

Chairman Hennard called a Committee of the Whole meeting of the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners to order at 8:30 a.m. on this date in the Commissioner's Chambers, Ogemaw County Building, West Branch, Michigan.

Present – Scott, Reetz, Quackenbush, and Hennard. Absent – Simmons with notice/excused.

Administrative Assistant Caren Piglowski, presented the monthly budget high light. This month *Elections* is being reviewed. The total budget for this year is \$52,477. New equipment and software is being purchased and has been budgeted in the amount of \$12,000.

County Clerk Klacking explained the internet service provider being used by the Equalization Department for GIS purposes may terminate service in the future. He explained a proposal that would enable the current arrangement to continue. Equalization Department Director, Randy Booth, will attend the February Committee of the Whole meeting to update the board on this matter.

The board discussed the future Building and Zoning Department Clerical vacancy. Specifically, it involves the Zoning Administrator retiring and replacing her with a full-time department clerical person. Chairman Hennard stated he would like the matter handled by the Board Personnel Committee.

Clerk Klacking stated Commissioner Simmons would like a locking file cabinet to keep board-related paperwork stored. The board briefly discussed the matter and approved the acquisition of a filing cabinet.

Mischelle Warner, MSUE District Coordinator, updated the board about preparation of a ballot proposal. She asked if there were any items she needed to be aware of and stated she is still researching the matter. She was told MSUE may need to find another location or pay rent to the county. It was suggested MSUE prepare a contingency plan in the event the proposed millage fails.

Chairman Hennard detailed for the board a proposed plan for county-based millage proposals this year. He stated MSU Extension would be placed on the August 2018 ballot. It would not go on the November 2018 ballot. The Veterans and Public Transit renewals would also go on the August 2018 ballot and, if needed, go back on the November 2018 ballot. The E911 proposal would go on the November 2018 ballot. Commissioner Reetz stated placing E911 on the November 2018 ballot met with the County E911 Director's approval.

Commissioner Reetz informed the board that he, Commissioner Simmons, and County Clerk Klacking met with Dr. Thomas Quinn, President of Kirtland Community College. He stated Dr. Quinn is seeking a contribution to the County EDC enabling it to function in its current arrangement. The matter will be reviewed again when first quarter budget adjustments are addressed by the County Board.

Ray Blamer, Ogemaw Public Transit Director, explained the proposed Fiscal Year 2019 department budget. It will be presented at the upcoming County Commissioner board meeting for approval. He also discussed ridership numbers with the board. The millage rate amount for this year's ballot proposal was discussed by the board. This will be reviewed in greater detail at a future Committee of the Whole meeting.

County millage renewals will be discussed at the February 2018 Committee of the Whole meeting. Commissioner Scott asked if the board should consider a millage for Child Care purposes. The board briefly discussed the merits of this idea.

Dave Ryan, Mills Township Supervisor, asked questions concerning a zoning matter related to Mills Township.

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.