

Chairman Hennard called a regular meeting of the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. 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 Reetz, second by Quackenbush, the meeting agenda be approved with additions as noted. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [10-1-#1]**

**Motion by Scott, second by Reetz, the minutes of the September 28, 2017 meeting be approved. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [10-1-#2]**

There was not any *Public Comment*.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Chairman Hennard noted a *certificate of appreciation* was received from Ogemaw Heights High School. It concerned the high school "rain garden project".

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

The board discussed the appointment of someone to the Ogemaw County DHHS board. **Motion by Reetz, second by Quackenbush, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners appoint Sue Hartz to the Ogemaw County DHHS board for a three year term commencing November 1, 2017. Roll call vote. Ayes – Reetz, Quackenbush, Simmons, and Hennard. Nay – Scott. Motion carried. [10-1-#3]**

**Motion by Reetz, second by Quackenbush, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners re-appoint Jane Allstetter to the Ogemaw County DHHS board for a three year term commencing November 1, 2017. Voice vote. Ayes – all except Commissioner Scott. Motion carried. [10-1-#4]**

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Randy Booth, County Equalization Director, briefed the board on the County of Ogemaw 2017 Apportionment of Taxes. He provided information related to the various township rates of taxation. He answered questions from the board. **Motion by Quackenbush, second by Reetz, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners accept and approve the County of Ogemaw 2017 Apportionment of Taxes. Roll call vote. Ayes – Reetz, Quackenbush, Simmons, Hennard, and Scott. Motion carried. [10-1-#5]**

Dr. Thomas Quinn, Kirtland Community College (KCC) President, provided a County EDC update. He indicated the EDC has a deficit of \$14,000 at this time. He said we need to band together to address the challenge of resolving the fund deficit. The EDC is working with Rose City on a farmer's market pavilion. He informed the board a national grocery chain has shown interest in locating in the county.

Mandi Chasey informed the board the Economic Outlook will be held October 19, 2017. Dr. Quinn provided an update on KCC matters. He stated population demographics have changed. Kirtland has lost 6% of its student population. He told the board local high schools are significantly losing student population. He stated 100% of KCC students find jobs. He answered questions from the board.

The board recessed at 10:03 a.m. and reconvened at 10:17 a.m.

Ryan Londrigan, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Brownfield Redevelopment Coordinator, addressed the board. He assists communities with cleanup of polluted sites. The DEQ would like to apply for a four county grant which includes Ogemaw County. It is a \$400,000 grant. The grant would assist with remediation of polluted sites. The DEQ would manage the grant. Questions were asked by commissioners. **Motion by Scott, second by Simmons, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners approve the *Brownfield Assessment Coalition – Memorandum of Agreement with authorization for the board chairman to sign the grant paperwork*. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [10-1-#6]**

Commissioner Reetz informed the board CCAB – PA 511 contracts must be approved. **Motion by Reetz, second by Simmons, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners approve the CCAB-PA 511 contracts as follows: Michele Hasty - \$14,138; Mike Badour - \$7,500; Brian Sikorski - \$9,638; and, Cliff Cummings - \$19,400. Roll call vote. Ayes – Quackenbush, Simmons, Hennard, Scott, and Reetz. Motion carried. [10-1-#7]** The contracts are at no cost to the county.

**OFFICIAL'S REPORTS:**

County Register of Deeds, Denise Simmons, provided a revenue update for recorded documents within her department. She answered questions from the board.

Tina Casanova, Ogemaw County Probate Register, requested the board approve the Child Care Fund Budget. **Motion by Reetz, second by Quackenbush, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners approve FY 2017-2018 Child Care Fund Budget in the amount of \$732,232 with authorization for the board chairman to sign the required paperwork. Roll call vote. Ayes – Simmons, Hennard, Scott, Reetz, and Quackenbush. Motion carried. [10-1-#8]**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Motion by Scott, second by Quackenbush, claims in the amount of \$234,637.51 be approved for payment. Roll call vote. Ayes – Hennard, Scott, Reetz, Quackenbush, and Simmons. Motion carried. [10-1-#9]**

Commissioner Reetz stated he attended the CCAB board meeting. He also attended City of West Branch and West Branch Township board meetings. He was selected as the Ogemaw County Farm Bureau board chairman. Farm Bureau would like to host the commissioners on a trip for the Edwards Township CAFO on November 8, 2017. There will be a dinner/dance on October 21, 2017 to raise funds for the MSUE 2018 ballot proposal.

Chairman Hennard informed the board MSU Extension will host a tail gate party October 26, 2017 at the County Annex. He attended Logan Township meeting and also the Commission on Aging board meeting. It is business as usual at the COA. He attended the NEMCSA board meeting. The focus of the meeting was on the state ombudsman program and its visitation of nursing homes. Mills Township board meeting discussion focused on 911 cost share and billing by county.

Commissioner Quackenbush stated the County Planning Commission met last night and worked on the homeless shelter ordinance language. There was also work on the solar farm issue. He attended two township meetings. He also attended COA and West Branch Community Airport board meeting.

Commissioner Simmons attended the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting. There will be a pig roast at the Ogemaw Nature Park Fall Fest on October 28, 2017. She attended West Branch Township board meeting. The County MTA meeting is tonight at Rose Township. The MIDC committee met and will be bringing recommendations to the October 26, 2017 commissioner meeting.

Commissioner Scott attended four township meetings along with the Airport Board and 911 Advisory board meetings. He attended the County Parks and Recreation Committee meeting. Bob and Nancy Griffin donated 150 bales of hay to feed the deer at the Nature Park. A U.S. Forest Service representative walked the West Branch Travel Trailer property with Commissioner Simmons and Bev Scott. There are plans to thin out some of the trees on the park property to provide more camping space.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Al Evans asked a question about correctional facility inmate GED program participation. Undersheriff Casselman explained attendance and why there is a low completion rate for the GED program.

**Motion by Quackenbush, second by Simmons, the meeting be adjourned. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [10-1-#10]**

There being no further business to address, Chairman Hennard adjourned the meeting at 11:26 a.m.

Minutes by Gary R. Klacking, Ogemaw County Clerk.

Attest: Gary R. Klacking, Ogemaw County Clerk.