

The Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners met on this date at 8:35 a.m. in Conference Rooms A & B, Commissioners Chambers, Ogemaw County Building, West Branch, Michigan. Present: Scott, Reetz, Vaughn, Neubecker, and David.

The first item of discussion was the attorney request for proposals. A spreadsheet was provided to the commissioners by County Administrator Tim Dolehanty. The pros and cons of paying a retainer for attorney services were discussed. Commissioner David stated it may not be a good time to retain an attorney firm due to our revenue loss. The board discussed elected official/department head usage of attorney services. Prior year attorney fees were provided by Mr. Dolehanty. Mr. Dolehanty stated with the money we pay the County Prosecutor it would be a good idea to have an attorney firm on retainer. We have experience with Foley Mansfield law firm. A resolution retaining Foley Mansfield law firm will be presented at the upcoming commissioner meeting.

The board discussed a proposed employment of relative's policy. Mr. Dolehanty has drafted this policy for review. Commissioner Scott stated we lack advertising for job openings and locating these openings on the county website would be a good idea. Various aspects of how the policy would be implemented and used were discussed by the board. Ideally, the most qualified individuals would be hired. A resolution adopting the proposed policy will be presented at the upcoming commissioner meeting.

At the last meeting a possible road patrol millage was discussed. Chairman Reetz stated individuals have told him it would be a good idea. Commissioner Scott stated a dedicated stream of revenue for specific department functions would be helpful. Commissioner Neubecker felt such a millage would ensure deputies could focus on other law enforcement duties other than ticket writing. Commissioner David felt this is a good idea; however, the timing is not right due to there being too much uncertainty in people's lives right now. Mr. Dolehanty stated if the commissioners want to move forward with this he will check with Roscommon County and see how their millage proposal was worded. Commissioner Neubecker stated there is a Law Enforcement Committee meeting today. He will inform the board what transpires at this meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jake Francisco voiced his concern with how wreckers were dispatched to accident scenes. Undersheriff David stated the current policy will be left in place and the new sheriff will decide what to implement.

Chairman Reetz adjourned the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

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