

The Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners met on this date in the Commissioner's Chambers, Ogemaw County Building, West Branch, Michigan. Chairman Reetz called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. All stood for *The Pledge of Allegiance*. Roll call: Present – Scott, Reetz, Vaughn, Neubecker, and David.

Motion by David, second by Neubecker, the meeting agenda be approved with addition as noted. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [12-1-#1]

Motion by Neubecker, second by Reetz, the minutes of the November 26, 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting be approved. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [12-1-#2]

Motion by David, second by Neubecker, the minutes of the November 26, 2019 meeting be approved with additions as noted. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [12-1-#3]

A letter has been received from Kirtland Community College President, Tom Quinn, inviting the commissioners to a tour of the Grayling KCC campus.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Reetz, second by Vaughn, the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission grant be approved as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes – Scott, Reetz, Vaughn, Neubecker, and David. Motion carried. [12-1-#4]

Motion by Vaughn, second by Neubecker, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners approve the FY 2019-2020 Off-Road Vehicle Law Enforcement Program Grant Agreement in the amount of \$30,500. It is a 100% grant. The board also approves the purchase of a “side-by-side” vehicle not to exceed the grant amount. Roll call vote. Ayes – Reetz, Vaughn, Neubecker, David, and Scott. Motion carried. [12-1-#5]

Motion by Vaughn, second by Neubecker, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners approve the purchase of eight (8) hand-held Taser units. * “Funds to come from the commissary account.” Roll call vote. Ayes – Vaughn, Neubecker, David, Scott, and Reetz. Motion carried. [12-1-#6]

Chairman Reetz discussed the usage of office space by the County Housing Commission within the former County Building and Zoning suite of offices. **Motion by Neubecker, second by Vaughn, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners approve up to \$500 for the painting of office space within the Ogemaw County Building. Painting will be done in the former County Building and Zoning suite of offices. Roll call vote. Ayes – Neubecker, David, Scott, Reetz, and Vaughn. Motion carried. [12-1-#7]**

Commissioner David stated she would like to discuss the design proposal for the Juvenile Day Treatment from Intelligent Design, LLC. She would like clarification of what “reimbursable” expense would be. It was decided to request Mr. Riebeschleger appear at the December 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting. The board also decided to request Mr. James Bates, architect attend the December 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting, too.

The board discussed county elected official and department head compliance with county board approval and review of proposed department new hires. Commissioner David stated it is legal to put in place a hiring freeze. Mr. Klacking was directed to circulate another memo related to board review of county department new hires.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Commissioner Scott stated County Prosecutor Schultz has Ms. Folks, interim county administrator, proposed job description and contract. Ms. Schultz stated if the board approves she can work out the details of the contract with Ms. Folks. **Motion by Scott, second by Neubecker, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners approve the proposed county administrator job description upon legal review.**

Roll call vote. Ayes – David, Scott, and Neubecker. Nays – Reetz and Vaughn. Motion carried. [12-1-#8]

Motion by Reetz, second by Neubecker, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners approve the Medical Marihuana Operation and Oversight Grant. There is no county contribution. Roll call vote. Ayes – Scott, Reetz, Vaughn, Neubecker, and David. Motion carried. [12-1-#9]

County Register of Deeds, Denise Simmons, informed the board the new Register of Deeds software program will be live by February 1, 2020.

Motion by Reetz, second by Scott, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve a salary increase of \$2500.00 for FY 2018-2019 and a \$2500.00 salary increase for FY 2019-2020 for a total salary increase of \$5000.00 for the County Clerk, County Treasurer, County Sheriff, County Register of Deeds and County Prosecuting Attorney. Roll call vote. Ayes – Reetz, Vaughn, Neubecker, and Scott. Nay – David. Motion carried. [12-1-#10]

Motion by Scott, second by Reetz, claims in the amount of \$189,458.97 be approved for payment. Roll call vote. Ayes – Vaughn, Neubecker, David, Scott, and Reetz. Motion carried. [12-1-#11]

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Commissioner Scott attended three of his four townships. He also attended the County Parks & Recreation Committee board meeting. It is looking good for approval of the Recreation Passport grant. It will be for \$85,000. He also attended the West Branch Community Airport and the E911 board meetings.

Commissioner David stated Michigan Works! held a Christmas Party and recognized individuals who utilized the agency's services. She attended NEMCSA. NEMCSA has had staff layoffs due to State of Michigan funding cuts. She attended the County EDC board meeting. The EDC is working with Michigan Works! on a partnership related to an EDC director position. She also attended Richland Township board meeting.

Commissioner Vaughn attended township board meetings. The township boards were not pleased with the hiring of a county administrator. He also attended County Parks & Recreation Committee board meeting.

Commissioner Neubecker stated the Security Committee did not meet today. He attended West Branch Township board meeting. The township is working on upgrading its' computer software and upgrading Woodlawn Road.

Chairman Reetz attended West Branch Township Board meeting. He attended EMS Authority board meeting. Negotiations are ongoing. He attended the County Road Commission and Klacking Township board meetings.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Wanda and Larry Miner informed the board about a water runoff problem on a road that goes into/nearby their property. The county road commission will not do anything about the problem. They were told by the governor's office the county board can direct the county road commission to address and fix the problem. The Miner's were told the county board has no oversight of the county road commission as they are elected officials. Commissioner Vaughn and County Drain Commissioner Mike DeMatio visited the site. Mr. DeMatio will speak to the county road commission about this situation. Mr. Miner stated he will plug the drain system again. Commissioner Vaughn will speak to the county road commission again.

Motion by David, second by Scott, the meeting be adjourned. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [12-1-#12]

Chairman Reetz adjourned the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

Minutes by Gary R. Klacking, Ogemaw County Clerk.

Attest: Gary R. Klacking, Ogemaw County Clerk.