

Chairman Hennard called a Committee of the Whole meeting of the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners to order at 8:37 a.m. on this date in Conference Room, Commissioner's Chambers, Ogemaw County Building, West Branch, Michigan.

Roll call: Present – Scott, Reetz, Quackenbush, Simmons, and Hennard.

Chairman Hennard stated what the proposed 2018-2019 County General Fund expenditure budget is compared to the current fiscal year expenditure budget. As the commissioners considered the various county department budgets questions arose. Revenue expectations were reviewed. County Treasurer McIntyre stated there really are not any revenue projections that can be adjusted.

The board considered transferring money from the delinquent tax revolving fund (DTRF) to balance the proposed general fund budget. Chairman Hennard asked if we could transfer the amount needed to balance the proposed general fund budget. He asked if we could consider a "continuing resolution" to fund the proposed 2018-2019 County General Fund budget. Mr. Klacking was directed to research if the continuing resolution option was viable.

Commissioner Scott inquired about ballot proposals that could be considered in the future, i.e. child care services, law enforcement, Headlee override, etc. The board briefly discussed borrowing money to aid in cash flow considerations in the future. County Clerk Klacking suggested the board consider borrowing money from the DTRF and work on passing future ballot millage proposals. Sheriff Hanft agreed with Mr. Klacking's assessment.

Commissioner Simmons stated she has previously commented on how to balance proposed budgets. Undersheriff David asked if we could considered stretching out our MERS retirement payments to ease the burden on the county general fund budget(s).

The board recessed at 9:51 a.m. and reconvened at 10:07 a.m.

Commissioner Scott stated the new union contracts will cost the county \$50,000 to \$100,000. Questions were raised about the union's impressions about various negotiation proposals. Commissioner Simmons stated she nor Commissioner Quackenbush have been consulted about county insurance matters. Commissioner Scott felt she may not have been communicating with the rest of the board.

County Treasurer McIntyre stated the annual growth in the DTRF is approximately \$360,000 per year. As a means of balancing the proposed 2018-2019 County General Fund budget, the following was offered: Reduce the 911 Central Dispatch appropriation by \$232,000; utilize the annual interest gain (\$360,000) from the DTRF; and, use \$323,000 from the DTRF current fund balance.

A question was raised concerning whether or not the local units of government have been sending in their Central Dispatch billing payments. It was suggested the local units be billed again. Commissioner Scott if the commissioners had any suggestions on how reduce expenditures.

Chairman Hennard suggested the board take the information on hand and review it. Comments can be offered at the next Committee of the Whole meeting which is Wednesday, August 29, 2019, 8:30 a.m.

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.