

The Ogemaw County Commissioners met on this date in the Commissioner's Chambers, Ogemaw County Building, West Branch, Michigan. Vice-chairman Craig Scott called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. All stood for the *Pledge of Allegiance*. Roll call: Present – Scott, Vaughn, Neubecker, and David. Absent – Reetz with notice.

**Motion by Neubecker, second by Vaughn, the minutes of the October 24, 2019 meeting be approved with the following change to Motion [10-3-#6], “board of commissioners...to be notified of any vacant positions”. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [11-1-#1]**

**Motion by Vaughn, second by Neubecker, the minutes of the October 30, 2019 meeting be approved. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [11-1-#2]**

**Motion by Scott, second by Neubecker, the closed session meeting minutes of October 30, 2019 be changed as noted: Commissioner David was present and will be abstaining from any motions related to the closed session. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [11-1-#3]**

The board discussed the *Additions to the Agenda*. Additions were as follows: Commissioner David – add Security Committee motion under New Business, Christmas Party and Finance of the County Administrator position. Commissioner Scott – add Brian Sikorski. Commissioner Vaughn – add Oscoda County Inmate contract. **Motion by Scott, second by Neubecker, the meeting agenda be approved with additions as noted. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [11-1-#4]**

Lee Ann Fischer, Ogemaw County Housing Commission Director, requested a resolution from the board to sell a property held by the County Housing Commission. **Motion by Scott, second by Neubecker, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the Ogemaw County Home Improvement Program, is authorizing the sale of 5427 Onaleah, Prescott, Michigan. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [11-1-#5]**

Ogemaw County Probate Judge Shana Lambourn discussed approving the Child Care Fund budget with the board. **Motion by Scott, second by David, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners approve the budget for Child Care Fund as submitted via form 2091 and county budget adjustments to match. Roll call vote. Ayes – David, Vaughn, Neubecker, and Scott. Motion carried. [11-1-#6]**

Brian Sikorski, CCAB Grant (PA 511) Manager, informed the board there has been a reduction in funding by the State of Michigan and the final budget has been approved by the state. **Motion by Vaughn, second by Neubecker, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners approve the CCAB (PA 511) grant budgets and authorize board chairman Reetz to sign the appropriate paperwork. Roll call vote. Ayes – Vaughn, Neubecker, Scott, and David. Motion carried. [11-1-#7]**

Commissioner David stated the purchase of a security sub-panel was discussed during the Security Committee meeting. **Motion by David, second by Neubecker, the purchase of a security sub-panel up to \$2,000 from contingency be approved. Roll call vote. Ayes – Neubecker, Scott, David, and Vaughn. Motion carried. [11-1-#8]**

Commissioner David stated there was discussion for an employee Christmas party. A luncheon will be held on December 20, 2019 for all employees. She also stated she is being questioned about funding for the county administrator position. She suggested commissioners take a 20% pay cut plus the money that is being paid to the current county coordinator be used. Commissioner Scott has been asked the same question. He stated commissioner health insurance and mileage has been cut. Commissioner Neubecker stated he has not submitted for many meeting per diems. Commissioner Scott stated the Revolving Fund will be needed for some of this funding. This should be added to the November 20, 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting agenda.

**Motion by Scott, second by Neubecker, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners hire Michigan Municipal League for the hiring process for a permanent county administrator at a cost of approximately \$21,000 from the contingency fund. Roll call vote. Ayes – Scott, David, and Neubecker. Nay – Vaughn. Motion carried. [11-1-#9]**

**Motion by Vaughn, second by David, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners remove motion [10-3-#10] from the table. Roll call vote. Ayes – Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [11-1-#10]**  
Undersheriff David stated we receive \$35 per day for the Genessee County inmates. Commissioner David stated she feels there is a loss with transporting the inmates. She believes cost should go up for transports. Commissioner David stated should clarify in the contract the \$15 is per officer for transport.

