

The Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners met on this date at 8:32 a.m. in Conference Room A, Commissioners Chambers, Ogemaw County Building, West Branch, Michigan. Present: Scott, Reetz, Vaughn, Neubecker and David.

Sheriff-elect Brian Gilbert discussed hiring a County Sheriff Deputy to fill his position which will be vacated as of January 1, 2021. The deputy would be hired at a lower pay scale with no benefits until Mr. Gilbert assumes office. He also informed the board Sheriff Deputy Weishuhn will be retiring on December 12, 2020. The board consensus was approving Mr. Gilbert advertise for the position and report back.

Mr. Gilbert then discussed the Sheriff Department fleet of vehicles with the board. He stated three vehicles have been totaled and the insurance company will be sending a check for \$80,000.00. He would like to order two Dodge Chargers. This would bring the fleet back to where it needs to be. A resolution will be prepared for the upcoming commissioner meeting approving this request. * "It was also discussed replacing a third car with USDA grant funds and using funds from the Sheriff Department budget".

The board discussed membership with the Michigan Municipal League. Mr. Dolehanty stated it was helpful when needed by the board. There isn't a current need for it. MAC provides this information for the board.

The board reviewed information on a "designated assessor contract". County Equalization Director Randy Booth has a few local governmental units to meet with yet. This position would be at no cost to the county. The townships would bear the cost. County Administrator Dolehanty stated the board should wait for the legal opinion on this matter.

A draft purchasing policy was reviewed. Mr. Dolehanty stated this would provide guidance to the county departments. It was suggested the \$2,500 figure be replaced with \$1,500.00. A resolution adopting this policy will be presented at the upcoming commissioner meeting.

Mr. Dolehanty discussed a document detailing appointments to county boards/commissions with the board. Construction Board of Appeals board members need re-appointment. He would like to place the commission application packet on the county website. He provided a map of commissioner districts which can be used by applicants for reference.

A draft settlement of claims policy was reviewed by the board. Mr. Dolehanty explained this would address how insurance settlement claims would be addressed. The settlements would be addressed administratively by Mr. Dolehanty. He would keep the board informed of these settlements. A resolution adopting this policy will be presented at the upcoming commissioner meeting.

A draft disposal of surplus property policy was presented for review. Mr. Dolehanty stated it is self-explanatory. It governs the disposal of county property. A resolution for adoption of this policy will be presented at the upcoming commissioner meeting.

Mr. Dolehanty discussed the idea of board rules with the board. It would govern how the board operates. It will be an agenda item for the next Committee of the Whole meeting. It will be covered in more detail at that meeting.

The board briefly discussed strategic planning. Commissioner Scott suggested a board planning session could be held at the West Branch Community Airport terminal conference room.

Commissioner David read a response about the County Road Commission involvement with a road culvert installation in her district. Nothing was mentioned about a township road millage. She stated road millage are not to be used for roads * "per township attorney". Chairman Reetz stated the culvert installation was less than anticipated. The County Road Commission will rebill the township for the installation.

The matter of a relative being employed in a county elected official's department was briefly reviewed. Commissioner David requested commissioners be kept informed and copied with correspondence.

Commissioner Neubecker suggested our commissioners have a meeting with other counties for brainstorming purposes. County Administrator Dolehanty stated perhaps Michigan Association of Counties might be able to sponsor such a meeting.

Commissioner Vaughn informed the board the County Correctional Facility freezer installation project has been completed. It did not go as planned. The new freezer does not have a lot of storage capacity. Storage racks may be moved within the unit.

The board discussed changing the second monthly board meeting dates in November and December of this year. The established dates are near Thanksgiving and Christmas. A resolution will be presented at the upcoming board meeting changing the dates.

There being no further business to transact, **Motion by Neubecker, second by Vaughn, the meeting be adjourned. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [10-2-#1]**

Chairman Reetz adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

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