

The Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners met on this date at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Chambers, Ogemaw County Building, West Branch, Michigan. All stood for *The Pledge of Allegiance*.

Present: Scott, Reetz, Vaughn, Neubecker, and David.

Motion by Scott, second by Neubecker, the meeting agenda be approved as noted. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [11-1-#1]

Motion by Scott, second by Neubecker, the minutes of the October 15, 2020 meeting be approved. Roll call vote. Ayes – Scott, Reetz, Vaughn, Neubecker and David Motion carried. [11-1-#2]

Motion by Neubecker, second by Scott, the minutes of the October 22, 2020 meeting be approved. Roll call vote. Ayes – Reetz, Vaughn, Neubecker, David, and Scott. Motion carried. [11-1-#3]

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Brian Linebaugh thanked the commissioners for allowing his company to do snowplowing over the last 21 years. He mentioned there are no changes to his snowplowing bid. He explained how he has not charged the county for various services related to his snowplowing contracts over the years.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Scott, second by Vaughn, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners adopt a resolution to approve a contract to provide indigent counsel. Roll call vote. Ayes – Vaughn, Neubecker, David, Scott, and Reetz. Motion carried. [11-1-#4]

Motion by David, second by Neubecker, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioner adopt a resolution to authorize application to the MSHDA neighborhood enhancement program. Roll call vote. Ayes – Neubecker, David, Scott, Reetz, and Vaughn. Motion carried. [11-1-#5]

Motion by Neubecker, second by Scott, the Ogemaw County Commissioners accept a bid (Bid #1, Justin Benjamin, Finished Concrete) for snow removal and seasonal maintenance services. Roll call vote. Ayes – David, Scott, Reetz, Vaughn, and Neubecker. Motion carried. [11-1-#6]

Motion by Scott, second by David, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners adopt a resolution to approve zoning map amendment #01-20 (Conservation to Waterfront zoning). Roll call vote. Ayes – Scott, Reetz, Vaughn, Neubecker, and David. Motion carried. [11-1-#7]

Motion by Scott, second by Reetz, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners Accept a quote (Morse Clark Furniture - \$4,436.28) for carpet replacement in the county Treasurer's office. Roll call vote. Ayes – Reetz, Vaughn, and Scott. Nays – Neubecker and David. Motion carried. [11-1-#8]

Motion by Neubecker, second by Vaughn, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners adopt a resolution to authorize purchase of vest carriers. Roll call vote. Ayes – Vaughn, Neubecker, David, Scott and Reetz. Motion carried. [11-1-#9]

Motion by Scott, second by Neubecker, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners adopt a resolution to amend the 2020 county apportionment report. Roll call vote. Ayes – Neubecker, David, Scott, Reetz, and Vaughn. Motion carried. [11-1-#10]

Motion by Reetz, second by Neubecker the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners remove motion [10-3-#3] from the table. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [11-1-#11] The board discussed the matter at length. County Equalization Director Booth stated the state of Michigan believes the proposed county assessor arrangement is legal. It doesn't matter either way to him what is decided by the commissioners.

Motion by Reetz, second by Neubecker, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners table the matter of designating a county assessor. Roll call vote. David, Reetz, and Neubecker. Nays – Scott and Vaughn. Motion carried. [11-1-#12]

Motion by Reetz, second by Neubecker, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners adopt a resolution to ratify and confirm actions approved during remote meetings. Roll call vote. Ayes – Scott, Reetz, Vaughn, Neubecker, and David. Motion carried. [11-1-#13]

Motion by Reetz, second by Vaughn, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners re-appoint Jane Alstetter to the Ogemaw County DHHS Board. Roll call vote. Ayes – Reetz, Vaughn, Neubecker, David, and Scott. Motion carried. [11-1-#14]

Motion by Vaughn, second by Neubecker, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners approve claims in the amount of \$294,939.92. This amount includes a pre-pay add on of \$831.00 for roof top air filters. Roll call vote. Ayes – Vaughn, Neubecker, David, Scott and Reetz. Motion carried. [11-1-#15]

County Administrator Tim Dolehanty informed the board new commissioners training is scheduled here tomorrow morning at 9:00 a.m. During the upcoming Committee of the Whole meeting a suspension of operations policy will be discussed. A MERS plan addendum will be discussed, too.

County Sheriff-elect Brian Gilbert informed the board Paul Frechette will be the new Undersheriff. He also thanked the board for the purchase approval of the vest carriers. He thanked the board for supporting the Sheriff Department millage, it makes his job easier.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Commissioner David attended Mills Township board meeting. Elections went well. The board tabled the matter of the county assessor designation. Logan Township is having trash pickup issues. Richland Township discussed preparing for elections. She attended the Village of Prescott board meeting. They are looking to hire an attorney and ordinance enforcement officer. Their audit went well. NEMCSA was a remote meeting.

Commissioner Scott attended three of four township meetings. The 911 board approved a 7-year lease with Motorola for CAD maintenance. At the airport meeting it was learned the hanger building package will arrive in the spring. Four of the six new hanger spaces are rented. The County Planning Commissioner covered a lot of material at its recent meeting. In Mills Township an individual is looking to open a drive-in theater and arcade. A storage unit (for boats) is being considered in Hill Township. The planned Sunoco fuel station/convenience store in Ogemaw Township applied to have a propane refuel station approved. Meijer Supermarket requested a sign variance for its location in Ogemaw Township. The deer park is closed for the season, as well as, the W.B. Secret Campground.

Commissioner Vaughn attended the Parks & Recreation Committee meeting.

Commissioner Neubecker attend West Branch Township meeting. This board will have one new member. He also attended Churchill Township meeting. This board will have one new member. A blight issue in Churchill has been resolved.

Chairman Reetz stated Edwards Township will have an appointment to the EMS board coming up in the near future. He attended the Veterans award ceremony. Gary Fuller was designated as the *Veteran of the Year*. He attended the County DHHS meeting by phone. West Branch Township is dealing with a property easement situation.

Mr. Dolehanty has not received anything related to the Kirtland Community College (KCC) AG (Attorney General) opinion.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Pauline Johnson commented about the KCC AG opinion. There are blight issues in Klacking Township that need to be addressed. She stated it would be a good idea to put a notice in the local newspaper for any county board/commission vacancies that need to be filled.

There being no further business to transact, **Motion by Scott, second by Reetz, the meeting be adjourned. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [11-1-#16]**

Chairman Reetz adjourned the meeting at 10:53 a.m.

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