

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, and David. Absent with notice – Neubecker.

Judge Richard Noble appeared before the board and provided an update on court matters. He stated all courts need computers and it is time for an update. The cost will be \$11,000. He is not asking for funds to accomplish the update. Next year the courts will need recording equipment updates which will cost \$11,000. He commented briefly on Ogemaw County Emergency Dispatch Authority charging the county courts for warrant processing. Lastly, he stated 82nd District Court is collaborating with Roscommon County vis-à-vis the AS-400 computer system. It will save \$50,000 by working with Roscommon County.

Chairman Reetz stated the Insurance Committee met and discussed health care insurance plans. Information related to the plan *Healthy Living Blue* was presented. He briefly explained the plan. Our insurance carrier will provide employee informational meetings. A Diebold Insurance representative will explain the plan(s) to county commissioners.

Chairman Reetz informed the board a transmission for the out-of-service 2008 Ford Explorer can be acquired for \$1,300. Labor to install the transmission will be \$500. A motion will be presented for the upcoming commissioner meeting to approve the purchase and install of the transmission.

Chairman Reetz stated the *Ogemaw Humane Society* will agree to a dog boarding fee of \$20 per day up to four days. Owners will have to reimburse the county before the animal is released to them. A motion will be prepared for the upcoming commissioner meeting approving this action.

Randy Booth, County Equalization Director, stated the county GIS system is not functional and needs a server. He has received a quote for \$15,000 to update the entire county. It has been years since the system has been updated. The board requested more information to clarify the update quote.

County Register of Deeds Denise Simmons requested the board to approve a computer hardware/software purchase in the amount of \$49,000. The department automation fund will cover the cost. A motion will be prepared to approve the purchase for the upcoming commissioner meeting.

Caren Piglowski, administrative assistant, reviewed the monthly expenditure report with the board. This month's hi-lited expense is uniforms. All but \$1,200 of the budgeted item has been spent.

Ms. Piglowski then explained the budget adjustments. District Court and Jail revenues have been significantly adjusted. A motion will be prepared to approve the budget adjustments for the upcoming commissioner meeting.

Scott Friesorger, County Animal Control Officer, discussed a recent dog attack situation with the board. He stated the 2 dogs in question were euthanized. It was decided in similar situations he will contact the County Prosecutor first to determine a course of action. He will contact surrounding counties to determine if they can board aggressive dogs.

The board briefly discussed the letter received from Ron Trachet-Michigan Department of Corrections representative. Sheriff Hanft informed the board steps needed to potentially move the Sheriff Department to the County Correctional Facility. Mr. Klacking was directed to contact Mr. Trachet and schedule him to meet with the board at an upcoming Committee of the Whole meeting.

The next item to be discussed was the proposed contract for Michael J. Bowers (Bowers Training Services, Inc.). Mr. Klacking informed the board the contract was reviewed by Scott Williams. The contract has been edited to include Mr. Bowers information. The contract will be approved at the upcoming commissioner meeting.

County Treasurer Dwight McIntyre discussed the GeoAssist invoice of \$11,000. He stated the county is responsible for one half of the invoice total. Mr. McIntyre is waiting to receive information related to the parcels that had adjustments to them which are involved in this matter.

An invoice for glass replacement in the county building was reviewed. Mr. Klacking explained how many vendors were contacted and replied. He was directed to find out if local glass companies had been contacted.

Matt Taylor, Municipal Employees Retirement System Regional Representative, shared strategies, actuarial changes, etc. with the board. MERS provides the county employees retirement plans. He explained how

the actuarial report was determined. He presented ways a municipality may close its unfunded asset liability gap. Plan design strategies were reviewed. He also presented funding strategies to the board.

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The matter of Ogemaw County Emergency Dispatch Authority (OCEDA) assessing a fee for warrant processing was discussed by the board. Commissioner Scott stated it was the OCEDA board that decided to adopt the processing fee. \$20,000 will be added to the County General Fund FY 2019-2020 fiscal year proposed budget for the warrant processing fees.

Chairman Reetz excused himself at 11:00 a.m. for prior appointment.

The proposed County General Fund Fiscal Year 2019-2020 was discussed by the board. Revenue projections for diverted felons and 82nd District Court statutory costs were reviewed. Some ideas to further reduce the expenditure budget were presented, i.e. find new revenue sources, layoffs, borrowing for payment of delinquent property tax to the local units of government, etc. Health insurance costs, retirement costs, and other items were considered. It was decided the board would meet as a Committee of the Whole at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 7, 2019 to further discuss the proposed county general fund budget.

There being no further business to discuss, vice-chairman Scott adjourned the meeting at 11:16 a.m.

Minutes by Gary R. Klacking, Ogemaw County Clerk.

Attest: Gary R. Klacking, Ogemaw County Clerk.