**Motion by Scott, second by Neubecker, change to \$20 per officer for transports and approve the Oscoda County Inmate Contract with this change. Roll call vote. Ayes – David, Vaughn, Neubecker, and Scott. Motion carried. [11-1-#11]**

The board briefly discussed a question related to elected official's salaries. Attorney Greg Meihn will be scheduled for the November 20, 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting. No change until the commissioners discuss with Mr. Meihn.

County Register of Deeds Denise Simmons shared department revenue with the board. For this year total department revenue is \$2,072,427.85, up about \$20,000 from the previous fiscal year. Document recordings are up approximately 40.

**Motion by Vaughn, second by Scott, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the purchase of a sheriff vehicle. USDA Grant and equipment previously approved. Roll call vote. Ayes – Vaughn, Neubecker, Scott, and David. Motion carried. [11-1-#12]**

**Motion by Neubecker, second by Scott, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the payment of \$950.00 for annual membership of Michigan Municipal League. Roll call vote. Ayes – Neubecker, Scott, and David. Nay - Vaughn. Motion carried. [11-1-#13]**

**Motion by Scott, second by Neubecker, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the hiring of an interim county administrator utilizing assistance from MML. Roll call vote. Ayes – Scott, David, and Neubecker. Nay – Vaughn. Motion carried. [11-1-#14]** The board briefly discussed this hiring. Funds to come from Revolving Fund. It will take 90-120 days to hire a permanent administrator. This will be discussed at the November 2019 Committee of the Whole.

**Motion by Scott, second by Neubecker, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the de-committing of \$75,000.00 of the Commissary Fund Balance and the transfer of said de-committed fund to the County General Fund. Roll call vote. Ayes – Scott, David, Vaughn, and Neubecker. Motion carried. [11-1-#15]**

**Motion Neubecker, second by Vaughn, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the opt-in for the class action opioid litigation. Roll call vote. Ayes – Vaughn, Neubecker, and Scott. Abstain – David. Motion carried. [11-1-#16]** David stated she did abstain because of her profession. She believes it is a conflict of interest.

**Motion by Scott, second by Neubecker, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners does approve the 2019-2020 General Fund Budget adjustments as follows:**

**Revenue increase from \$10,599,604 to \$11,076,605  
Expenditure increase from \$10,599,604 to \$11,076,605**

**Furthermore, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the transfer of \$323,001 from the Revolving Fund for the budget adjustments. Roll call vote. Ayes – Vaughn, Neubecker, Scott, and David. Motion carried. [11-1-#17]**

**Motion by Scott, second by Vaughn, claims in the amount of \$424,576.23 be approved for payment. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [11-1-#18]**

Commissioner Scott attended three township meetings. The E911 Authority union contract was arbitrated and settled. The employees will be voting soon to ratify the contract. He attended budget training in Gaylord, Michigan.

Commissioner David attended three township meetings. Mills Township approved road improvement work. Logan Township discussed weed control of lakes. Richland Township has closed its campground for the season. Village of Prescott will discuss enforcement of its blight ordinance. The Michigan Works! SVSU event went well for students. NEMSCA BRIDGES of poverty presentation went well. She attended the Security Committee meeting, the use of the metal detector and an employee smoking area took place. Advertising for additional staffing for the bailiffs and officers will be done.

Commissioner Neubecker did not attend any of his township meetings due to work schedule conflicts. He did attend the Security Committee meeting. Non-county night meetings will move to the County Annex.

Commissioner Vaughn attended District Health Department No. 2 board meeting. DHD 2 finances are doing well. He also attended the County Parks & Recreation Committee meeting. Fence installation has ceased due to winter weather. Winter hours have commenced.

Matt Keeton, Ogemaw County Herald staff writer, introduced himself.

Pauline Johnson shared comments about Kirtland Community College with the board.

**Motion by David, second by Vaughn, the meeting be adjourned. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [11-1-#19]**

Vice-chairman Scott adjourned the meeting at 10:57 a.m.

Minutes by Chief Deputy County Clerk Caren Piglowski  
Minutes transcribed by Gary R. Klacking, Ogemaw County Clerk