

The Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners met on this date at 8:30 a.m. in Conference Room A & B of the Commissioner's Chambers, Ogemaw County Building, West Branch, Michigan.

Present: Scott, Reetz, Vaughn, Neubecker, and David.

Ray Blamer, Ogemaw Public Transit (OPT) Director, discussed a *Rides to Wellness*, agreement with the board. It provides one way ride service to individuals. If the individual cannot ride with OPT, they ride with another system. He is considering acquiring a van for this purpose. Grant pays for everything. A resolution will be prepared to sign the agreement. He discussed a 5311 grant proposal with the board. Commissioner Scott will sign the grant electronically. It provides 36% above the grant amount of \$164,000 that will be received sometime in June 2020. A resolution will be prepared approving the grant proposal. He asked for advice related to a driver whose wife is ill. It was suggested the driver continue to work.

Randy Booth, County Equalization Director, discussed various matters with the board. He requested parcel info for our county be upgraded. There is money left over in his budget from the county general fund continuation budget. The cost is \$15,000.00. NEMCOG may assist with this upgrade which will lower the cost. A resolution will be prepared approving the request. He would like to adjust parcel fees which have not be adjusted since the 1990's. He explained why the fees should be increased. He will discuss with the townships. Lastly, he discussed whether the county should do assessing for the townships. If the county performs the assessing it would be included in the township maintenance fee. He suggested the county not take over the township assessing duties.

Tom Spencer, County I.T. Director, discussed approval of a telephone contract with AT & T. One of our current service providers is going out of business. AT & T's rates would be comparable. A resolution approving the AT & T contract will be prepared.

Leigh David, Undersheriff, and Brian Osier, County Corrections Administrator, discussed the purchase of a walk-in cooler/freezer with the board. Funds to purchase are available from the commissary fund. Cost range is \$55,000-\$70,000. Specifications are almost ready to let for bids. The board was also informed two staff vacancies have occurred.

The board considered a funding appropriation from *All Ages Recreation*. The request was denied.

Caren Piglowski, Administrative Assistant, provided an update on COVID-19 expenses which are at \$15,500.00. Mr. Dolehanty, County Administrator, will now take the lead in this matter. She stated the monthly expense data has been downloaded on the board iPads.

Mr. Dolehanty stated Kelly Jones is interested in purchasing a county parcel. The board briefly discussed and is not interested in selling the county property.

Mrs. Piglowski stated Intelligent Design, LLC will be providing drawings for the planned Juvenile Treatment building next week.

Commissioner Scott suggested the board place a road patrol millage on the November 2020 ballot. It would preserve the service. He recommended a one mill proposal be presented to voters. Commissioner David stated the newly elected Sheriff should be in place. It is not a good time to consider this effort. Commissioner Scott stated there is money in the budget now but what will happen if there isn't sometime in the future? County Administrator Dolehanty stated the board need only assess what is needed each year should a millage be levied for this purpose. Undersheriff David stated this is a good idea. It would help keep employees with the department as they would know their positions are not at risk each year. Deputy Sheriff Brian Gilbert, Sr. stated it is a good idea; however, if elected Sheriff, he would like to prove himself before such a millage proposal is presented to county voters. Commissioner Neubecker stated such a millage request would set up the new Sheriff for success. It was suggested by Commissioner David that township input be sought before the board make any decision on a road patrol millage proposal.

There being no further business to transact, Chairman Reetz adjourned the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

Attest: Gary R. Klacking, Ogemaw County Clerk.
Minutes by Gary R. Klacking, Ogemaw County Clerk