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BROADCASTING STATION HISTORY RECORD

FREQUENCY MODULATION

First licensed SEPTEMBER 28, 1981

Call Letters W A O P

Station Location Otsego, Michigan

Name ALLEGAN COUNTY BROADCASTERS, INC.

Transmitter Location 112th St., Between 22nd & 24th Streets, Otsego, Michigan (PH-11-18-80)

Main studio location 706 East Allegan St., Otsego, Michigan (PH-11-18-80)

Authorization Record

File No.	Granted	Facilities	Expires
BPH-9439 HAAT: 280' (h&v) BPH-9439 (1)	11-18-80 (L) 4-13-81	100.9mhz ERP: 3kW(h&v) CP FOR NEW FM STATION. CALL LETTERS ASSIGNED & EBSA ISSUED.	11-18-81

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters NEW-EM

Name Allegan County Broadcasters, Inc.
Otsego, Michigan (PO 706 East Allegan, Otsego, Michigan 49078)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPH-9439	4-9-75	CP for New FM on: 100.9mhz #265	GRANTED	12-19-75
R & F	4-11-75	ERP: 3KW(H&V) HAAT: 278'-4(H&V)-	gr fee req \$1,350.00	
#413182 \$200	4-15-75	Trans: Gates FM-2.5H3; Ant: Gates FMC-3A,	NOT ISSUED	
Code 013		3 sects. (H&V)	GRANT SET ASIDE	1-2-76
Press	JUN 17 1975	TL: On 112th St., between 22nd and 24th, 4	Designated for Hearing	
P. N. Rec'd	5-8-75	miles northwest of Otsego, Michigan	JUL 16 1976	20864
		SL-RC: 706 E. Allegan St., Otsego, Michigan	Min.	
		42° 30' 31" - 85° 46' 08"		
		Atty: John C. Quale (Kirkland, Ellis & Rowe)	GRANTED	11-18-80
		Engr: E. Harold Munn, Jr. (Coldwater, Michigan)		
AMENDED	10-8-75	Section III.		
AMENDED	2-12-76	Engr. Data: Make chg. ant. system (incr.		
Press	MAR 12 1976	hght.); chg. TPO; and HAAT: 300' (H&V).		
LETTER	3-17-76	chg Attys to: Arent, Fox, Kintner etc.		
AMENDED	5-12-76	Section II (Other Business Interests); Section		
		III (Financial Data); Section IV-A (Community Survey & Programming)		

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AMENDED(ORDER) 10-1-76 re financial,Section II, paragraph 18,Section IVaA and VIemployment

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APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

Call Letters: WAOP

Name: ALLEGAN COUNTY BROADCASTERS, INC.

Station Location: OTSEGO, MICHIGAN

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BLH-810507AH PTA PRESS	MAY 26 1981	License to cover (BPH-9439) for a new station. Atty: --	GRANTED 9-28-81

About the History Cards ...

History Cards were first used by the Department of Commerce to keep track of applications filed by, and changes to, the earliest AM broadcast stations in the early 1920s. The records were subsequently transferred to the Federal Radio Commission in 1927, and after that to the Federal Communications Commission when that agency was created in 1934. These cards gradually grew into a large card file.

FM History Cards were initiated in the early 1940s, with the authorization of the earliest FM stations in the FM band, then at 42 to 50 MHz. (The band was shifted to its present location, 88 to 108 MHz, in 1946.) History Cards remained in use until the creation of the first computerized database in 1980 to track broadcast applications, the Broadcast Application Processing System (BAPS). However, the Commission did not transfer the data from the History Cards to the new system. Instead, it retained the History Cards in their original form for reference.

In 1999, the Commission moved to a new location (445 12th Street SW), and also at that time created the successor database to BAPS, the Consolidated DataBase System (CDBS). Prior to that move, the History Cards were transferred to microfiche by a contractor (only a few sets of microfiche exist), and the original paper cards were destroyed. The History Cards were stored on the microfiche as negative images, like those you see above.

History Cards contain very brief entries and notes about station facilities, applications, and ownership. They are not, and never were intended to be, a comprehensive record of a station's operations. Nevertheless, they can be useful to help determine, for example, when a station first went on the air and its call letters at that time. History Card comments were generally typed onto the cards, and thus some records will show more faintly or with more smudging than others, depending on the quality of typewriter and ribbon then used. Occasional handwritten comments, corrections, and strikeouts may also be found. Cards may be incomplete, missing, or occasionally out of sequence.

The History Cards are presented here as they were copied to microfiche, to preserve this record for public use, and with the hope that they will be of value to future researchers of radio station history.

