

Chairman Hennard called a regular meeting of the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. on this date in the Commissioner's Chambers, Ogemaw County Building, West Branch, Michigan.

All stood for the *Pledge of Allegiance*. Roll call: Present – Scott, Reetz, Quackenbush, Simmons, and Hennard.

Motion by Quackenbush, second by Reetz, the meeting agenda be approved. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [1-1-#1]

Motion by Simmons, second by Reetz, the minutes of the December 28, 2017 meeting be approved as noted. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [1-1-#2]

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Persis Soparicoala, representing NEMCSA, updated the board on the *Retired Senior Volunteer Program*. It has expanded into Ogemaw County. The program provides a wide array of services across the NEMCSA service area. NEMCSA is looking for program volunteers.

There was not any *Correspondence*.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ray Blamer, Ogemaw Public Transit Operations Director, discussed Transit and grant changes. **Motion by Quackenbush, second by Simmons, the board chairman be authorized to sign the revised FY 2016, Section 5311 Capital Formula Grant. The change involves moving \$2,028 – Office Equipment to Facility Improvement line item. Roll call vote. Ayes – Scott, Reetz, Quackenbush, Simmons, and Hennard. Motion carried. [1-1-#3]**

Motion by Simmons, second by Quackenbush, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners give authorization to Ray Blamer, Ogemaw Public Transit Operations Director, to purchase a new truck. The Board Chairman and Vice-Chairman are authorized to sign the contract. Roll call vote. Ayes – Reetz, Quackenbush, Simmons, Hennard, and Scott. Motion carried. [1-1-#4]

Motion by Reetz, second by Simmons, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners approve purchase of a new plow truck from the lowest bidder. This truck will be utilized by the Ogemaw Public Transit Department. Roll call vote. Ayes – Quackenbush, Simmons, Hennard, Scott, and Reetz. Motion carried. [1-1-#5]

OFFICIAL'S REPORTS:

Amy Beach, County E911 Director, provided budgetary information that will be utilized at the January 25, 2018 County Commissioner informational meeting vis-à-vis E911 matters. The information provided data from surrounding counties, i.e. phone surcharges, E911 budgets, etc. It was suggested the county auditors review the proposed E911 authority budget for accuracy. Ms. Beach requested more time to adjust the proposed authority budget as needed. **Motion by Scott, second by _____, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners request the county auditor review the proposed E911 Authority budget. Motion died for lack of support.**

County Register of Deeds, Denise Simmons, stated U. S. Imaging has completed the first phase of the scanning project for her department. All went well.

Mandi Chasey, Ogemaw County Economic Resource Development Agent, provided a Michigan Works! update. 251 jobs were posted during the July 1, 2017 through January 11, 2018 time frame. 42 persons attended the Sandvik hiring event. The *Iron Belle* grant paperwork has been submitted. Commissioner Quackenbush stated a grant preparation workshop will be held later this month in Grayling, Michigan.

Motion by Quackenbush, second by Simmons, the *Concurrent Jurisdiction* plan related to judge's vacancy filling be approved by the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [1-1-#6]

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Motion by Simmons, second by Hennard, claims in the amount of \$86,888.45 be approved for payment. Roll call vote. Ayes – Simmons, Hennard, Scott, Reetz, and Quackenbush. Motion carried. [1-1-#7]

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Commissioner Hennard attended the NEMCSA meeting in Alpena, Michigan. There have been board resignations. He also attended the E911 Advisory Board meeting which was well attended.

Commissioner Reetz stated he did not have anything to report.

Commissioner Scott attended four township meetings. The townships are very interested in the January 25, 2018 commissioner meeting. He attended the E911 Advisory Board meeting. All is going well with Parks and Recreation Committee. A recent grant application has been submitted related to parks. \$100,000 has been committed by West Branch Township related to this grant. County is not putting up any money for the grant. It will be for water, sewer and electricity at the West Branch Travel Trailer Park.

Commissioner Simmons stated acquisition of the Parks grant would allow larger RV's to camp at the West Branch Travel Trailer Park. District Health Department No. 2 has its own bank accounts now and will not need to utilize county bank accounts.

Commissioner Quackenbush attended the West Branch Community Airport Board meeting. He also attended the Substance Use Disorder meeting. Information on new programs was presented at the SUD meeting. Hill Township hall addition is going well.

There was not any *Public Comment*.

Motion by Simmons, second by Hennard, the meeting be adjourned. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [1-1-#8]

There being no further business to address, Chairman Hennard adjourned the meeting at 10:02 a.m.

Minutes by Gary R. Klacking, Ogemaw County Clerk.

Attest: Gary R. Klacking, Ogemaw County Clerk.