

Chairman Reetz called a Committee of the Whole meeting of the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners to order at 8:30 a.m. on this date in Conference Room A, Commissioner's Chambers, Ogemaw County Building, West Branch, Michigan. Present – Scott, Reetz, Vaughn, Neubecker, and David.

Randy Booth, Ogemaw County Equalization Director, informed the commissioners Oscoda County would like to hire him as its equalization director. It is possible shared costs could be realized. Chairman Reetz will check with Oscoda County Board Chairman Yoder regarding a shared position and report back to the board.

Ogemaw Public Transit Director, Ray Blamer, stated a "procurement" policy needed to be adopted for Michigan Department of Transportation compliance. A motion for approval will be prepared for the upcoming commissioner meeting.

Caren Piglowski, Administrative Assistant, presented the monthly expense report. She stated Sheriff vehicle expenses are highlighted for this month. This expense is under by half of last year's repairs.

County Treasurer Dwight McIntyre presented the cash report to the commissioners. The board discussed the inmate housing revenue decline. Mr. McIntyre informed the board Mills Township is unable to load software for BS & A. They will not be able to process summer tax bills. They need to purchase a new server and it may not be until August 2019 before they are operational. The county may process the tax bill notices and collect a service fee.

Ms. Piglowski provided a brief overview of the MERS pension actuarial report.

The board discussed whether to have a transmission installed in the out-of-service 2008 Ford Explorer. The County Clerk is directed to contact Bob Oakes to determine the cost of installation. He will also research to determine if the Explorer needs additional repairs.

The board discussed proposed animal boarding fees. Chairman Reetz will meet again with Ogemaw Humane Society representatives regarding these fees. Owner surrender fees will be charged back to the owner before the animal is released. Commissioners Reetz and Scott met with the County Animal Control Officer. Animals are being taken to *Claws & Paws* at this time.

Ms. Piglowski explained the Circuit Court bond account is out-of-balance \$3,665.13. A motion will be prepared to transfer money from the contingency line item to the bond account.

The board discussed the matter of county commissioner authority related to Ogemaw County Road Commission salary and benefits. It was decided to continue on as is based on a previous board motion. Commissioner David stated the board answers to the public and should leave things as is.

The board discussed when the county annex lease should begin for the Ogemaw County Emergency Dispatch Authority. It was decided the commencement date will be August 16, 2019.

Bids for out-of-service County Sheriff Department vehicles were opened. Craig Ross's bid for the 2010 Ford Crown Victoria at \$307.00 was accepted. Frazier Kentrez's bids for the Dodge Challenger were \$1,500 for the 2013 Dodge and \$1,000 for the 2014 Dodge. Mr. Kentrez's bids were accepted. A motion for acceptance of the bids will be prepared for the upcoming commissioner meeting.

The board discussed the Ogemaw County Correctional Facility compliance report. The board would like to determine what needs to be done to move the County Sheriff Department to the correctional facility. Mr. Klacking is directed to contact Michigan Department of Corrections regarding this matter. The board would like something in writing.

The matter of a communication radio for the County Animal Control Officer (ACO) was discussed. For the time being, the ACO can use the Emergency Management radio. The ACO is waiting for a response from the County Emergency Management Director related to this issue.

Ms. Piglowski reviewed the State of Michigan Unemployment audit. Some contracts were cited by the auditor and there will be potential costs to the county. Ms. Piglowski is waiting for a determination from the auditor. We may need to appeal the determination.

The proposed Fiscal Year 2019-2020 County General Fund budget was reviewed. The board discussed various items from the proposed budget, i.e. inmate revenue, elected official's salary request, jail expense budget, quarterly ticket revenue projections, etc. The topic of inmates being housed in was discussed. Lately, the inmate population numbers have significantly declined.

There being no further business to discuss, chairman Reetz adjourned the meeting at 10:44 a.m.

Minutes by Gary R. Klacking, Ogemaw County Clerk.

Attest: Gary R. Klacking, Ogemaw County Clerk.