

Chairman Bruce Reetz called a Committee of the Whole meeting of the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners to order at 8:01 a.m. in Conference Room A, Commissioner's Chambers, Ogemaw County Building, West Branch, Michigan.

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

Tom Spencer, County I.T. Director, discussed the purchase of a pass code/key security system with the board. The cost of the system would be approximately \$12,500. It would be for departments that currently have an existing security entry system in place. No cameras are included in the quote. A motion to approve purchase of the system will be presented at the upcoming commissioner meeting.

Denise Simmons, County Register of Deeds, updated the board on the ownership issue with the county annex. The bank does not have records that go back to the time the annex was constructed. The bank is still researching the matter and will report back to Denise.

County Treasurer McIntyre stated the Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund (DTRF) cash balance is \$3,439,980. The total DTRF balance is \$4,965,500. Investments total is \$1,525,519.

Probate Judge Lambourn discussed the need for a Probate Court holdover facility with the board. She stated probate court is under contract with the state for this year and next to provide such a facility. If the court does not have a holdover facility it will put the grant at risk.

Linda Hacker-Clark discussed the purchase of county property with the board. She was informed because property is being split a land division would need be done. An access easement would be needed and the matter would need to go to West Branch Township for consideration. A property survey would need to be done. The property is part of the West Branch Recreation Department property. The county has a 99-year lease agreement on this property. The process to accomplish a sale was explained.

Kelly Jones discussed the purchase of county property with the board. She reviewed a map of the parcels she would like to purchase for a day care center. The center would serve 100 children. Ms. Jones was informed about the need for the county to maintain a probate court holdover facility. The board will further review the matter and get back with Ms. Jones.

Bryan Stein, USWA 8569 President, discussed re-opening the Steelworker contract to discuss health insurance plans. It was decided to maintain the current plan at this time. He also discussed moving the County Building and Zoning Department to the County Annex. He explained the office space that would be needed. Computer hardware costs would be approximately \$1,650. A motion will be offered at the upcoming commissioner meeting to approve the move of the County Building and Zoning Department to the County Annex. Lastly, he informed the board he procured two quotes for an installed hand rail at the southeast entrance to the County Building. It will assist foot traffic during inclement winter weather. A motion will be prepared approving the Fab Shop's work to construct an aluminum hand rail to be installed at the County Building southeast entrance.

Ray Blamer, Ogemaw Public Transit Director, explained a transit vehicle grant is now available. Due to time constraints, he stated the chairman needs to sign the grant application today. The board agreed to allow the board chairman to sign the grant application. It is a 100% grant. A motion will be offered for approval related to the transit grant application and purchase of a bus in the amount of approximately \$76,000.

Quotes for county building window replacement were reviewed. The bid from Meier Glass Service in the amount of \$5,296.82 was discussed. A motion will be offered at the upcoming board meeting approving the Meier Glass Service bid with funds to come from the Contingency line item.

Commissioner David requested office space for the County EDC board. The County Clerk will review available office space at the county annex.

Chairman Reetz informed the board the transmission work on the 2008 Ford Explorer has been completed. A battery was needed for the vehicle. Repair cost is \$625.00.

The board considered the 2019-2020 Preliminary County General Fund budget. Caren Piglowski, Administrative Assistant, informed the board the revenue shortfall is \$808,000 at this time. The board made the following expenditure changes: -\$30,000 for carpet replacement, -\$20,000 to Contingency line,

and -\$9,000 to marine and ORV grants. The board discussed possible 2020 election cycle millage proposals. It was decided to notify all county departments to reduce department expenditures by 2%.

County Treasurer McIntyre stated borrowing for payment of property taxes to the local units could only be done if fund balances were very low.

The board will continue work on the proposed 2019-2020 General Fund expenditure budget on Thursday, September 5, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

By board consensus, it was decided not to move forward with the sale of the county property involving the storage, housing commission and probate holdover buildings.

Chairman Reetz adjourned the meeting at 12:37 p.m.

Minutes by Gary R. Klacking, Ogemaw County Clerk

Attest: Gary R. Klacking, Ogemaw County Clerk