

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.

Matt Taylor, MERS Regional Manager, appeared before the board to discuss the County of Ogemaw's MERS pension plans. He distributed the county actuarial report, MERS CIO report and other related info. He stated Ogemaw County's pension situation is not unlike other municipalities. He explained PA 202, 2017 and what that means for municipalities with pension plans. Ogemaw County's pension funding level is 75%. Underfunded units of government funding levels are at 60%. He discussed pension cost reducing strategies with the board. Various questions were posed and he addressed them.

The board recessed at 9:57 a.m. and reconvened at 10:05 a.m. in Conference Room A of the Commissioners Chambers.

The board discussed the operational cost of the Ogemaw County Correctional Facility. Commissioner Simmons stated her opinion is we could be spending a lot less if we contracted out our inmate housing. Historical information about county jail operating costs and current operational costs were reviewed by the board. Commissioner Simmons stated all county employees do a great job.

Administrative Assistant Caren Piglowski stated Judge Noble has discussed increasing Ogemaw County Building security with her. He is recommending one entrance be utilized to enhance county building security. The judge is working on updated software for the court system. Commissioner Simmons suggested researching grants that may be available for building security concerns. Commissioner Scott stated issues such as staffing, union membership of staffing, operational costs for building security staffing, etc. Bailiff Ron Taylor provided his perspective on the building security situation. Commissioner Scott volunteered to lead an ad hoc committee to explore issues related to enhancing Ogemaw County Building security.

County Clerk Klacking discussed substitute inspector per diems with the board. He suggested the per diem amount be set at \$50. The board questioned Mr. Klacking on various aspects of the inspection process and current per diem amount. He will report back to the board with information related to this topic.

Randy Booth, County Equalization Director, informed the board he has hired Missy Mayhew to fill the vacant field appraiser position. She will receive on-the-job training for this position. He provided a brief update on the Michigan Department of Treasury's proposal to centralize property assessing function at the county level.

The board discussed and scheduled future Committee of the Whole meetings. The will be: August 22, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.; August 29, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.; and, September 6, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. in Conference A, Commissioner's Chambers, Ogemaw County Building, West Branch, Michigan.

Ms. Piglowski stated monthly revenue and expense reports are in the meeting packets.

There being no further business to address, Chairman Hennard adjourned the meeting at 11:41 a.m.

Minutes by Gary R. Klacking, Ogemaw County Clerk.

Attest: Gary R. Klacking, Ogemaw County Clerk.