

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, Quackenbush, Simmons, and Hennard. Absent – Reetz with notice.

Motion by Quackenbush, second by Scott, the meeting agenda be approved. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [12-3-#1]

Motion by Simmons, second Quackenbush, the minutes of the December 14, 2017 meeting be approved as noted. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [12-3-#2]

Motion by Scott, second by Quackenbush, the minutes of the December 20, 2017 meeting be approved as noted. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [12-3-#3]

There was not any *Public Comment*.

CORRESPONDENCE:

County Clerk Klacking read a letter from Patricia Sciotti. Ms. Sciotti stated she was submitting her resignation from the County Zoning Board of Appeals due to conflicts with her township meeting attendance. **Motion by Quackenbush, second by Scott, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners accept the resignation of Patricia Sciotti from the Ogemaw County Zoning Board of Appeals with regret. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [12-3-#4]** The matter is referred back to the board Personnel Committee for review.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Quackenbush, second by Simmons, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners approve Text Amendment TA 02-17 (Solar Energy Farms) as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes – Scott, Quackenbush, Simmons, and Hennard. Motion carried. [12-3-#5]

There were not any *Official's Reports*.

Dr. Thomas Quinn and Mandi Chasey presented a brief overview of the 2018-2022 Ogemaw County EDC Strategic Plan. Dr. Quinn stated it was a “grassroots” effort. He stated the plan covered items such as an improved economy in the county, improving the economic environment for the townships and cities, improving the housing stock, improving maternal and child care services, developing a stronger workforce, improving internet access services, and improving tourism. Commissioner Simmons asked if the vocational/technical services had been moved to Grayling, Michigan. Dr. Quinn stated if 12 students can be found to attend such classes in Ogemaw County he would arrange for an instructor within Ogemaw County. There were board comments and questions of Dr. Quinn.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Commissioner Scott stated he reviewed claims. He reported on his township meetings at the last commissioner meeting.

Glenda Colclasure informed the board an employee or contractor of the county legislative body may not serve on the County Zoning Board of Appeals.

Commissioner Quackenbush attended the West Branch Community Airport Board meeting. Next month the airport board will be meeting with its airport consultant. He also attended the District Health Department No. 2 meeting. DHD 2 will no longer be using the County of Ogemaw as a “pass thru” for its payroll and payables processing. He stated a long time Rose City Council member passed away.

Commissioner Simmons reiterated the District Health Department No. 2 would no longer be using the County of Ogemaw for “pass thru” funds purposes.

Chairman Hennard stated he attended the County MTA Christmas party. There are a number of motions for adoption at tonight's meeting.

The following motions were considered for adoption by the board of commissioners: **Motion by Hennard, second by Scott, The Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the appropriation of an additional \$98,895 or whatever is needed to eliminate the deficit for the Child Care Fund for fiscal year ending 09/30/2017. Funds will come from the Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund. Roll call vote. Ayes – Quackenbush, Simmons, Hennard, and Scott. Motion carried. [12-3-#6]**

Motion by Scott, second by Quackenbush, The Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the Professional Services Agreement between Ogemaw County and Northern Michigan Children's Assessment Center with a payment of \$2,500 to be paid from Contingency. Roll call vote. Ayes – Simmons, Hennard Scott, and Quackenbush. Motion carried. [12-3-#7]

Motion by Simmons, second by Scott, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the purchase of a van for the jail from Todd Wenzel GMC up to \$37,000 to be paid from the Commissary Fund. The Board of Commissioners waives the requirement for additional bids. Roll call vote. Ayes – Hennard, Scott, Quackenbush, and Simmons. Motion carried. [12-3-#8]

Motion by Quackenbush, second by Simmons, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the invoice in the amount of \$592.00 from Morse Clark Furniture for materials and labor of carpet installation in the court reporter's office. Invoice to be paid from Contingency. Roll call vote. Ayes – Scott, Quackenbush, Simmons, and Hennard. Motion carried. [12-3-#9]

Motion by Quackenbush, second by Simmons, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners does hereby give Ogemaw Public Transit Director Ray Blamer permission to move forward with the Public Transit building roof repair. The Board of Commissioners waives the requirement for additional bids. Voice Vote. Ayes – All. Motion carried. [12-3-#10]

Motion by Scott, second by Quackenbush, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners does hereby appoint Mike Babcock to the E-911 Advisory Board. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [12-3-#11]

Motion by Scott, second by Quackenbush, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners approve claims in the amount \$140,630.49. Roll call vote. Ayes – Quackenbush, Simmons, Hennard, and Scott. Motion carried. [12-3-#12] Commissioner Scott noted that online purchases appear to be on the rise. He stated the county departments should buy locally if they are able based on the situation.

Chairman Hennard stated he would like to make adjustments in two commissioner committees. Commissioner Scott would like to go off Region 7B Committee. Chairman Hennard designated Commissioner Quackenbush for this committee as he has prior experience on it. For Claims and Accounts Committee he would like to rotate on with Commissioner Simmons.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Chairman Hennard thanked all of those in attendance at the meeting. Scott Nunn asked why the jail van was purchased from Wenzel GMC. He was told the county was able to get State of Michigan pricing on the van. Al Evans asked why no bids were required on the Public Transit roof. He was told the work needed to be done quickly. A specific quote could not be acquired unless the roof was torn apart to see what was needed to be repaired.

Motion by Hennard, second by Quackenbush, the meeting be adjourned. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [12-3-#13]

There being no further business to address, Chairman Hennard adjourned the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

Minutes by Gary R. Klacking, Ogemaw County Clerk.

Attest: Gary R. Klacking, Ogemaw County Clerk.