

Chairman Hennard opened a public hearing at 8:46 a.m. The purpose of the public hearing was to receive comment on a proposed USDA Law Enforcement Vehicle Grant. He asked if anyone would like to comment. There was not any public comment. He closed the public hearing at 8:47 a.m.

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, and Hennard.  
Absent –  
Quackenbush and Simmons with prior notice.

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

**Motion by Scott, second by Reetz, the minutes of the February 22, 2018 meeting be approved as noted. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [3-1-#2]**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Bonnie Witchner-Zoia provided information to the board concerning an upcoming leadership series. The cost is \$79.00. Becky Mier, MSUE Healthy Nutrition Specialist, updated the board on her activities. A Snap-Ed update was also provided to the board.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Chairman Hennard read a letter from Jerome Costello. It concerned ORV operation on Ogemaw County roads. Chairman Hennard noted the Assistant Prosecuting Attorney has replied to Mr. Costello's concerns.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Ray Blamer, Ogemaw Public Transit Director, updated the board on a change to the OPT drug and alcohol policy. The change is replacing the word "opiate" with "opioid". **Motion by Reetz, second by Scott, the changes to the Ogemaw Public Transit Drug and Alcohol Policy be approved by the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [3-1-#3]**

**Motion by Hennard, second by Scott, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners approve FY 2018 Section 5311 Operating Formula Grant for Rural Areas Program. The grant is for \$52,937.00. Grant Number 2017-0110. The board chairman and vice-chairman are authorized to sign the grant paperwork. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [3-1-#4]**

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

Mandi Chasey, Agency EDC Director, updated the board on her activities. The first *Rising Tide* meeting will be held today, as well as, a *Blight Webinar*. A \$25,000 *Iron Belle Trail* grant has been awarded to Ogemaw County. 133 vendors are signed up for the Ogemaw County Business Expo to be held on March 27, 2018.

Amy Beach, Ogemaw County Central Dispatch Director, stated the Governor has signed a 911 funding bill. It will generate another \$1,000 revenue for our county. The Central Dispatch server room air conditioning was repaired. There was also an issue with the stand-by generator battery which is being addressed.

A LIEN audit will be held April 18, 2018.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Motion by Scott, second by Hennard, claims in the amount of \$109,794.18 be approved for payment. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [3-1-#5]**

Commissioner Reetz stated he had no meetings scheduled.

Chairman Hennard attended NEMCSA. The agency audit was completed and it was a “clean” audit. He attended Richland Township board meeting. The board raised its’ camping permit fees. He attended the Commission on Aging board meeting. The COA audit was “clean”. He reviewed the monthly claims.

Commissioner Scott he did not have any scheduled township meetings. There was not any *Public Comment*.

**Motion by Reetz, second by Hennard, the meeting be adjourned. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [3-1-#6]**

There being no further business to address, Chairman Hennard adjourned the meeting at 9:33a.m.

Minutes by Gary R. Klacking, Ogemaw County Clerk.

Attest: Gary R. Klacking, Ogemaw County Clerk.