

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 Conference Room B, Commissioner's Chambers, Ogemaw County Building, West Branch, Michigan.

Present: Scott, Reetz, Quackenbush, and Hennard. Absent – Simmons with notice.

Bryan Stein, County Building Inspector, discussed the replacement of a clerical position in the County Building and Zoning Department. He suggested the clerical position take care of various tasks while he could assume the County Zoning Administrator position. Glenda Colclasure, County Zoning Administrator, questioned Mr. Stein about the importance of a County Zoning Administrator. She informed the board she would be vacating the County Zoning Administrator position on or about June 1, 2018. Brief discussion about the County Zoning Administrator duties followed.

Administrative Assistant Caren Piglowski stated the "tax bill processing cost" payment is hi-lited for this month's expenditure review. The payment expended is \$13,459.24. She stated budget adjustments have not been completed due to the County Treasurer and some department heads not being available.

Randy Booth, County Equalization Director, stated M33 Access is still hosting our GIS without charging us. Amalgam has provided us a proposal to cover our GIS internet service. Property parcels have not been updated. The county cost for BS & A Equalization software will be approximately \$100,000. Municipalities cost is approximately \$62,000. If the board decides to fund the new software, it could be scheduled for roll out in 2019. He also stated new voted millage amounts can be captured by county-based downtown development authorities.

Commissioner Reetz was excused for a scheduled appointment.

Shayna Sacks, attorney with Napoli Shkolnic law firm, discussed representing Ogemaw County in an opioid litigation action. She stated her firm currently represents 100 clients in this type of litigation. She explained the defendants would be drug manufacturers, distributors, and doctors. She stated the filing of the lawsuit would be at no cost to the county. Questions were asked and answered by Ms. Sacks.

County Clerk Klacking informed the board about dates county-wide ballot proposals would need to be adopted by the board of commissioners. For the August Primary the cutoff date is May 15, 2018, for the November General the cutoff date is August 14, 2018. The board discussed when various county-wide millages expire and when the millage could be collected. County Clerk Klacking and County Equalization Director Booth will prepare a spread sheet detailing county-wide ballot proposals and millage expirations. Clerk Klacking will contact Assistant Prosecutor Williams to research whether millage proposals can be listed as "renewals" in the ballot narrative.

The board reviewed information related to a real estate broker market analysis related to the purchase of county-owned lots. The board reviewed the information and discussed at length. It was decided it would be in the best interests of the board to leave the lots county-owned. Mr. Klacking will inform the adjacent property owner of the board's decision and that the board is satisfied with the current working relationship with this property owner.

Ms. Piglowski informed the Board GASB standards have changed. Every three years there is a need to have an OPEB actuarial done. The quote is for \$4,250 for the actuary. A motion for adoption will be prepared for upcoming County Commissioner meeting.

Rifle River Natural River Zoning Review Board appointments were briefly discussed. Chairman Hennard will discuss the appointments with Commissioner Reetz.

Clerk Klacking informed the board the county building elevator carpet has been replaced. He also stated three Remonumentation contractor agreements will be presented at the February 22, 2018 board meeting for adoption. Lastly, Mr. Klacking informed the board about the condition of asphalt in county-owned lots. It was decided to review the county-owned asphalt parking lots conditions matter again in the spring of this year.

Commissioner Scott asked for the number of "hits" on our county website. He also asked about suggestions that have been received in the "suggestion box". Clerk Klacking said the only one he has seen relates to the use of personal electric heaters in the various county offices.

Attorneys Tim Smith, Marc Bernstein, and Paul Novak discussed representing Ogemaw County in an opioid litigation matter. The board was told each county files its own lawsuit. This will not be a class action lawsuit. Mr. Bernstein stated the attorneys will ask for injunctive relief, that is, change the way drugs are dispensed and delivered to individuals. The board briefly discussed the retainer with the attorneys.

County Prosecutor Schultz will review a proposed resolution for adoption/approval for hiring the attorneys to represent the county in this matter. A brief question and answer time followed.

Mr. Klacking informed the board there were two amendments to the Ogemaw Public Transit master plan. Information explaining the amendments will be placed in each commissioner mail box in the copier/mail room.

There being no further business to address, Chairman Hennard adjourned the meeting at 12:27 p.m.

Minutes by Gary R. Klacking, Ogemaw County Clerk.

Attest: Gary R. Klacking, Ogemaw County Clerk.