

Chairman Reetz called a Committee of the Whole meeting of the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners to order at 8:00 a.m. on this date in Conference Room A, Commissioner's Chambers, Ogemaw County Building, West Branch, Michigan. Present – Scott, Reetz, Vaughn, and David. Absent – Neubecker with notice.

Chris Overley, Director of the Ogemaw Humane Society Shelter, addressed the board regarding housing dogs apprehended by the Ogemaw County Animal Control Officer. He stated dogs that have been surrendered stay four days and if are not claimed they are adopted out. The cost for the four days is \$100. It was decided to check with surrounding counties to see how they handled the surrender of dogs to their shelters.

Howie Hanft, Ogemaw County Sheriff, discussed reduced housed inmate counts. He said the trend is widespread across the region. He suggested the board adjust this revenue expectation in the current Fiscal Year 2018-2019 budget. There was discussion concerning combining the Ogemaw County Sheriff Department staff with the Ogemaw County Correctional Facility staff at the Ogemaw County Correctional Facility. Mr. Klacking will contact someone to assist in determining if housing the combined staffs in the Correctional facility is feasible or legal.

Mischelle Warner, Michigan State University Extension (MSUE) District 4 Coordinator, addressed the board concerning a proposed lease with MSUE and the county. She stated the recently adopted MSUE millage does not cover the board's proposed annual lease rate. She stated MSUE has a long standing working relationship with the commissioners. She informed the board there is not a county in her district area that pays rent to its county board. Chairman Reetz stated \$6,000 per year is a reasonable amount. Ms. Warner stated MSUE is considering other locations within the community. Amy Beach, Ogemaw County Emergency Dispatch Authority (OCEDA) Director, stated the board never really told her what lease rate would be applicable to the OCEDA. A motion for a \$6,000 annual lease rate for both MSUE and OCEDA will be presented at the upcoming regular commissioner meeting.

Brenda Simmons and Pauline Johnson addressed the board concerning Kirtland Community College (KCC) matters. Ms. Simmons stated the KCC board will hold a budget session tomorrow night at 6:45 p.m. at the Grayling, Michigan campus. She stated information has been hard to acquire. Her initial goal is to ensure out-of-district KCC students pay the out-of-district tuition rate.

Steve Gilkey, GeoSpan representative, and Linda Lewandowski, Logan Township Assessor, appeared before the board to provide an update on the GeoSpan project. Mr. Klacking provided a brief history/overview of the project to date. Mr. Gilkey explained how revenue was generated by the GeoSpan project and how townships and county's received revenue.

The monthly expenditure and revenue reports were presented. Caren Piglowski, Administrative Assistant, stated the hi-lited monthly expenditure item is correctional facility laundry and supplies. Updated monthly department expenditure information was briefly reviewed. Dwight McIntyre distributed the monthly revenue report. He stated the total tax revolving fund is at \$5,478,504.51. Mr. McIntyre stated all townships/cities have been made whole during the settlement process.

Ms. Piglowski explained the county has received its billed amount for upgrades to the court system's AS 400 computer system.

Mandi Chasey, Ogemaw County Business Resource Agent, discussed the county board appropriating funds to the County EDC. She stated \$119,000 in grants have been acquired in 2019. Various projects she has assisted clientele were enumerated by her.

Mr. Klacking informed the board the board's usage of purchased iPads is ready for implementation. He briefly explained computer software that could be utilized and also provided a "no cost" option for the board to consider. After discussion, it was decided to initially use the "no cost" option.

Ms. Piglowski provided an update on recent communications from Municipal Employees Retirement System (MERS). She stated a significant cost increase will be forthcoming. Our MERS representative will be scheduled to appear before the Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Klacking referenced a distributed copy of County Annex building rehabilitation items to the board. He suggested a 3-5-year plan to address these items.

Chairman Reetz informed the commissioners the starting contract amount for the County Emergency Management Director will be \$20,000 per year. A job description has been placed on the county website. 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.