

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, Vaughn, Neubecker, and David. Absent – Reetz with notice.

Motion by David, second by Vaughn, the meeting agenda be approved as noted. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [8-1--#1]

Motion by Scott, second by David, the minutes of the July 23, 2020 meeting be approved. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [8-1-#2]

There was not any *Public Comment*.

NEW BUSINESS:

Francis Whitney presented the NEMCSA Annual Report. There are 30 programs for people in need within Ogemaw County. The agency is helping with the Census for 2020. CARES Act funds have been received to expand resources for the community.

Julie Darnton, MSU Extension District Coordinator, (via Zoom) presented the annual report. She discussed community programs and people assisted with each program. 576 Ogemaw County youth participated in 4H programs in 2019.

Sue Delahanty presented County EDC information to the board. The COVID pandemic has impacted local small businesses and EDC is here to help. Mary Bickel, EDC Director, stated EDC is redefining the EDC role in the community. EDC is working on strategic planning and grants with Michigan EDC. There is \$698,000 in funding for our community. Katherine Kohr, EDC treasurer, presented the annual report for EDC and the EDC Alliance. She requested the separation of EDC Alliance from the county. The county administrator will prepare a resolution for adoption for the next board meeting.

Jake Francisco (via Zoom) stated there is a major communication concern with wrecker dispatch. Dispatch and MSP have a policy; however, our Sheriff Department does not have a policy. The matter was referred to the Insurance Committee for investigation of Spence Towing. A deputy complaint has been made to the county Sheriff Department. Tim Dolehanty, county administrator, is working on ideas for a county towing policy. This matter will be discussed at the Committee of the Whole meeting next week. The County Central Dispatch Administrator and MSP Lt. Luity will be in attendance. Mr. Francisco stated the county should be using county-based wrecker services.

Motion by Scott, second by Neubecker, a resolution to approve a copy machine lease agreement for the County Register of Deeds be approved. Roll call vote. Ayes – Scott, David, Vaughn, and Neubecker. Motion carried. [8-1-#3]

Motion by Neubecker, second by Vaughn, a “hands-free” microfilm license agreement be approved for the County Register of Deeds Department. Roll call vote. Ayes – Scott, David, Vaughn, and Neubecker. Motion carried. [8-1-#4]

Motion by Scott, second by Vaughn, a resolution to accept a Department of Michigan State Police emergency management division grant and to authorize purchase of radio equipment be approved. Roll call vote. Ayes – David, Vaughn, Neubecker, and Scott. Motion carried. [8-1-#5]

Motion by Scott, second by Vaughn, a resolution proclaiming September 17 – 23, 2020 as Constitution week in Ogemaw County be approved. Roll call vote. Ayes – Vaughn, Neubecker, Scott, and David. Motion carried. [8-1-#6]

The *board closed session* is moved to the end of the board meeting agenda.

County Administrator Tim Dolehanty provided an update on the video conference equipment acquisition. He stated a draft FY 2020-2021 budget will be ready next week. A draft resolution for rules of the budget, i.e. staffing levels, budget transfers allowed, etc. will be presented.

Motion by Neubecker, second by Vaughn, claims in the amount of \$212,371.72 be approved for payment. Roll call vote. Ayes – Neubecker, Scott, David, and Vaughn. Motion carried. [8-1-#7]

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Commissioner Neubecker attended West Branch and Churchill Township meetings. He attended the Insurance Committee meeting. A bid for health insurance from Aetna Health Insurance is being worked on. County liability insurance has not been discussed but will be at next week's Committee of the Whole meeting. He attended the West Branch Airport board meeting. Topic of discussion at West Branch Township was absentee ballots not being received. Perhaps this is a postal service issue.

Commissioner Scott attended three township meetings. Edwards Township road millage was approved. Ogemaw Township will have a gypsy moth millage question on the November 2020 ballot. Parks and Recreation Committee did not have a quorum present.

Commissioner Vaughn attended Cumming Township. Recounts have been filed for August 2020 Election races within the township. His townships are discussing gypsy moth issues.

Commissioner David attended Richland and Mills Township, as well as, Village of Prescott board meetings. Elections went well. Road improvements are being discussed. County EDC board is meeting frequently. The board is motivated and working on grants. She attended the County Fair board meeting. There will be an animal sale only, remaining events have been cancelled.

Motion by Scott, second by Neubecker, the board go into closed session at 10:23 a.m. to discuss strategy negotiation for collective bargaining pursuant to Section 8c of the Open Meetings Act, being MCL 15.268 (c) Roll call vote. Ayes – Scott, David, Vaughn, and Neubecker. Motion carried. [8-1-#8]

Motion by Scott, second by Neubecker, the board go back into open session at 11:01 a.m. Roll call vote. Ayes – Scott, David, Vaughn, and Neubecker. Motion carried. [8-1-#9]

Motion by Scott, second by Vaughn, a resolution to approve a letter of understanding with Teamsters Local 214 regarding secretary wage rates. The letter of understanding will be modified to \$.75 per hour. Roll call vote. Ayes – Vaughn, Neubecker, and Scott. Nay – David. Motion carried. [8-1-#10]

There being no further business to transact, **Motion by David, second by Scott, the meeting be adjourned. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [8-1-#11]**

Chairman Reetz adjourned the meeting at 11:03 a.m.

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