

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, Simmons, and Hennard.

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

**Motion by Simmons, second by Quackenbush, the minutes of the January 11, 2018 meeting be approved as noted. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [1-3-#2]**

**Motion by Simmons, second Reetz, the minutes of the January 17, 2018 meeting be approved as noted. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [1-3-#3]**

There was not any *Public Comment*.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

The County Clerk received a letter from the Michigan DNR regarding a meeting of the Rifle River Natural River Zoning Board. It will be held on February 8, 2018. Commissioner Reetz, who sits on that board, stated he has received the information concerning this meeting.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Simmons asked if anything has been done about an anticipated vacancy with the Planning & Zoning Administrator position. Commissioner Reetz stated job descriptions for this position have been provided to him and Commissioner Scott. Commissioner Scott stated the Board Personnel Committee will come back to the full board and inquire at what level this position should be filled. Chairman Hennard explained the current Zoning Administrator works full-time in the County Register of Deeds office and works an additional 5 hours per week addressing planning and zoning issues.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Ray Blamer, Ogemaw Public Transit Director, explained the FY 19 Ogemaw Public Transit budget to the board. A memo detailing the budget changes since the Board Committee of the Whole meeting, was reviewed by the Board members. **Motion by Quackenbush, second by Simmons, the Resolution of Intent to apply for state formula operating assistance for Fiscal Year 2019 under Act 51 of the Public Acts of 1951, as amended, vis-à-vis Ogemaw Public Transit be approved, Roll call vote. Ayes – Scott, Reetz, Quackenbush, Simmons, and Hennard. Motion carried. [1-3-#4]**

**Motion by Quackenbush, second by Reetz, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners approve the Ogemaw Public Transit working budget of \$925,772 for Fiscal Year 2019 as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes – Reetz, Quackenbush, Simmons, Hennard, and Scott. Motion carried. [1-3-#5]**

Commissioner Reetz informed Commissioner Simmons he had told commissioners about his meeting with Ogemaw County EDC Board chairman, Tom Quinn. Mr. Quinn requested the County Board appropriate \$5,000 to the County EDC. Commissioner Simmons stressed how important the County EDC was in business development within the county. The board discussed the pros and cons of appropriating this money to the County EDC. **Motion by Quackenbush, second by Reetz, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners appropriate \$5,000 to the Ogemaw County EDC with funds to come from the Contingency line item. Roll call vote. Ayes – Quackenbush, Simmons, Hennard, and Reetz. Nay – Scott. Motion carried. [1-3-36]**

#### **OFFICIAL'S REPORTS:**

Doug Casselman, stated he needed authorization to apply for a USDA patrol vehicle grant. **Motion by Simmons, second by Reetz, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners authorize the board chairman to sign the grant application for an USDA patrol vehicle. Federal share amount is \$16,000 and the county contribution is \$24,000. The patrol vehicle has been budgeted in this fiscal year's Sheriff Department budget. Roll call vote. Ayes – Simmons, Hennard, Reetz, and Quackenbush. Absent – Scott. Motion carried. [1-3-#7]**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Commissioner Reetz attended the City of West Branch Council meeting. Topic of discussion was placement of banners over Houghton Avenue. He attended the County Road Commission, Klacking Township board meeting, and EMS Authority board meetings. His meeting with County EDC Board chairman Tom Quinn has been previously discussed.

Chairman Hennard attended the Committee of the Whole meeting. He spent a lot of time preparing for the County Board E911 special meeting. **Motion by Simmons, second by Hennard, claims in the amount of \$134,895.35 be approved for payment. Ayes – Hennard, Scott, Reetz, Quackenbush, and Simmons. Motion carried. [1-3-#8]**

Commissioner Quackenbush attended the District Health Department No. 2 meeting. Commissioner Brenda Simmons has been elected the board chairman. At the West Branch Community Airport Board meeting the airport consultant firm of Mead and Hunt discussed the airport long term plan. He also attended the Substance Use Disorder meeting in Gaylord, Michigan. Liquor Tax monies were earmarked for distribution to the coordinating agencies.

Commissioner Simmons stated Jay O'Farrell has been elected the vice-chairman of the District Health Department No. 2. There will be a wildlife expo February 3 & 4, 2018 at Forward's Conference Center in West Branch, Michigan. The County Parks and Recreation Committee meetings for February and March 2018 will be moved due to scheduling conflicts with the County Board Committee of the Whole meetings. She informed the board she will be on vacation from February 11, 2018 to March 18, 2018.

Commissioner Scott stated he attended the West Branch Community Airport and Committee of the Whole meetings.

Commissioner Reetz stated the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Ogemaw Hills Snowmobile Club will be recognized this Saturday at the Frank Alley Memorial Snowmobile Park. The park will be rededicated on this date.

**Motion by Quackenbush, second by Simmons, the meeting be adjourned. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [1-3-#9]**

There being no further business to address, Chairman Hennard adjourned the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

Minutes by Gary R. Klacking, Ogemaw County Clerk.  
Attest: Gary R. Klacking, Ogemaw County Clerk.