

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

The first item of discussion concerned the monthly revenue and expense reports. Administrative Assistant Caren Piglowski stated the hi-lited budgetary item this month is advertising. Budgeted amount is \$4,466.00 versus expenditures of \$3,599.00. We are saving approximately \$4,000 per year on advertising.

Dr. Bush and Marcus Atkins addressed the board regarding county medical examiner matters. Dr. Bush stated the Michigan Institute of Forensic Science and Medicine (MIFSM) can provide comprehensive medical examiner and forensic services, death investigation, pathology, toxicology, laboratory services and forensic autopsy.

A contract is developed and written for the unique needs of each county. Contracting with MIFSM helps provide stability and consistency to county's ME expenditures. The next step will be for the county to review a sample contract and then move forward.

Ms. Piglowski explained the proposed budget adjustments to the board. The General Fund shows more revenue than expenditures. This will decrease the amount of revolving fund transfer by \$26,646.00. She reviewed the special fund budgets individually. After the budget adjustments, the contingency line item will have a balance of \$28,000.

A Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency (NEMCSA) letter of support has been requested. Mr. Klacking will draft the support letter.

Commissioner David stated there was a meeting last Friday with Bridges of Michigan. A group of individuals toured the housing commission/probate holdover building. The space is adequate for a proposed child care related use. The building would need to be renovated. Judge Lambourn is very interested in this option to housing out children/teens at risk.

Ms. Piglowski provided information related to a valuation study from MERS. The study would be done to determine if our amortization time frame could be extended resulting in lower monthly retirement costs. The board stated it would have to consider a cost-benefit to the county before moving forward with this study versus the extension time frame.

If the housing commission was to be moved from its present location, two offices would be needed.

It was decided the proposed Fiscal Year 2019-2020 County General Fund/Special Fund budgets would be addressed and approved at 6:00 p.m. during the Thursday, September 26, 2019 commissioner meeting.

Chairman Reetz stated he has spoken to Oscoda County Sheriff Kevin Grace about renewing the inmate housing contract with us. We should know by mid-November 2019 what Oscoda County has decided,

Commissioner David stated it would be a nice gesture to sponsor an employee Christmas Party. Commissioners would contribute to defray costs. She will organize the event.

Vice-chairman Scott will have a date soon for the next county administrator meeting.

Ms. Piglowski stated the Michigan Department of Treasury symposium she attended was not beneficial. Ideas shared would not really help our county.

The board recessed at 9:12 a.m. to await the next scheduled appointment at 11:00 a.m. The board reconvened at 10:45 a.m.

Ron Trachet and Larry Abraham, Michigan Department of Corrections, appeared before the board. They were asked what it would take to move the County Sheriff Department to the County Correctional Facility. He stated we would need architectural drawings, no weapons stored in the secured perimeter as well as in the evidence room.

Mr. Trachet said our facility is now in compliance with administrative rules. The facility could potentially fall out of compliance and perhaps open the door to litigation concerns. Corrections Lieutenant Osier reviewed/explained current office space configuration. Mr. Trachet was asked about correctional facility staffing levels. He indicated a letter signed by both the board chairman and County Sheriff would need to be submitted requesting a staffing analysis.

Mr. Trachet said we are now in compliance with good facility leadership. The only concern with MDOC would be if we place the County Sheriff Department in the current correctional facility footprint. Van Buren and Lapeer counties would be good facilities to visit. * "It is possible with an addition to the current footprint".

The matter was sent to the Law Enforcement Committee for further review and recommendations.

Chairman Reetz adjourned the meeting at 11:23 a.m.

Minutes by Gary R. Klacking, Ogemaw County Clerk

Attest: Gary R. Klacking, Ogemaw County Clerk