

Chairman Hennard called a Committee of the Whole meeting of the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners to order at 9:32 a.m. on this date in the Commissioner's Chambers, Ogemaw County Building, West Branch, Michigan. Present – Scott, Reetz, Quackenbush, Simmons, and Hennard.

Undersheriff Doug Casselman discussed the Inmate Medical Contract (CHC) with the board. He indicated the cost will increase from \$149,000 to \$167,000 on October 1, 2018. The increased cost is due to the staff LPN attaining her RN license. Commissioner Scott suggested Mr. Casselman contact our hospital to see if they could provide this service to us. A motion will be prepared for \$5,100 to be paid from Commissary Fund for the additional nurse cost for the remainder of this year. Mr. Casselman provided a synopsis of the start-up for the Inmate Work Crew. There are rules governing the program. Up to 6 inmates can be in one location at a time. He also stated the USDA has increased the allocation for its law enforcement vehicle grant program to 55% (about \$6,000).

Steve Currie, Michigan Association of Counties Executive Director, addressed the board. Vaughn Begick, Bay County Commissioner accompanied him. Mr. Currie updated the board on various legislative issues, i.e. revenue sharing, personal property tax, DDAs, etc. Mr. Currie suggested participation in one of MAC's service programs could potentially save the county enough money to pay the annual membership fee.

Ray Blamer, Ogemaw Public Transit Operations Director, discussed various issues with the board. He sought advice from the board on how to promote the Public Transit millage. He was told to contact various service organizations and participate in Fourth of July parades. He provided a bid for remodeling of the dispatch area of the Public Transit building. LTK Builders bid was \$1,800.00. A motion will be prepared to approve LTK Builders bid. He inquired about the number of employees he was authorized to hire. He explained equipment grant items that he would like to purchase. A motion will be prepared authorizing the purchase of the equipment.

Amy Beach, County E911 Director, stated the MCDA PAC is requesting a contribution. The matter was tabled for now. She distributed E911 ballot language to board members. A motion will be prepared to adopt the ballot proposal language at the upcoming regular commissioner meeting.

Buffy Carr, County Emergency Management Director, informed the board there will be no flood assistance monies provided to Ogemaw County. The flood damage did not reach the threshold for assistance funds.

Mischelle Warner, District 4 Coordinator, MSU Extension Services, discussed copier costs with the board. She also asked if the board would be able to contribute to the 4H Steam Corps program.

Administrative Assistant, Caren Piglowski, stated this month's budget hi-lited item is advertising. The county revenue report was provided by County Treasurer Dwight McIntyre. The Delinquent Tax Revolving cash balance is \$2,002,551.00 and the DTRF Investments are \$2,010,558.00. Ms. Piglowski suggested the county borrowing for payment of taxes to the local units next year. It was decided at this time not to borrow.

The matter of hiring a County Zoning Administrator was discussed. Commissioner Reetz stated the Personnel Committee interviewed Ryan Veeder. Mr. Veeder's qualifications were discussed. He was offered \$15,600 on a contract basis. He will work 20 hours per week and have an in-house office. Bryan Stein will continue working 40 hours per week and perform the department office clerical work. A motion will be prepared for adoption for both of these items.

Ms. Piglowski stated the new AS400 software cost will range from \$45,000-\$50,000. The cost will be shared with Roscommon County. It will be implemented the spring 2019.

There being no further business to address, Chairman Hennard adjourned the meeting at 11:52 a.m.

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