

The Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners met virtually on this date at 8:31 a.m.
Roll call: Present – Scott, Vaughn, Neubecker, and David. Absent – Reetz with notice.

Emergency Manager Mike Bowers addressed the board regarding two Homeland Security Grants, both of which would be 100% reimbursement. The first grant would be used to purchase an Interoperable Public Alert Warning System that operates similar to the amber alerts. This would be a one touch access to alert specialized people or departments to better respond to emergent and non-emergent situations along with notifying the community with verbal and text alerts. Iosco, Arenac, Alcona, Oscoda and Ogemaw Counties would purchase as a group bringing the cost to \$3400 each per year along with a one-time set up fee of \$720. This comes with a five-year contract. The grant would cover 2021 and 2022, but would have to be applied for again for the remaining three years of the contract. 41 counties in Michigan currently use this system. Commissioners to take this information to townships and will be put on January Committee of the Whole agenda. The second grant would be used to purchase a controller for South Branch in Goodar Township. Currently, someone has to physically go to the fire hall to send out the alert siren. The controller would allow dispatch to set off alert. The upkeep of the controller would be the townships responsibility. Cost is \$3800. A resolution to approve purchase will be prepared.

All commissioners agreed to allow Commissioner-Elect Surbrook to comment on any of the agenda items.

Sheriff-Elect Gilbert addressed the board regarding support of promoting from within to fill a Deputy position with current Correction Officers. Currently, there are a minimum five positions that need to be filled and getting very little response with applicants. A contract specifying expectations to anchor the position to our county would be drawn up. Administrator Tim Dolehanty stated he was comfortable with this due to the millage and budget adoption for training. He is also going to look into additional grants to help with the funding. Commissioners asked for more detailed information to be given to them including costs associated to the county and will discuss at next meeting.

Mr. Dolehanty explained the Draft Procurement Card Policy and Purchasing Cardholder Agreement. This would allow each department head or designee to be a card holder to make purchases necessary for their departments within the allowable guidelines stated in the agreement. This would put safeguards in place and hold each department accountable for their expenses along with being more efficient for the Treasurer's Office. A resolution to approve will be prepared.

Mr. Dolehanty stated the EDC is requesting \$35,000 in an Economic Development Alliance Agreement to be able to operate more efficiently and be able to write their own checks. This is to be tabled until after the preliminary audit results are in.

Mr. Dolehanty addressed the board with appointments to Construction Board of Appeals. There are 5 proposed candidates with three terms expiring 12-31-21 and two terms expiring 12-31-22. This board is utilized on an as needed basis and are paid per diems. There is minimal cost to this board. A resolution to approve will be prepared.

Clerk-Elect Brindley addressed the board requesting staff be allowed to work 40 hours per week through the end of February 2021 due to training and staffing purposes. A resolution to approve will be prepared.

Commissioner Scott asked for an update on the Day Treatment Center. Mr. Dolehanty will check into this as no new information has been received.

Commissioners are not taking action on the interlocal agreement for county designated assessor which will in turn defer to the state.

Commissioner David asked about information regarding McLaren employee services. She will contact them so action can be taken at the next meeting. She also asked for information regarding ordinance officers so she can report to her townships.

All commissioners agreed the county building briefings they receive from Mr. Dolehanty are appreciated. This keeps everyone in the loop on current status of the building and employees.

There being no further business to transact, Vice-Chairman Scott adjourned the meeting at 10:31 a.m.

Attest: Breck L. Brindley, Deputy County Clerk

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