

Chairman Bruce Reetz called a regular meeting of the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners to order on this date at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Chambers, Ogemaw County Building, West Branch, Michigan.

Everyone stood for the *Pledge of Allegiance*. Roll call: Present – Scott, Reetz, Vaughn, Neubecker, and David.

Motion by Reetz, second by Scott, the meeting agenda be approved with additions. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [10-1-#1]

Motion by Scott, second by David, the minutes of the September 26, 2019 meeting be approved with change. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [10-1-#2]

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Nikole David discussed the P.A. 511 budget and contracts with the board. The budget has been cut almost in half to approximately \$40,000. Her contract is ending and Brian Sikorski will assume the contract duties. GED program has been ended. **Motion by Vaughn, second by Scott, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners accept changes to the PA 511 budget and approve all related contracts. Roll call vote.**

Ayes – Scott, Reetz, Vaughn, Neubecker, and David. Motion carried. [10-1-#3]

Brenda Simmons asked when the FY 2019-2020 General Fund budget will be worked on again. She was told at the September 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting. She also asked about changes to the PA 511 grant budget.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A letter from Kara Mularz, Ogemaw County DHHS Director, requesting the re-appointment of Susan Hartz to the DHHS board was noted. **Motion by Reetz, second by Neubecker, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners re-appoint Susan Hartz to the Ogemaw County DHHS Board effective November 1, 2019. The term of appointment is for three years. Roll call vote. Ayes – Reetz, Vaughn, Neubecker, David, and Scott. Motion carried. [10-1-#4]**

NEW BUSINESS:

Mischelle Warner, MSUE District Director, thanked the board and community for supporting MSU Extension throughout the years. She presented a brief overview of the past year's activities, i.e. 500+ kids involved in its programs, 58 MSUE professionals providing service to county residents, \$208,007 in total annual sales at the 2018 Ogemaw County Fair, etc. MSU Extension staff provided brief updates on their annual activities.

Randy Booth, County Equalization Director, addressed the board concerning the 2019 Winter Millage Levy Resolution. He answered questions related to the millage levy. **Motion by Reetz, second by Vaughn, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners authorizes and approve the levy of a total of 7.4650 mills in 2019 on all taxable property within the County of Ogemaw. Roll call vote. Ayes – Vaughn, Neubecker, David, Scott, and Reetz. Motion approved. [10-1-#5].** Mr. Booth explained the apportionment report. Its approval will be discussed at the next regular county commissioner meeting. He was asked if the Kirtland Community College millage levy could be left out of the apportionment report approval. The County Prosecutor will be consulted on this matter.

The approval of Map Amendment #-2-19 was reviewed. Commissioner Scott stated the property is located in Cumming Township across from Mason's Lumber Company. Cumming Township and the county planning commission have given their approval of the proposed map amendment. **Motion by Scott, second by Reetz, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners approve Map Amendment #02-19 as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes – David, Scott, Reetz, and Vaughn. Abstain – Neubecker as he is related to the applicant. Motion approved. [10-1-#6]**

The matter of a change in the term of the county board of commissioner's chairmanship was discussed. Commissioner David stated the current term is two years. She believes if anyone else would like to serve in that capacity they should have the opportunity to do so. The county clerk will consult with the county prosecuting attorney on this matter.

Motion by Reetz, second by Scott, the claims in the amount of \$169,534.47 be approved. Roll call vote. Ayes – Scott, Reetz, Vaughn, Neubecker, and David. Motion carried. [10-1-#7] Questions were asked about various department expenditure items.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Commissioner Vaughn stated he attended the Cumming Township board meeting. The board discussed changing the dump policy. He also attended Parks & Recreation Committee. The Recreation Grant scored well with 205 out of 230 possible points. He and Chairman Reetz met with Oscoda County and discussed the county corrections inmate housing contract. The contract will be discussed at our Committee of the Whole meeting.

Commissioner Neubecker attended West Branch Township board meeting. The township board discussed the Michigan State Police office building being constructed within the township. He attended the Security Committee meeting. Some of the items discussed were pass key access cards, rekeying of outside building entrance doors and a policy for lost pass key cards.

Commissioner David attended Richland Township board meeting. Logan Township paid road repair bills. Its' campground is closed. A survey was included with its resident's tax bills inquiring about trash pickup. Mills Township board has set up a committee to research township road repair. The township has continued to support S.T.I.N.G. She also attended Michigan Works! and NEMCSA board meetings. She was in attendance at the Security Committee this morning. Hardwood Lake board meeting is next week. She also reminded everyone the *Economic Outlook* meeting is next week.

Commissioner Scott attended Foster Township board meeting. More fencing is being installed at the Ogemaw Nature park. Tree cutting continues at the West Branch Community Airport property. He also attended the County Planning Commission and Central Dispatch Authority board meetings. He cited MCL 46.3 (3) 4 which indicates the board chairman terms is two years unless resolution is adopted changing the term to one year.

Chairman Reetz attended the County DHHS board meeting. He attended West Branch Township board meeting. The township has received one bid on the old steel business property. He attended the Law Enforcement Committee meeting. The Committee of the Whole meets next week and will continue discussion about the FY 2019-2020 General Fund budget.

Commissioner David requested a cost analysis for housing out-of-county inmates. Sheriff Hanft briefly addressed her request.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Brenda Simmons stated she is working on a petition signature drive to place the matter of county residents paying taxes for Kirtland Community College. She asked what the county operating millage generates. Commissioner Scott stated it is approximately \$5.3 million. He stated state grant revenue is approximately \$1 million. She provided budget suggestions to the board.

Motion by Vaughn, second by Neubecker, the meeting be adjourned. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [10-1-#8]

Chairman Reetz adjourned the meeting at 10:22 a.m.

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