

Chairman Bruce Reetz called a regular commissioner meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was held by tele-conference. Present – Scott, Reetz, Vaughn, Neubecker, and David.

Motion by Scott, second by Neubecker, the meeting agenda be approved as noted. Roll call vote. Ayes – Scott, Reetz, Vaughn, Neubecker, and David. Motion carried. [4-3-#1]

Motion by Scott, second by Neubecker, the minutes of the April 9, 2020 meeting be approved. Roll call vote. Ayes – Reetz, Vaughn, Neubecker, David, and Scott. Motion carried. [4-3-#2]

Motion by Scott, second by Neubecker, the minutes of the April 20, 2020 meeting be approved. Roll call vote. Ayes – Vaughn, Neubecker, David, Scott, and Reetz. Motion carried. [4-3-#3]

NEW BUSINESS:

Ogemaw County Equalization Director, Randy Booth, explained the 2020 County Equalization report to the board. He stated property values are up approximately +4% and county taxable values are up approximately +3%. The tax revenue increase will be \$128,000 more than last year. **Motion by Scott, second by Reetz, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners approve and accept the 2020 County Equalization report as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes – Neubecker, David, Scott, Reetz, and Vaughn. Motion carried. [4-3-#4]**

County Emergency Manager, Mike Bowers, presented information about approved grants and the equipment that has been acquired as a result of the grants. **Motion by Reetz, second by Vaughn, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners approve the grant for an antennae and 6 electrical components in the amount of \$1,550.00 at no cost to the county. Roll call vote. Ayes – David, Scott, Reetz, Vaughn, and Neubecker. Motion carried. [4-3-#5]**

Motion by Reetz, second by Scott, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners approve the grant for tornado siren controller for Lupton Fire Department in the amount of \$4,000.00 at no cost to the county. Roll call vote. Ayes – Scott, Reetz, Vaughn, Neubecker, and David. Motion carried. [4-3-#6]

Motion by Reetz, second Scott, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners approve the Shady Shores grant for \$24,000.00 at no cost to the county. Roll call vote. Ayes – Scott, Reetz, Vaughn, Neubecker, and David. Motion carried. [4-3-#7]

Motion by Scott, second by Neubecker, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners approve the grant for a truck charger and thermal imager for the Mills Township Fire Department in the amount of \$3,500.00 at no cost to the county. Roll call vote. Ayes – Vaughn, David, Scott, Reetz, and Neubecker. Motion carried. [4-3-#8]

Motion by Scott, second by Vaughn, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners approve the grant for 8 AED defibrillators, batteries and accessories in the amount of \$10,000.00 at no cost to the county. Roll call vote. Ayes – Neubecker, David, Scott, Reetz, and Vaughn. Motion carried. [4-3-#9]
Mr. Bowers provided details about when these items will be delivered/installed and what fiscal year they would be charged to.

The board discussed placing an Ogemaw Public Transit ballot proposal on the August 2020 Primary Election ballot. **Motion by Scott, second by Neubecker, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners approve the placement of a ballot proposal for Ogemaw Public Transit for (.03) mill for a period of five years, being 2020 through 2024 inclusive, for the purpose of providing operating funds for county-wide bus service; and, shall the county levy such increase in millage for said purpose, thereby raising in the first year and estimated \$270,859.00. Roll call vote. Ayes – David, Scott, Reetz, Vaughn, and Neubecker. Motion carried. [4-3-#10]**

Motion by Scott, second by Vaughn, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners approve the Jail Billing Services contract for one year. Roll call vote. Ayes – Scott, Reetz, Vaughn, Neubecker, and David. Motion carried. [4-3-#11]

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The board discussed the proposed county administrator contract. **Motion by Scott, second by Neubecker, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners approve the county administrator contract as presented by Commissioner Scott. Roll call vote. Ayes – Reetz, Vaughn, Neubecker, David, and Scott. Motion carried. [4-3-#12]**

It was decided at this time not to place any more county wide ballot proposals on the August 2020 Primary ballot.

OFFICIAL'S REPORTS:

Ogemaw County Probate Judge Shana Lambourn updated the board on activity within her department. She will have health protection safety shields installed within the department soon. County Clerk Klacking will distribute a memo to county department heads inquiring about the installation in various department settings.

Commissioner Vaughn asked if "hazard duty" pay could be submitted for reimbursement under the *CARES Act*. Mr. Bowers told him unless the hours were directly related to addressing pandemic issues this type of pay was not reimbursable.

Motion by Scott, second by Reetz, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners approve claims in the amount of \$152,178.85. Roll call vote. Ayes – Vaughn, Neubecker, David, Scott, and Reetz. Motion carried. [4-3-#13] Commissioner Scott explained various invoices that had been submitted for payment.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Commissioner Scott stated his townships have been holding board meetings by tele-conferencing.

Commissioner Vaughn stated District Health Department meeting will be held April 27, 2020 by tele-conferencing. He has done cleanup work at the West Branch Secret Campground.

Commissioner David stated the Fair Board meeting was held by tele-conference. The County Fair is scheduled to be held. Kids can show animals but need to figure out how to sell them. Most of her townships are meeting by tele-conference. After discussion, it was decided the county board of commissioners would hold a special meeting on Thursday, April 30, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. to discuss issues related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Commissioner Neubecker attended the Airport board meeting via tele-conference. He also attended the West Branch Township DDA board meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ogemaw County Veterans Affairs Director Jeff Nichols requested the board temporarily appoint Mark DeBoer to the Ogemaw County Veterans Committee. **Motion by Scott, second by Vaughn, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners temporarily appoint Mark DeBoer to the Ogemaw County Veterans Committee as the Veterans representative, for the term of May 1, 2020 to April 30, 2024 or until such time the Veterans Alliance conducts their annual meeting for 2020 to formally recommend a term for appointment. Roll call vote. Ayes – Neubecker, David, Scott, Reetz, and Vaughn. Motion carried. [4-3-#14]** Mr. Nichols requested approval to purchase an Adobe Acrobat software package. He has money in his budget to purchase the item. There is no need for the board to approve the purchase.

Motion by Scott, second by Neubecker, the meeting be adjourned. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [4-3-#15]

Chairman Reetz adjourned the meeting at 6:31 p.m.

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