

Chairman Hennard called a regular meeting of the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners to order at 7:00 p.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 Reetz, second by Quackenbush, the meeting agenda be approved. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [10-3-#1]

Motion by Quackenbush, second by Reetz, the minutes of the October 12, 2017 meeting be approved as noted. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [10-3-#2]

Motion by Reetz, second by Quackenbush, the minutes of the October 18, 2017 meeting be approved as noted. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [10-3-#3]

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Melissa Wangler, attorney at law, invited everyone to a ribbon cutting and open house at her law office scheduled for November 2, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. She also asked the board to consider naming the county law library after William Jennings, Jr. The board will consider the matter and will address at the next regular commissioner meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mischelle Warner, District 4 Coordinator, MSU Extension Services, presented a resolution to the commissioners commemorating 100 years of service to Ogemaw County MSU Extension. She asked all commissioners to sign the resolution.

Melissa Wangler and Barb Klimaszewski presented information to the board concerning the Michigan Indigent Defense Compliance Plan for Ogemaw County. Ms. Klimaszewski explained how the plan will be implemented. The plan is reviewed each year. She thanked Commissioner Simmons and Ms. Wangler for their work putting the plan together. She also thanked Caren Piglowksi for her assistance. **Motion by Simmons, second by Reetz, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners approve the Michigan Indigent Defense Compliance Plan for Ogemaw County with the appropriate signatures. Roll call vote. Ayes – Scott, Reetz, Quackenbush, Simmons, and Hennard. Motion carried. [10-3-#4]**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The following motions were considered for adoption by the board of commissioners:

Motion by Reetz, second by Quackenbush, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners does hereby appoint Dave Mayhew to the E-911 Advisory Board. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [10-3-#5]

Motion by Hennard, second by Quackenbush, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners does hereby change the Committee of the Whole meeting to begin at 8:30 a.m. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [10-3-#6]

Motion by Quackenbush, second by _____, The Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve a wage increase for Bruce David, Information Technology Director to \$50,000. Motion died for lack of support. Commissioner Scott stated we need to consider other elected officials and department heads with as much or more responsibility. Elected officials have not received pay increases in years. The timing of the request is not appropriate. He does not support the motion. Commissioner Quackenbush stated the IT work is very critical for county operation; however, he does agree with Commissioner Scott. **Motion by Reetz, second by Quackenbush, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve increasing Bruce David, IT Director's hours to 40 hours per week. Voice vote. Ayes – none. Nays – all. Motion failed. [10-3-#7]**

Motion by Simmons, second by Reetz, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve Transit to hire up to 3 part-time employees, staffing not to exceed 8 full-time and 10 part-time employees. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [10-3-#8]

Motion by Reetz, second by Quackenbush, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve Bryan Stein, County Building Inspector, to work 40 hours for 13 payrolls, beginning October 2017 thru March 2018. Roll call vote. Ayes – Reetz, Quackenbush, Hennard, and Scott. Nay – Simmons. Motion carried. [10-3-#9] Commissioner Simmons stated she would like to see information related to the number of the various permits the department issues. Chairman Hennard explained the rationale for the motion. Money for this scheduling is in the department budget.

Motion by Scott, second by Quackenbush, claims in the amount of \$199,338.64 be paid. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [10-3-#10] Commissioner Scott commented on the cost of florescent light bulbs purchased out-of-the-county. He also asked about a potential late fee on an invoice.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Commissioner Scott attended the Airport Board meeting. All is well with airport operation.

Commissioner Reetz attended a well head protection meeting at City of West Branch. The meeting concerned keeping water clean. These meetings will be held quarterly. He read a resolution related to E-911 funding and making the County E-911 a “stand alone” authority. The board discussed this matter at length. It will be placed on the upcoming Committee of the Whole meeting agenda. Commissioner Reetz also attended the Ogemaw Human Service Council meeting. Topic of discussion was suicide prevention. He stated the County of Ogemaw Farm Bureau has invited county commissioners and elected officials to a farm tour scheduled for November 8, 2017.

Chairman Hennard shared an anecdote about his son and local government perception. He attended the Northern MAC meeting. A Michigan Department of Natural Resources spokesperson discussed trail systems in Michigan. Michigan has the most non-motorized trails in the country.

Commissioner Quackenbush attended the District Health Department No. 2 meeting in Mio. Health Officer Denise Bryan received a good annual evaluation. The County Planning Commission approved homeless shelter language. A public hearing will be scheduled for this matter. A rezoning request in Ogemaw Township was approved. Work on solar farms will commence in the future.

Commissioner Simmons stated an Ogemaw Nature Park fundraiser will be held on October 28, 2017. She stated she has tickets for an event to fund the Clarice Sperry scholarship fund.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Dave Ryan, Mills Township Supervisor, stated he has been receiving questions from Mills Township residents about the County E-911 operation and a potential millage proposal.

Nancy Bellville commented about surveys being sent out with property tax bills.

Motion by Quackenbush, second by Simmons, 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 8:23 p.m.

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