

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, and Hennard. Absent – Simmons with notice.

Motion by Scott, second by Quackenbush, the meeting agenda be approved. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [2-3-#1]

Motion by Scott, second by Reetz, the minutes of the February 8, 2018 meeting be approved as noted. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [2-3-#2]

Motion by Reetz, second by Quackenbush, the minutes of the February 14, 2018 meeting be approved as noted. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [2-3-#3]

There was not any *Public Comment*.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A request from the *Up North Prevention Coalition* to adopt a proclamation declaring April 2018 is *Social Host Responsibility Month* was explained by County Clerk Klacking. **Motion by Reetz, second by Scott, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners declare April 2018 is *Social Host Responsibility Month*. Roll call vote. Ayes – Scott, Reetz, Quackenbush, and Hennard. Motion carried. [2-3-#4]**

Chairman Hennard noted a letter was received from AuSable Valley Community Mental Health Authority CEO Diane Pelts. It stated the term of board member Gary Klacking would soon be expiring. **Motion by Quackenbush, second by Reetz, Gary Klacking be re-appointed to the AuSable Valley Community Mental Health Authority for a three year term. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [2-3-#5]**

Chairman Hennard noted a letter has been received from Jerome Costello. Mr. Costello stated his concerns about ORV's driving on county roads. Chairman Hennard requested Assistant County Prosecutor respond to the Mr. Costello. Mr. Costello was informed state law governs ORV travelling county roads.

NEW BUSINESS:

Clerk Klacking requested 2018 Remonumentation contracts be approved. He explained the contracts and the number of corners to be set. Brief discussion about the length and expected end date of the Remonumentation grant. **Motion by Quackenbush, second by Reetz, the 2018 Remonumentation contracts for John May & Associates, J. Card Surveying, LLC, and Lapham and Associates, in the amounts of \$12,800 each be approved as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes – Reetz, Quackenbush, Hennard, and Scott. Motion carried. [2-3-#6]**

The board discussed the law firm proposals to represent the county in litigation related to the opioid crisis in our state and county. After discussion, **Motion by Reetz, second by Quackenbush, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners approves the firms of Weitz & Luxenberg PC, the Sam Bernstein Law Firm PLLC, and Smith Johnson Attorneys, PC, as counsel to represent the interests of Ogemaw County in litigation concerning the opioid epidemic. Roll call vote. Ayes – Quackenbush, Hennard, Scott, and Reetz. Motion carried. [2-3-#7]**

Clerk Klacking explained changes to an amendment to the Ogemaw Public Transit master agreement. **Motion by Reetz, second by Quackenbush, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners approve the MDOT Contract 2017-0110/A1 as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes – Hennard, Scott, Reetz, and Quackenbush. Motion carried. [2-3-#8]**

OFFICIALS REPORTS:

Clerk Klacking informed the board a grant for the *Iron Belle Trail* related to Ogemaw County has been approved. The grant amount approved was \$25,000 and will be used for a feasibility study and plan.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The following motions were considered for adoption by the board of commissioners:

Motion by Scott, second by Hennard, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve claims in the amount of \$120,257.78 with the add-on of \$1,242.00 from Lapham & Associates for Remonumentation services. Roll call vote. Ayes – Scott, Reetz, Quackenbush and Hennard. Motion carried. [2-3-#9]

Motion by Reetz, second by Quackenbush, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the agreement of contract services for the OPEB Actuarial Report with Milliman. Cost not to exceed \$4,250 to be paid from Contingency Line item. Roll call vote. Ayes Reetz, Quackenbush, Hennard, and Scott. Motion carried. [2-3-#10]

Motion by Hennard, second by Reetz, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners approve the fiscal year 2017-2018 General Fund Budget Adjustments as follows:

**Revenues increase from \$10,048,646 to \$10,256,246
Expenditures increase from \$10,048,646 to \$10,256,246.**

Roll call vote. Ayes – Quackenbush, Hennard, Scott, and Reetz. Motion carried. [2-3-#11]

Motion by Reetz, second by Quackenbush, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the fiscal year 2017-2018 Special Fund Budget Adjustments as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes – Hennard, Scott, Reetz, and Quackenbush. Motion carried. [2-3-#12]

Motion by Quackenbush, second by Reetz, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the Contingency Budget Adjustments as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes – Scott, Reetz, Quackenbush, and Hennard. Motion carried. [2-3-#13]

Commissioner Reetz stated he attended the PA 511 board meeting. Things are going quite well. He explained the purpose of the Rifle River Natural River Zoning Review Board and that appointments are needed to the board at this time. **Motion by Reetz, second by Quackenbush, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners appoint Bruce Reetz and Peter Hennard as regular members and Greg Illig and Mike Bachelder as alternates to the Rifle River Natural River Zoning Review Board. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [2-3-#14]**

Commissioner Reetz attended the EMS Advisory Board meeting. The EMS Advisory Board is considering purchasing property near Rose City to locate a satellite operational building. He stated the Ogemaw County Farm Bureau will be sending letters to Ogemaw County townships regarding changes being made to the Edwards Township zoning ordinance. The changes are very punitive for Edwards Township agricultural activities. He read excerpts from the proposed ordinance.

Commissioner Scott attended three of his township monthly meetings. Ogemaw Township board did not meet. He attended the West Branch Community Airport board meeting. The airport 2018-2019 budget was approved. Parks and Recreation Committee was attended. Selective logging is planned for the West Branch Travel Trailer Park.

Commissioner Quackenbush attended the Ogemaw County EDC board meeting for Commissioner Simmons. There was discussion about the *Rising Tide Project*. Plans are under way for the *Community Business Expo*. He attended an appreciation dinner for the Rose City Festival. He attended two township meetings. There was also an Emergency Management meeting that reviewed fire department cooperation.

Chairman Hennard stated an E- 911 funding bill was approved by the state legislature. It will generate revenue for the county. He attended three of four township/village meetings. He attended the Committee of the Whole meeting and reviewed claims. He also attended the *Rising Tide Project* meeting hosted by Governor Snyder. He was in attendance at the County Parks and Recreation Committee meeting. He stated there is demand for more Ogemaw Public Transit services which would require more busses or vans.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Scott Nunn, *Ogemaw County Herald* staff writer, inquired about how much time it would take county departments to process requests by the law firms representing the county in the opioid crisis lawsuit. It is undetermined at this point in time. He commented the *Rising Tide Project* should be very beneficial for the City of West Branch and our community.

The Ogemaw County FFA provided a presentation entitled, “Should Michigan Farmers Consider Solar Panels as Their Next Grow Crop?” The presentation was very informative. Questions were asked of the participants.

Motion by Quackenbush, second by Scott, the meeting be adjourned. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [2-3-#15]

There being no further business to address, Chairman Hennard adjourned the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

Minutes by Gary R. Klacking, Ogemaw County Clerk.

Attest: Gary R. Klacking, Ogemaw County Clerk.