

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 Conference Room A, Commissioner's Chambers, Ogemaw County Building, West Branch, Michigan.

Present – Scott, Reetz, Quackenbush, Simmons, and Hennard.

Caren Piglowski, Administrative Assistant, hi-lited “retirement” expenses for this month’s review of specific general fund expenditures. The board discussed the county retirement plans, i.e. defined benefit and defined contribution.

Ms. Piglowski informed the board FY 2016-2017 child care fund institutional expenses were over budget approximately \$99,000. This will result in \$38,947 being transferred from the delinquent tax revolving fund to eliminate this deficit in the FY 2016-2017 county general fund budget. A motion will be prepared for the upcoming board meeting.

Ms. Piglowski stated the appropriation request from Northern Michigan Children’s Assessment Center was not included in this year’s county general fund budget. A motion will be prepared for approval of this request at the upcoming regular commissioner meeting.

County Clerk Klacking stated the County Recreation plan will expire the end of 2018. Commissioner Simmons will have the matter discussed at an upcoming Parks and Recreation Committee meeting.

Mr. Klacking stated the I.T. service agreement with the Ogemaw County Road Commission is back on the agenda for discussion. He has contacted Mr. Reinke, County Road Commission Engineer/Manager, about increasing the hourly service rate. It was suggested \$80 per hour be inserted into the agreement. Mr. Klacking will contact Mr. Reinke and inform him of this change request.

Michael LaFave, 34th Circuit Court FOC Business Manager, and Shana Lambourn, Ogemaw County Probate Judge, addressed two operational issues with the board. There is a need for space to ensure privacy with FOC clients. Materials are on hand for the office remodeling. Judge Lambourn informed the board changes are forthcoming with regard to CRP reimbursement amounts.

Amy Beach, County Central Dispatch Director, distributed a letter from state Central Dispatch regarding a compliance review. She distributed information detailing costs for establishing an authority for county E911 services. There would be a one-time cost of \$5,000 for attorney work related to the establishing of an authority. Ongoing discussion ensued regarding the “real” costs for a Central Dispatch authority. Chairman Hennard stated he was hoping there would be a consensus of the board on how to move forward with this matter. Ms. Beach stated we can have an attorney factor in service providers paying us when the E911 plan is revised. Commissioner Scott asked who is responsible for E911 services. Ms. Beach stated it is the county. There was discussion about the maximum amount for a phone surcharge. The amount is \$3.00 per device.

Doug Casselman, County Undersheriff, explained a request for purchase of a new van for county correctional facility uses. Overall cost including add-ons after purchase is approximately \$35,000. The commissary fund will be utilized to pay for the purchase. A motion will be prepared approving the purchase of a van up to \$37,000. It will be used by the County Correctional facility for various purposes. Mr. Casselman stated he is also checking into the cost of a range and oven as the existing ones are nearing the end of their useful life.

Mr. Klacking explained a court office was not included in the overall carpet plan. A motion will be prepared for the upcoming board meeting.

Ms. Piglowski stated another OPEB (other post-employment benefits) actuary for audit compliance will need to be procured. Cost could exceed \$3,000.

The board briefly discussed the repair of a leak in the Ogemaw Public Transit roof. Estimated repair cost is approximately \$4,500. LTK Builders reviewed the needed work. Mr. Klacking was directed to contact Ray Blamer, Public Transit Operations Manager, informing him to move forward with the repair work.

Commissioner Scott asked if the board had previously discussed making Ogemaw Public Transit an authority. He was told there had been some discussion in the past. E911 board vacancies were discussed. Mike Babcock was suggested as a township appointee. The City of Rose City will have to suggest someone to fill the vacant city slot.

Denise Simmons, County Register of Deeds, explained the property line situation on the Ogemaw Hills Recreation property. It was suggested the lease agreement be amended to indicate true property lines and ownership rights. Commissioner Simmons stated there have been questions about true property line placement related to the issuance of building permits. Glenda Colclasure and Bryan Stein will explain this matter at a future COW meeting.

Denise Simmons stated U.S. Imaging will be here soon to perform work for her office. She asked if it would be acceptable for this company's employees to be in the county building during off hours with no one present. The board stated it would be acceptable.

There being no further business to address, Chairman Hennard adjourned the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

Minutes by Gary R. Klacking, Ogemaw County Clerk.

Attest: Gary R. Klacking, Ogemaw County Clerk.