

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, and Hennard. Absent – Simmons with notice.

Motion by Quackenbush, second by Reetz, the meeting agenda be approved. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [12-1-#1]

Motion by Quackenbush, second by Reetz, the minutes of the November 21, 2017 meeting be approved as noted. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [12-1-#2]

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mandi Chasey, Ogemaw County Economic Resource Business Agent, informed the board the County EDC strategic plan is finished. She and Dr. Quinn will present the plan at the December 28, 2017 county commissioner meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

County Clerk Klacking explained a letter from Smith & Johnson, attorneys at law. The letter detailed the firm's work in opioid litigation. The letter will be reviewed by board members. It may be a topic of discussion at the December 2017 committee of the whole meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Reetz, second by Scott, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the appointment of Jeremy Card and Jim Briese to the County Zoning Board of Appeals for a 3 year term commencing January 1, 2018. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [12-1-#3]

Motion by Reetz, second by Scott, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the appointment of Patricia Sciotti as the alternate to the County Zoning Board of Appeals commencing January 1, 2018. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [12-1-#4]

Motion by Reetz, second by Scott, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the appointment of Randy Short and Richard Bachelder to the County Planning Commission for a 3 year term commencing January 1, 2018. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [12-1-#5]

Commissioner Scott explained the Parks and Recreation Committee has reviewed a grant from North Central Community Foundation for enlarging the fenced in area for deer located at the Ogemaw Nature Park. The \$2,500 match requirement will be made by the Ogemaw Heights High School Advisory Council. **Motion by Reetz, second by Scott, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners approve the grant from North Central Community Foundation for deer fencing at the Ogemaw Nature Park. Board chairman is authorized to sign the grant paperwork. Ogemaw Heights High School Advisory Council will provide a local match amount of \$2,500. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [12-1-#6]**

OFFICIAL'S REPORTS:

Glenda Colclasure, County Zoning Administrator, informed the board of text amendment language approved by the County Planning Commission. **Motion by Quackenbush, second by Reetz, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners approve Text Amendment 01-17, Homeless Shelter/Transitional Housing as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes – Scott, Reetz, Quackenbush, and Hennard. Motion carried. [12-1-#7]** Ms. Colclasure stated a public hearing will be held concerning solar farms at the next County Planning Commission meeting.

County Register of Deeds, Denise Simmons, presented information related to the purchase of a service agreement for a computer server within her department. **Motion by Quackenbush, second by Reetz, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners approve the purchase of a service agreement for a computer server for the County Register of Deeds in the net amount of \$2,870.49. Purchase funds to come from the automation fund. The service agreement runs through 2021. Roll call vote. Ayes – Reetz, Quackenbush, Hennard, and Scott. Motion carried. [12-1-#8]**

Amy Beach, County E-911 Director, stated the E911 advisory board has three open positions. A board member from a fire board, City of Rose City, and a township is required.

Doug Casselman, County Undersheriff, discussed employee donation of time for one of the correctional facility cooks. **Motion by Quackenbush, second by Scott, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners approve the concept of donated accrued time off for a correctional facility cook. Undersheriff Casselman will report back to the full board for the details of this concept. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [12-1-#9]** Commissioner Reetz mentioned the Michigan DNR has approved grant funding for snow mobile patrol/enforcement. Mr. Casselman stated he has not had any response from the Michigan DNR regarding the grant funding.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Motion by Scott, second by Quackenbush, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioner approve claims in the amount of \$150,733.07. Roll call vote. Ayes – Quackenbush, Hennard, Scott, and Reetz. Motion carried. [12-1-#10]

Commissioner Reetz stated he attended the Ogemaw County DHHS meeting, all is well with the department. He also attended the annual state Farm Bureau meeting in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He attended his township meetings.

Chairman Hennard attended the NEMCSA board meeting. Focus was on the agency website and salary increase for the director. He attended all township/village meetings. He also attended the Commission on Aging board meeting.

Commissioner Quackenbush attended a tele-conference involving Traveler's Insurance. It was very informative. Kevin Elliott, Diebold Insurance Agency, Inc. provided workers comp insurance bids. Accident Fund bid \$128,908; MAC bid \$148,000; and, Travelers \$130,800. It was decided to stay with Accident Fund as they also provide the county with an annual dividend based on the county's loss history. He stated all is going well with District Health Dept. No. 2. Its home health services program will no longer be offered. Cumming Township board hosted a meeting related to placement of a medical marijuana facility within the township. The meeting was very informative. No decision was made by the township board.

Commissioner Scott attended four township meetings. Ogemaw Township did not make a decision related to medical marijuana facility placement within the township. He attended the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting. Revenues were up for both parks this past fiscal year. West Branch DDA may appropriate funds for improvements to the West Branch Travel Trailer Park. He stated his schedule does not permit him to make the monthly MichiganWorks! Board meetings. Commissioner Quackenbush may replace him as Mr. Quackenbush previously served on the board.

Chairman Hennard stated the memo informing townships/cites about an E911 informational meeting will be sent out on Thursday, December 21, 2017. The informational meeting is scheduled for January 25, 2018 at 4:30 p.m.

Commissioner Reetz stated he attended a recent Ogemaw County Road Commissioner board meeting. The salt brine program may be in jeopardy as qualified truck drivers are hard to find.

There was not any *Public Comment*.

Motion by Quackenbush, second by Reetz, the meeting be adjourned. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [10-3-#11]

There being no further business to address, Chairman Hennard adjourned the meeting at 10:07 a.m.

Minutes by Gary R. Klacking, Ogemaw County Clerk.
Attest: Gary R. Klacking, Ogemaw County Clerk.