

Chairman Hennard called a Committee of the Whole to order at 9:00 a.m. in Conference Room A of the Commissioner's Chambers, Ogemaw County Building, West Branch, Michigan.

Present – Scott, Reetz, Quackenbush, Simmons, and Hennard.

Amy Beach, Ogemaw County Central Dispatch Director, updated the board on her recent activities. She attended the recent Ogemaw County MTA chapter meeting. At the meeting, she explained how the township/city surcharge was computed and provided other pertinent data to the attendees. The *Viper* phone system has been received. It will be installed on February 28, 2018. PFN will make the switch to fiber optics at that time. She expects her department budget to be considerably under budget for the FY 2016-2017 time frame. Dave Mayhew has expressed interest in being appointed to the 911 Advisory Board.

Caren Piglowski, Administrative Assistant, stated this month's general fund budget hi-lite is gas, oil, and grease. This line item is approximately \$5,700 under budget for the year. She expects the FY 2016-2017 General Fund expenditure budget to come in below budgeted figures.

The board briefly discussed the Committee of the Whole meeting start time. It was decided to move the starting time to 8:30 a.m.

Dr. Russell Bush, Phil Stephens and Rayme LaBean were present to discuss matters related to the County Medical Examiner responsibilities. Ron Quackenbush explained he invited Dr. Bush and has discussed our county autopsy costs with him. Dr. Bush stated autopsies are generally ordered when the public interest is involved, criminal/occupational issues are in play, and public health or safety issues are concerned. He stated the county cannot dictate to the County Medical Examiner when an autopsy should be performed. He explained the state of Michigan is exploring regionalization of where autopsies would be performed. Approximately 1/3 of county deaths would be considered for autopsy.

Randy Booth, Ogemaw County Equalization Director, came before the board to request travel reimbursement for attendance at district county equalization director meetings. The request was not granted. Commissioner Quackenbush asked about conversion to BS & A software for the county equalization department. Mr. Booth explained the rationale for a possible conversion to this software.

Glenda Colclasure, discussed the appointment/re-appointment of individuals to the County Zoning Board of Appeals and County Planning Commission. State law specifies advertising in a local newspaper soliciting letters of interest for county citizens for these board. She informed the board she will be stepping down from her duties as County Zoning Administrator within the next 6 – 12 months. Ideas on how to replace her were shared.

Bruce David, County I.T. Director, discussed Commission on Aging (COA) I.T. issues with the board. We host their phone system and own their routers. He has given the COA options on how to move forward. He also explained the work he does for the County Road Commission. It was suggested the agreement with the County Road Commission be revamped. Mr. David explained his reasons for a salary increase. The board considered various wage adjustments for Mr. David. Two motions will be prepared. One for an annual salary of \$50,000 per annum. Another motion will be prepared for 40 hours per week at his current hourly rate equal to \$48,235.40 per annum.

Tina Casanova, Ogemaw County Probate Register, informed the board she is retiring January 31, 2018. She also stated the Juvenile Register, Lisa Zettle, will be leaving her position sometime in the not-too-distant future. The court will be advertising these vacancies and will stay within its budget when replacing these positions.

Bryan Stein, County Building Inspector, discussed keeping him at 40 hours of work per week. The board considered various wage adjustment options in light of Ms. Colclasure's upcoming retirement from the planning and zoning position. It was decided to leave Mr. Stein at 40 hours per week through the end of March 2018.

Ray Blamer, Ogemaw Public Transit Operations Manager, informed the board the Transit snow plowing truck is available as a grant has come through for a new one. He will sell the truck to the county for \$1.00. It is a Ford 250 with 34,500 miles on it. It does have mechanical issues. A motion will be prepared to purchase the truck for \$1.00 from Ogemaw Public Transit. He discussed a water leak problem with the Transit roof. It was decided to have Tom Benjamin provide specifications on how to repair this problem. He explained 3 part-time positions need to be filled. One of those positions needs to be filled now. Funds for filling the positions are within his budget. A motion will be prepared to fill the positions.

There being no further business to address, Chairman Hennard adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m. Minutes by Gary R. Klacking, Ogemaw County Clerk.