

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

Scott Friesorger, County Animal Control Officer, provided a brief update of his month's activities. He requested an additional 2 hours of work be day be authorized for him. He stated he would only use the extra hours as needed. The board stated they would review at a later date.

Monthly revenue figures were provided by the County Treasurer. This month's expenditure hi-light is building security. \$22,800 has been budgeted and \$17,200 has been spent.

The board discussed the current GeoSpan invoice. Our payment responsibility is for ½ of the amount of the invoice. The county receives no revenues for the first three years of a six-year contract. The County Clerk stated he is having the assistant Prosecuting Attorney review the contract for early termination opt out reasons.

Caren Piglowski, Administrative Assistant, informed the board the Northern Michigan Children's Assessment Center has requested a \$500 increase to its annual appropriation. Board consensus was to the maintain the current appropriation amount in place.

The board briefly considered an "electronic device policy". The County Prosecutor will address this matter later in today's session.

The board considered its' meeting schedule for November and December 2019. It was decided to hold the second November 2019 meeting on November 26, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. The December 2019 second meeting date will not change.

It was suggested the walls and flooring in the vacated Building Department need attention. This will be addressed at a later date.

Ms. Piglowski stated an unemployment audit was recently done by MESC staff. A number of persons who were presumably workers as contractors have been deemed county employees. She does not have the assessment amount at this time.

Mr. Klacking stated there is an out-of-service Equalization Department vehicle he would like to advertise for sale. He was told to proceed with advertising its' sale.

A proposed Medical Examiner Service Agreement from Michigan Institute of Forensic Science & Medicine was briefly discussed. It has been placed on the commissioner iPads for review, as well as, the County Prosecuting Attorney.

The Ogemaw County Correctional Facility inmate medical contract was discussed. Undersheriff David has been researching this matter with Commissioner David. It was suggested hiring a nurse to perform needed services. McLaren and Mid Michigan Health have been contacted to determine if they could provide service.

Increased costs from Municipal Employees Retirement System were discussed. It was determined addressing these costs would have to wait until union contracts were next negotiated.

Budget vetoes by Michigan Governor Whitmer were discussed. Sheriff Hanft stated "straddle cell" revenues may disappear as the result of it being vetoed by the governor.

It was suggested a meeting be held with elected official's/department heads be scheduled to discuss any budgetary suggestions for balancing the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 General Fund budget.

Ms. Piglowski presented a tentative work schedule addressing the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 General Fund budget. A meeting is scheduled for October 30, 2019 at 8:00 a.m.

County Prosecutor Schultz informed the board Ogemaw County has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$62,400 for a Crime Victim's Right Navigator Pilot Program. There is no cost to the county. It is a one-year grant. The union has been consulted about this position's classification. When the grant ends the employee would not have bumping rights. A motion will be prepared to approve the position at the next regular commissioner meeting.

She discussed extradition costs with the board. She requested \$1,000 be added to the Sheriff Department budget to cover these costs. This will be done through budgetary adjustments.

Ms. Schultz cautioned board members about electronic communications between board members. She will provide a "best practice" memo to the board for reference. Ms. Schultz stated any autopsies ordered by her would have to be done by a forensic pathologist.

Rick Ebert addressed the board concerning security officers rate of pay. He explained how scheduling is done with the officers. He is requesting the rate of pay be similar to that of a newly hired county sheriff deputy.

Mike Bowers, County Emergency Management Director, provided information regarding a Homeland Security grant for acquisition of a HAM radio antennae has been approved. The antenna cost is \$379.95. The tuner is \$159.95 with installation cost being \$500. There is no cost to the county. Reimbursement costs would be forthcoming within 90 days. A motion approving purchase of the equipment up to \$1,100.00 will be prepared for the upcoming commissioner meeting.

Chairman Reetz stated Oscoda County would like to continue housing inmates with us. It can be either a two year or three-year contract. Rates for would be \$28.00 per day for the first year; \$29.00 per day for the second year; and, a third year rate would be \$29.00 per day. A motion will be prepared for a two-year contract to be approved at the upcoming commissioner meeting.

Ogemaw County Probate Judge Shana Lambourn discussed Child Care Day Treatment matters with the board. She presented information related to a building remodel used to house the community based services program. A community based program would save Ogemaw County taxpayers 406% over a six-month time frame. Specific items covered in a community based services program were detailed. A motion will be prepared authorizing Judge Lambourn spending up to \$3,000 for the preparation of sealed building plans.

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Reetz adjourned the meeting at 10:41 a.m.

Minutes by Gary R. Klacking, Ogemaw County Clerk

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