

Chairman Hennard called a regular meeting of the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.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. Commissioner Simmons was detained due to car problems. She arrived at 9:11 a.m.

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

Motion by Quackenbush, second by Hennard, the minutes of the January 25, 2018 special meeting be approved as noted. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [2-1-#2]

Motion by Scott, second by Quackenbush, the minutes of the January 25, 2018 regular meeting be approved as noted. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [2-1-#3]

There was not any *Public Comment*.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Chairman Hennard noted a letter has been received from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation regarding the closeout of a Community Development Block Grant. The Ogemaw County Housing Commission was responsible for oversight of the grant. The grant award was expended in a manner consistent with state and federal compliance requirements. The grant is considered closed.

There was not any *Unfinished or New Business*.

OFFICIAL'S REPORT:

Jeff Nichols, Ogemaw County Veterans Affairs Director, informed the board a vacancy exists on the Ogemaw County Veterans Committee. The position vacancy will need to be advertised. The commissioners will make the appointment. Mr. Nichols also briefly discussed the Veterans renewal millage with the board. **Motion by Quackenbush, second by Scott, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners advertise for a vacancy on the Ogemaw County Veterans Committee. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [2-1-#4]**

Bonnie Witchner-Zoia, MSU Extension Educator, informed the board about an upcoming leadership training.

Mandi Chasey, Ogemaw County Business Development Agent, stated we have been awarded the *Rising Tide* grant. The *Iron Belle Trail* grant application has been submitted. A leadership council grant has been submitted. Preparation for the annual Business Expo has begun. She discussed fundraising efforts for the Ogemaw County EDC.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Motion by Hennard, second by Scott, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners approve claims in the amount of \$149,045.25 be approved for payment. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [2-1-#5]

Commissioner Scott stated he reviewed Claims. He did not have any township meetings to attend.

Chairman Hennard attended NEMCSA at the Kirtland Community College business office suite. A \$6 million expansion is planned for training students in wood processing technology. Richland Township did not have anything out of the ordinary arise at its board meeting. At the Northern MAC meeting the annual calendar was set. The Commission on Aging replaced its commercial dishwasher. He reviewed Claims and Accounts.

Commissioner Quackenbush attended the Region 7B meeting. The audit report was given. Commission on Aging information has been covered. He also attended two township meetings. He was reviewing a news feed online and the article stated the governor's budget will shift the cost of indigent counsel to counties.

Commissioner Simmons discussed the Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund balance with the County Treasurer. We have \$1.3 million in unencumbered funds available.

A letter from Michigan Department of Natural Resources stated there is a grant application opportunity for the County Parks and Recreation Committee. Scott Bell is working on the grant. The County Parks & Recreation Committee meetings will be held February 21, 2018 and March 21, 2018. Ogemaw County MTA will be held at Churchill Township tonight. She informed the board she will be on vacation soon.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Al Evans stated board members should make every effort to attend scheduled meetings.

Larry Lauria stated the Ogemaw County MTA meeting tonight should be of interest for various reasons.

**Motion by Quackenbush, second by Hennard, the meeting be adjourned. Voice vote. Ayes – all.
Motion carried. [2-1-#6]**

There being no further business to address, Chairman Hennard adjourned the meeting at 9:39 a.m.

Minutes by Gary R. Klacking, Ogemaw County Clerk.

Attest: Gary R. Klacking, Ogemaw County Clerk.