

The Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners met on this date in Conference Room A, Commissioner's Chambers, Ogemaw County Building, West Branch, Michigan. Present: Scott, Reetz, Vaughn, and David. Absent – Neubecker with notice.

The board was notified the final draft audit review of the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 County General Fund audit will be presented by Cindy Scott, CPA at the March 12, 2020 board meeting.

Ray Blamer, Ogemaw Public Transit Director, addressed the board concerning various subjects. He stated a resolution is needed for an interlocal agreement with Arenac County. Medical transport is being researched for after-hours service. Discussion regarding a millage increase to .60 for the Public Transit and perhaps run it for a longer term. The proposed millage increase would be .30 mills. It was suggested we ask Mills Township for its help paying for a Transit bus to service its area. Mr. Blamer stated he is considering retiring within two years. He would like to start training his replacement, Kirk Beilby.

Mike Bowers, County Emergency Manager, stated hydro-tank testing is needed. Cost is \$774.00. It will be 100% grant funded. The County Animal Control Officer will receive a new radio. It will be completely paid for by a Homeland Security grant. He informed the board 8 AEDs are needed. Batteries are needed for the four that are portable/operational. He is working on pricing for additional ones which will be \$900 - \$1,300.

The C.E.R.T. training in Oscoda County went well. Ogemaw County C.E.R.T. training is scheduled for February 27, 2020. A Homeland Security conference in Grand Rapids is fast approaching and it is free to attend. Two county dams are due for inspection (Lake Ogemaw and Flowage Lake) by engineers. He is meeting with the State of Michigan DHHS next week for security changes/improvements related to access control for doors.

Ogemaw County Sheriff Lieutenant Doug Casselman discussed an increase for the Correctional Facility transport officers. There are no state regulations for transport officers. The board discussed the merits of Lt. Casselman's proposal. A motion will be prepared increasing the transport officer's hourly rate to \$16.00.

Monthly expense report was presented and reviewed. Outstanding county lawsuits were reviewed by the board.

A motion will be prepared to provide non-Ogemaw Public Transit part-time union employees two hours of paid time off for every 70 hours worked.

Two county townships are being worked on by GeoSpan, i.e. Ogemaw and West Branch Townships. The County Clerk will provide these contracts to the commissioners.

A recap of the medical examiner meeting was provided by County Prosecutor Schultz. Chairman Reetz stated Ogemaw County EMS does not want to be medical examiners investigators. The board discussed Dr. Bush's proposal to provide medical examiner services to Ogemaw County. Chairman Reetz will contact Prosecutor LaDonna and report back to the county board.

The Plante Moran financial services proposal was discussed. It was decided to wait until the new county administration office is established.

The Foley Mansfield legal services proposal was reviewed. The county clerk will draft an RFP for county legal services and advertise for proposals.

Brief review of the 2nd Amendment Sanctuary County was discussed. The ordinance for the sanctuary county needs to be reviewed.

Ms. Piglowski was directed to contact the architect drafting the Probate Court juvenile day treatment plans.

An email from County Clerk Klacking regarding direction to the board concerning its authority to adjust county department budgets was discussed. The commissioners can adjust budgets after approval for proper basis.

The county should consider adopting a budget policy in the future.

Chairman Reetz adjourned the meeting at 11:02 a.m.

Minutes by Caren Piglowski, Ogemaw County Chief Deputy County Clerk.

Transcription by Gary R. Klacking, Ogemaw County Clerk.

Attest: Gary R. Klacking, Ogemaw County Clerk