

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 Hennard, second by Quackenbush, the meeting agenda be approved. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [4-3-#1]

Motion by Scott, second by Reetz, the minutes of the April 12, 2018 meeting be approved as noted. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [4-3-#2]

Motion by Reetz, second by Quackenbush, the minutes of the April 25, 2018 meeting be approved as noted. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [4-3-#3]

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jo Jean Thompson, Community Corrections Advisory Board Chairman, discussed the Fiscal year CCAB 2019 grant application with the board. **Motion by Reetz, second by Quackenbush, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners approve the proposed CCAB Fiscal Year 2019 grant application in the amount of \$66,615. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [4-3-#4]**

Melissa Wangler updated the board on the MiDC project. She stated it is still viable and in place. The planned start date is October 1, 2018. Ogemaw County's proposed plans have been approved by the State of Michigan. She also stated a dedication of the County Building Law Library is planned for Wednesday, May 9, 2018 at 4:15 p.m. The dedication will name the Law Library the William P. Jennings, Jr. law library.

Bonnie Witchner-Zoia stated the recently scheduled leadership training session went well. High marks were received from session attendees.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A letter was received from Mark DeBoer, President, Veterans Alliance. It concerned an appointment to the Ogemaw County Veterans Committee. **Motion by Scott, second by Reetz, Larry Boyce be re-appointed to the Ogemaw County Veterans Committee. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [4-3-#5]**

NEW BUSINESS:

Glenda Colclasure, County Zoning Administrator, stated the County Planning Commission approved Text Amendment TA01-2018. The county board must now approve. She explained the changes in the zoning ordinance text. Questions were asked by board members. **Motion by Quackenbush, second by Simmons, Text Amendment 01-2018 be approved as presented. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [4-3-#6]**

Mandi Chasey, Ogemaw County Economic Resource Development Agent, updated the board on her recent activities. She provided an overview of upcoming business-related events.

County Clerk Klacking suggested a possible staffing arrangement for the County Building and Zoning Department.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Commissioner Simmons stated water well permits will increase to \$230 commencing June 1, 2018.

Commissioner Quackenbush did not have anything to report.

Motion by Hennard, second by Reetz, claims in the amount of \$107,142.87 be approved for payment. Roll call vote. Ayes – Reetz, Quackenbush, Simmons, Hennard, and Scott. Motion carried. [4-3-#7]

Commissioner Scott stated West Branch Township DDA will cover the cost of signage on I-75 related to advertising the West Branch Travel Trailer Park. The Ogemaw Nature Park caretaker is leaving the position. Mr. Scott attended the Committee of the Whole meeting.

The Personnel Committee has been busy. Two candidates have been interviewed for the vacant County I.T. Director position. **Motion by Scott, second by Reetz, The Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners extend an offer of employment to Tom Spencer as the County I.T. Director. Effective start date Monday, May 7, 2018. Starting salary is \$53,000 and with an acceptable six month review adjusting salary to \$55,500. Two weeks' vacation time first year with all Local 8569 United Steelworker Union benefits applicable for this position. Roll call vote. Ayes – Quackenbush, Simmons, Hennard, Scott, and Reetz. Motion carried. [4-3-#8]**

Commissioner Scott stated the Personnel Committee has made recommendations to the board related to the County Building Department that have not necessarily been accepted. There were not any qualified candidates for the County Zoning Administrator position. **Motion by Scott, second by Reetz, Bryan Stein be appointed as the County Zoning Administrator. Mr. Stein will work 40 hours with \$1.00 per hour added to his current hourly wage. The ending date of this arrangement will be December 31, 2018. Roll call vote. Ayes – Scott and Reetz. Nays – Quackenbush, Simmons, and Hennard. Motion failed. [4-3-#9]** The board briefly discussed the County Zoning Administrator and it was agreed two positions, i.e. County Zoning Administrator and department clerical, will be advertised.

Commissioner Reetz stated he attended the EMS Advisory Board meeting. Tom Benjamin is drawing the new building plans for the EMS station. He attended the Ogemaw County Human Services Council and County Road Commission meetings.

Motion by Scott, second by Simmons, The Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the amended lease agreement between Ogemaw County and West Branch Township for the “Field of Dreams” property. Furthermore, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the Board Chairman to sign the document and record with the Register of Deeds. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [4-3-#10]

Motion by Quackenbush, second by Hennard, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the contract renewal between Ogemaw County and Jail Billing Services as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes – Hennard, Scott, Reetz, Quackenbush, and Simmons. Motion carried. [4-3-#11]

Motion by Simmons, second by Scott, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the purchase of live scan fingerprint equipment in the amount of \$15,544 to be paid from the Commissary and CPL funds. Roll call vote. Ayes – Scott, Reetz, Quackenbush, Simmons, and Hennard. Motion carried. [4-3-#12]

Motion by Scott, second by Quackenbush, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve hiring a full time clerical position to fill a future vacancy in the County Clerk’s office. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [4-3-#13]

Motion by Quackenbush, second by Simmons, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve hiring a full time clerical position to fill a future vacancy in the Ogemaw County Register of Deeds office. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [4-3-#14]

Motion by Simmons, second by Scott, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the Ogemaw Public Transit millage proposal to be placed on the August 2018 Primary Election ballot. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [4-3-#15]

Motion by Quackenbush, second by Reetz, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioner does hereby approve the Proclamation for National Police Week 2018. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [4-3-#16]

Michelle Warner stated this Saturday is Ogemaw 4H Achievement Day.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Bryan Stein stated there is not an appeal process in place related to an affidavit for water well abandonment. All that is available for reference is county commissioner meeting minutes. Brief discussion followed.

Motion by Quackenbush, second by Simmons, the meeting be adjourned. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [10-3-#17]

There being no further business to address, Chairman Hennard adjourned the meeting at 8:39 p.m.

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