

The Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners met on this date in Conference Room A, County Commissioners Chambers, Ogemaw County Building, West Branch, Michigan. Chairman Bruce Reetz called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. Present – Scott, Reetz, Vaughn, Neubecker, and David.

Architect James Bates appeared before the board. He was informed he could submit another bid for his services. He stated he did not see a need for it.

Ogemaw County Animal Control Officer, Scott Friesorger, discussed dog kennel licenses with the board. He informed the board if someone owned more than three dogs a kennel license was needed. He shared what adjacent counties did vis-à-vis dog kennel licenses. He shared the fee amounts for kennel licenses and dog licenses. The board told him to leave the processing as is and would leave it to his discretion.

Rick Ebert informed the board he was approached by someone who offered to sell a used metal detector to the county. He stated there is not currently a need to purchase the metal detector. He asked the board to please reconsider adjusting the building security personnel's hourly wage rate. He may have challenges with not having enough staff to man the security posts. Notices have gone to all Veterans Administration offices. He was asked if there is a job description for the security personnel's position. Commissioner David stated due to budget constraints a raise would not be appropriate at this time.

Architect David Riebschleger, appeared before the board. The board questioned him about his design proposal related to the juvenile detention/holdover building. He stated reimbursable expenses would probably be a few hundred dollars. If the board just requested drawings it would be approximately \$3,000.00. A motion will be prepared to approve Mr. Riebschleger's proposal.

Undersheriff Leigh David requested board permission to replace two transport officers. She also requested approval to purchase a vehicle. The vehicle payment funds will come from commissary account. She informed the board a K-9 dog has been offered to the County Sheriff Department. Saginaw Valley K-9 Association will assist with fund raising to equip the K-9 vehicle. The department has someone to fill the K-9 officer position. A motion will be prepared to approve vehicle purchase.

Individuals * "(Tim O'Rourke, Bob Schneider, et al)" representing a citizen interest group related to the disposal of out-of-service Kirtland Community College buildings addressed the board. Background factual millage information was presented to the commissioners. This group is trying to determine what can be done with these buildings. They have not received a definitive answer from KCC about what is going to happen with these buildings. The group's thinking is that a trade school could be located at the Roscommon KCC site. A letter of support was requested from the commissioners.

Mike Bowers, Ogemaw County Emergency Management Director, provided an updated on his activities. He also requested approve to purchase "Disaster buckets" to be placed in local schools. The buckets contain emergency supplies for seven individuals for 72 hours. A motion will be prepared for approval of this request.

Cindy Scott, CPA, Stephenson & Stephenson, informed the board audit field work has been completed on the FY 2018-2019 county general fund audit. She stated we are in the last year of our contract for audit services. During the last three years the county has been provided professional services at no cost in the amount of \$86,923.64. She stated her firm would offer the same audit services at the current audit rate for five years. Commissioners discussed the offer. Some commissioners thought it would be good to bid out for services and see what bids would be received. It does not mean they would not retain Stephenson & Stephenson, CPAs.

Ms. Scott stated her service is an "audit team" approach. You get what you pay for in this service area.

Ryan Veeder, County Planning and Zoning Administrator discussed the matter of him being classified as a county employee. He would like to remain an independent contractor. The board suggested County Prosecutor Schultz edit his current contract so this can be accomplished.

Jerry Richards, Michigan Municipal League, Executive Search Consultant, led the commissioners in an exercise to determine what characteristics, skills, and personality the board was looking for in a county administrator. He began the session focusing on community profile. He worked through a government profile, Ideal candidate profile, and challenges/opportunities. The board provided input for these areas. He will provide a written report on what has been provided. The next step will be meeting with elected officials and county department heads. A meeting will also be scheduled with community leaders. Commissioner Scott will come up with a list of community leaders.

Caren Piglowski, Administrative Assistant, stated this month's budget highlight is *substance abuse*. She explained what the budgeted amount is and how the money is requested and distributed.

The board discussed the GeoSpan contract and options available to them. Mr. Klacking reiterated there really is no way to exit the contract before it expires. The county is in the first year of a three-year payment schedule to GeoSpan.

Sheriff Howie Hanft discussed the recent elected official's salary increase with the board. He provided information related to board motions and this matter. He used his salary as an example. The board discussed the matter at length. Ms. Piglowski referenced her notes regarding this matter. It was suggested by Commissioner Scott the elected officials forego the salary increase for the first six pays in 2020 and then commence with the approved salary increase for the remainder of the year. It was acceptable to the elected officials. * "This action is due to a payroll overpayment."

There being no further business to transact, Chairman Reetz adjourned the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

Minutes by Gary R. Klacking, Ogemaw County Clerk

Attest: Gary R. Klacking, Ogemaw County Clerk