

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

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

Motion by Scott, second by David, the meeting agenda be approved. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [3-1-#1]

Motion by Scott, second by Neubecker, the minutes of the February 28, 2019 meeting be approved as noted. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [3-1-#2]

Motion by Scott, second by Vaughn, the minutes of the closed session of February 28, 2019 meeting be approved as noted. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [3-1-#3]

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Elaine Bristol informed the commissioners she has been hired as a Community Nutritional Specialist with Michigan State University Extension. The position covers Ogemaw and Roscommon counties.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Scott, second by Vaughn, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve Text Amendment #01-19 as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes – Scott, Reetz, Vaughn, and David. Nay – Neubecker. Motion carried. [3-1-#4]

Motion by Scott, second by Reetz, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners approve the following collective bargaining unit agreements: Teamsters 214 Ogemaw County Sheriff Department deputies/command; Teamsters 214 Courts; and, Central Dispatch Teamsters. Chairman Reetz is authorized to sign the agreements. Roll call vote. Ayes – Reetz, Vaughn, Neubecker, David, and Scott. Motion carried. [3-1-#5]

Carla Papple addressed the board. She stated she is a voice for animals in need. She is concerned the current Animal Control officer is not doing an adequate job. She provided examples of animal neglect. She believes there are qualified individuals who can do an adequate job in this position. This matter will be an item for discussion at the March 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting.

OFFICIAL'S REPORTS:

Buffy Carr, Ogemaw County Emergency Management Coordinator, provided a report to the commissioners that detailed past year activities. She stated her last day of employment with the county will be August 31, 2019. She has three potential candidates who are qualified to fill the vacancy. She suggested the interviews be scheduled with Oscoda County commissioners.

Amy Beach, Ogemaw County E911 Director, stated a *MERS Adoption Agreement* needs to be approved by the board. **Motion by Neubecker, second by Scott, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners approve the Ogemaw Emergency Dispatch Authority *MERS defined contribution adoption agreement*. Chairman Reetz is authorized to sign the agreement. Roll call vote. Ayes – Vaughn, Neubecker, David, Scott, and Reetz. Motion carried. [3-1-#6]**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Motion by Neubecker, second by Vaughn, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners approve claims in the amount of \$350,803.87 for payment. Roll call vote. Neubecker, David, Scott, Reetz, and Vaughn. Motion carried. [3-1-#7]

Commissioner Vaughn stated he attended the County Parks & Recreation Committee meeting. The expansion of the West Branch RV Park was discussed. **Motion by Scott, second by Neubecker, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners approve a resolution to apply for a Michigan Department of Natural Resources Passport grant. Roll call vote. Ayes- David, Scott, Reetz, Vaughn, and Neubecker. Motion carried. [3-1-#8].** Commissioner Vaughn also attended the Law Enforcement Committee meeting. The committee discussed purchasing one Sheriff Department pursuit vehicle each year. He also stated Undersheriff David should be following Command Officers contract provisions. **Motion by Vaughn, second by Neubecker, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners authorize Undersheriff David follow the provisions of the Ogemaw County Sheriff Command bargaining unit provisions. Roll call vote. Ayes – Scott, Reetz, Vaughn, Neubecker, and David. Motion carried. [3-1-#9]**

Commissioner Neubecker attended Churchill and Mills Township board meetings. He also was in attendance at the Law Enforcement Committee meeting.

Motion by Neubecker, second by Vaughn, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners authorize a salary increase of \$5,000 to the following elected official positions: County Prosecutor, County Register of Deeds, County Sheriff, County Treasurer, and County Clerk. The increase is effective April 1, 2019 and shall be prorated for remaining six months of the current fiscal year as of the effective date of the salary increase. Roll call vote. Ayes – Reetz, Vaughn, Neubecker, and Scott. Nay – David. Motion carried. [3-1-#10]. Commissioner David stated she thought this would be an item of discussion at the Committee of the Whole. She agrees the elected officials should receive some salary adjustment. Commissioner Scott stated it is not this board's fault the elected officials never received salary adjustments. Mr. Scott stated he has reviewed salary comparison with other nearby counties. Commissioner Neubecker stated the topic of Animal Control should be discussed at the March 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting.

Commissioner David attended NEMCSA board meeting. The agency audit was discussed. She also attended Richland, Logan, and Mills Township board meetings.

Commissioner Scott stated he attended his four township board meetings.

Chairman Reetz attended Commission on Aging and West Branch Township board meetings. He also attended the SUD Committee meeting. Ron Quackenbush is attending these meetings. Commissioner Reetz stated that is fine with him if Mr. Quackenbush attends the SUD Committee meetings. **Motion by Reetz, second by Scott, Ron Quackenbush shall represent the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners at the NMRE SUD Committee meetings. Roll call vote. Ayes – Vaughn, Neubecker, David, Scott, and Reetz. Motion carried. [3-1-#11]**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Al Evans asked a question about the Ogemaw County Sheriff Department Command unit membership composition.

Ron Taylor recommended the implementation of security measures at the main Ogemaw County Building entrance on West Houghton Avenue.

Motion by Reetz, second by Scott, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners go into closed session at 10:26 a.m. under Public Act 267, 1976, 15.268, Section 8 e for consultation regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with specific or potential litigation. Roll call vote. Ayes – Neubecker, David, Scott, Reetz, and Vaughn. Motion carried. [3-1-#12]

Motion by Scott, second by Vaughn, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioner go back into open session at 10:44 a.m. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [3-1-#13]

Motion by Scott, second by Neubecker, the meeting be adjourned. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [3-1-#14]

There being no further business to address, Chairman Reetz adjourned the meeting at 10:44 a.m.

Minutes by Gary R. Klacking, Ogemaw County Clerk.

Attest: Gary R. Klacking, Ogemaw County Clerk.