

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, Neubecker, and David.

County Clerk Gary Klacking stated two individuals have submitted application information for the vacant Animal Control Officer position. It was decided Personnel & Policy Committee would interview the individuals on Wednesday, April 24, 2019.

Denise Simmons, County Register of Deeds, updated the commissioners on a proposed software purchase for her department. She stated the current computer maintenance software costs come from the county general fund. She reviewed a proposal from Fidlar Company. The annual maintenance fee would come from the Register of Deeds automation fund. The county would realize a \$23,000 savings per year if she accepts the Fidlar proposal. There are no upfront costs. She will solidify the terms of the proposal and report back to the board.

Mr. Klacking updated the board about the implementation of the board's usage of iPads. He is currently working with the County I.T. Director to acquire a software package for usage with the iPads. Mr. Klacking informed the board Catholic Human Services is interested in using office space in the County Annex. He was directed to find out what the agency had in mind and report back to the board.

Mr. Klacking recommended the board start considering what, if any, county ballot proposals they might be considering for 2020. The board discussed at length the various possible millage proposals that might be placed on a 2020 ballot. He stated if a millage proposal is not approved the board would need to consider how to fund various areas of the county general fund.

Ogemaw County Probate Judge Shana Lambourn informed the board a lawsuit regarding Title IV E child care funding has been settled in our favor. She also stated she was notified there are two existing cases related to Title IV E child care funding that are considered a provisional status. She would like to utilize the attorney who assisted with the prior funding case settlement to address these cases. The board directed her to use the attorney of her choice.

Board members asked Judge Lambourn if she would support a "child care" millage proposal. She stated why not do it. Commissioner David suggested the board seek other services to assist with troubled teens. She also suggested an exploratory committee be established to discuss other child care alternatives within our community.

Administrative Assistant Caren Piglowski reviewed the monthly budget hi-lite. This month it is postage. We are under budget in that area even though there has been a postage rate increase. County Treasurer Dwight McIntyre presented revenue data to the commissioners. The total revolving fund balance is \$6.03 million dollars. He reviewed year-to-year revenue and investment balances with the board.

Undersheriff Leigh David discussed the diverted felons contract that Van Sheltroun has with the county. It expires May 1, 2019 and Mr. Sheltroun is not asking for any increase. This contract has worked well for the county. A motion for approval of Mr. Sheltroun's contract will be presented at the upcoming board meeting.

Undersheriff David informed the board the Oscoda County Sheriff will be attending the next regular commissioner meeting to discuss the Oscoda County Jail Inmate Contract with the board. She is working on a Homeland Security grant to secure department radios. It would be for \$70,000 and no cost to the county. She discussed the renovation of the old county jail with the board. She explained high priority rehabilitation items to the board. It was suggested to work with the County Building Department inspectors to determine what is needed to get the project going.

Ms. Piglowski discussed the six-month county general fund budget adjustments with the board. A few more department heads need to provide expenditure data. She provided information related to unbudgeted expenditures during the first six months of the current fiscal year. The revolving fund will be used to balance the county general fund budget. A motion will be made at the upcoming regular commissioner meeting to approve the county general fund budget adjustments.

The board also discussed the E911 employee accumulated benefit time and how it would be paid to department employees leaving E911 employment. How this will be handled will be discussed/approved at the board's May 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting.

There being no further business to address, Chairman Reetz adjourned the meeting at 10:14 a.m.

Minutes by Gary R. Klacking, Ogemaw County Clerk.