues facing OASD schools. Mr. Urben also noted that the Town of Algoma is nearing completion of their automated playback system which will allow them to begin playing OCAT programs on their Channel 19.

Chairman Witte then asked for the Report of the Friends of OCAT. Mr. Urben noted that the Friends of OCAT have begun their fall sports coverage, which has 27 events covering 8 different sports. He also distributed some wallet calendars with the sports schedule. He also noted the Friends wanted him to promote their second annual "Friends Football

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Frenzy,” a fundraiser on October 21 at the Oshkosh Columbus Club. Mr. Urben distributed materials about the event.

Moving to Unfinished Business, Chairman Witte then moved to a refranchising negotiations update. Noting the article in the September 4 edition of the Oshkosh Northwestern, Mr. Urben and Mr. Witte noted a tentative agreement was reached by the City and Time Warner on the next cable franchise agreement. It was noted this was a very positive development, and would provide three access channels for community use and an estimated \$1.2M over the 15 year contract for PEG capital support. Other details were not available. Mr. Urben noted it was his understanding the franchise documents would be on the September Council Meeting agendas.

Being that there was no other new business, Chairman Witte then asked for the next meeting date of the Oshkosh Cable Television Advisory Commission. It was agreed that the next meeting would be scheduled for Wednesday, November 7, 2001 at 4:00 p.m. in Room 404 of City Hall. Upon motion by Mr. Castle, seconded by Mr. McCormick, the Commission adjourned at 4:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jon G. Urben  
Executive Director, Oshkosh Community Access Television

cc: Oshkosh Cable Television Advisory Commission Members  
Mr. Richard Wollangk  
Mrs. Barb Pandolfo