

The Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners met on this day in Conference Room A of the Commissioner's Chambers, Ogemaw County Building, West Branch, Michigan for a Committee of the Whole meeting.

Chairman Reetz called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. Present – all commissioners.

Chairman Reetz stated he was informed by Undersheriff David a snow mobile grant has been awarded by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to our county. \$10,000 has been earmarked for the snowmobile and \$5,000 for an officer. The local match amount is \$2,647.96. A motion will be forthcoming at the next regular commissioner meeting approving the grant.

Attorney Greg Meihn spoke to the board via phone. It concerned a prior board motion related to the elected official's salary. Commissioner Scott explained the intent of the motion. Attorney Meihn stated a clarifying motion can be made by the board. He stated Ms. Piglowski has complied with the board intent of the motion. A clarifying motion will be made at the upcoming regular board meeting.

Steve Curry, Michigan Association of Counties (MAC) Executive Director detailed what services MAC can offer to our county, i.e. lobbying efforts, commissioner forums, web services, etc. He discussed the governor's line item veto and how it would affect counties. He believes the vetoed line items will be reinstated. He encouraged the board to become MAC members.

Caren Piglowski, Administrative Assistant hi-lited Secondary Road Patrol expenses for this month. County Treasurer McIntyre stated the Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund balance is \$5,495,983.

Bids were opened for an out-of-service county vehicle. Craig Ross bid is \$367.77 and Wayne Wolverton bid is \$205.00. A motion approving Mr. Ross's bid will be offered at the upcoming regular board meeting.

Ogemaw County Probate Judge Lambourn presented bids for the renovation of the Housing Commission office suite. Valley Associates bid is \$2,400 - \$2,600. John Bates, PLLC bid is \$16,950. Questions were asked about the two bidders and the time line for completion of the project. Commissioner Scott stated Mr. Benjamin, Valley Associates, does good work.

County Clerk Klacking explained an election software support agreement has increased \$700 from last year. The board asked questions related to the software billing. A motion will be offered at the upcoming regular board meeting approving the software support invoice.

Undersheriff David discussed warrant entry by the County Sheriff Department with the board. She stated it would take about 1,000 hours per year. Two deputies would process the work. She asked the deputies be promoted to Sargent status. The savings would be approximately \$10,000 per year and the county would receive full rent from 911 Dispatch. Some deputy training would be required.

She stated the local match for the snow mobile grant would be \$2,647.06. She informed the board Oscoda County will approve the inmate housing contract with us. She asked the board to approve application for a USDA patrol vehicle. A motion will be offered at the upcoming regular board meeting approving the application.

Bryan Stein, Ogemaw County Building Department Administrator/Inspector discussed increasing commercial building fees. He presented a schedule for reference. The board will approve the proposed fee schedule at the upcoming regular board meeting. He informed the board the department move from its prior office space is nearly complete. He requested the board allow the department set aside funds for vehicle purchase in the future. Funds can be restricted for this purpose. Lastly, the board discussed the design service providers for the Housing Commissioner suite of offices renovation. Mr. Stein stated if any corrections were needed related to renovation designs they would be found and corrected during the review process.

Ms. Piglowski provided an update related to the unemployment audit of county employees. The determination by the unemployment commission auditor is that certain individuals must be made employees. LaDonna Schultz is working on an appeal. An assessment of \$10,641.07 has been paid to avoid interest accruing on the determination.

Commissioner Scott stated he has contacted Michigan Municipal League and acquired the names of two individuals with prior county management experience. The board discussed interviewing the individuals. It was decided to schedule the interviews for Tuesday, November 26, 2019 commencing at 3:30 p.m.

David Stockman, MD, representing Michigan Institute of Forensic Science and Medicine addressed the board. He briefly explained why the institute was formed. He stated the Institute could work with current

medical examiner investigators. County Prosecutor Schultz stated our county has questions and will continue fact-finding related to this matter.

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LaDonna Schultz, County Prosecuting Attorney, discussed the unemployment commission audit with the board. She is researching the matter and will file an appeal.

She discussed a revamp of the county nepotism policy with the board. The county can restrict the relationship of relatives working for the county. She encouraged the board to adopt the revised policy. It will protect the county from any type of conflict or liability.

Commissioner David asked the board how the county administrator position would be funded. She suggested the board consider a salary reduction. Commissioners briefly discussed the suggestion.

By phone, the board spoke to Steve Gilkey, representing GeoSpan. County Treasurer McIntyre stated he has provided information to Logan Township indicating they are responsible for their portion of GeoSpan's work. Mr. Gilkey stated the county should take care of Logan's portion of work. He was told the county would not pay Logan Township invoice. Mr. Gilkey was told to contact someone at the Logan Township board level. Mr. Gilkey informed the board how the project has been rolled out. He stated there would not be a second flyover. The board asked Mr. Gilkey to provide in writing why there would not be a second flyover.

Chairman Reetz adjourned the meeting at 12:05 p.m.

Minutes by Gary R. Klacking, Ogemaw County Clerk.

Attest: Gary R. Klacking, Ogemaw County Clerk.