

The Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners met virtually on this date at 8:30 a.m.

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

Sheriff-Elect Brian Gilbert addressed the board regarding various items. He discussed the snowmobile grant with the board. It is a 15% match which is \$750. This amount is in the budget. It is a \$5,000 grant. County Administrator Dolehanty said the board needs to approve the grant. The next item discussed was the purchase of two Chevrolet Tahoe vehicles. Cost is \$53,000 each. Millage money is coming in and will be utilized for payment. A resolution to approve purchase will be prepared. They will be delivered in March 2021 and are fully equipped.

County Administrator Dolehanty reviewed the MDHHS public health order and MI OSHA emergency rules with the board. There are a couple of COVID issues with Ogemaw Public Transit. The Transit will need to cut back on some of its services to the public. He explained how board policy would be modified within our plan due to the order and emergency rules. He will work with elected official's/department heads to determine which positions can work remotely.

Mr. Dolehanty stated the matter of the attorney services contract was to be brought back to the board. At this point in time, he suggests we continue with the hourly rate schedule with the attorneys.

The matter of warrant fee charges was discussed. The courts have questioned why the fees are high. The board discussed the pros and cons of the matter.

Mr. Dolehanty discussed the MERS Plan addendum for our county. It is something new MERS is requiring, that is, what county payroll costs MERS should consider. An analysis of costs is being done by the county clerk's office.

The next item related to which county officials/employee(s) are authorized to sign documents vis-a-vis MERS paperwork. Mr. Dolehanty recommended that he, the board chairman, and the designated deputy county clerk be approved for signatures. A resolution for adoption will be presented at the next regular board meeting.

The matter of the County Extension Services agreement was brought before the board. There are no changes to the agreement. A resolution for adoption will be presented at the next regular board meeting.

A proposed *Suspension of Operations Policy* was presented to the board for adoption. The county administrator and the board chairman would decide when the county operations would be suspended. Mr. Dolehanty explained how the policy would work.

Mr. Dolehanty presented proposed *Rules of Order* for board meeting procedure. He proceeded to do a quick "walk through" of the meeting procedures. Board questions were addressed. It was decided to give board members some time to review the rules before adoption.

Commissioner David asked how PPE employee compliance was going. Mr. Dolehanty stated county employees are doing well with this requirement. She asked if employees must use sick time if off for COVID reasons. Mr. Dolehanty stated employees must first use sick time. If they have no sick time, there is the federal bank of time which is two weeks. The federal bank is effective through December 31, 2020. Lastly, Commissioner David asked what the rate of pay County Sheriff Department Deputies are being paid for security work at Wal Mart. The county is being paid \$50.00 per hour. Deputies are paid at the union scale rate.

Commissioner-elect Surbrook commented he is looking forward to being part of the county board.

There being no further business to transact, **Motion by Reetz, second by David, the meeting be adjourned. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried.**

Chairman Reetz adjourned the meeting at 9:57 a.m.

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