

The Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners met on this date in the Commissioner's Chambers, Ogemaw County Building, West Branch, Michigan. Chairman Reetz called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. All stood for *The Pledge of Allegiance*. Roll call: Present – Scott, Reetz, Vaughn, Neubecker, and David.

Motion by Vaughn, second by Scott, the meeting agenda be approved with the following additions: Building security, Cindy Scott-audit services, and 2nd amendment resolution. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [1-3-#1]

Motion by Scott, second by David, the minutes of the January 9, 2020 meeting be approved. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [1-3-#2]

Motion by Scott, second by Neubecker, the minutes of the January 15, 2020 meeting be approved. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [1-3-#3]

Motion by Scott, second by David, the minutes of the January 9, 2020 closed session be approved. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [1-3-#4]

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ken Buss, Goodar Township resident, stated he is upset about tree removal by the County Road Commission on the sides of the road. He does not want this to happen in other areas of the county. He was advised to attend the upcoming County Road Commission meeting on February 5, 2020.

Al Evans asked if the campground name that was mentioned in the January 9, 2020 meeting minutes is correct. He was told it is correct.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ray Blamer, Ogemaw Public Transit Director, discussed the Transit Fiscal Year 2021 budget with board. **Motion by Neubecker, second by Scott, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners approve the FY 2021 Resolution of Intent authorizing the Ogemaw Public Transit budget in the amount 1,016,400. Roll call vote. Ayes – Reetz, Scott, David, Vaughn, and Neubecker. Motion carried. [1-3-#5]**

Russ Mason, representing a 2nd Amendment group, presented a resolution to the board for consideration and adoption. Would the resolution follow a county ordinance or law? Glen Gutierrez stated there are differences between an ordinance and state law. The resolution was tabled pending further research on the matter. Sheriff Hanft stated the Sheriff Association will support the Constitution. Chairman Reetz stated the matter will be added to the next Committee of the Whole meeting agenda.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The matter of building security officer's pay was discussed. Commissioner Scott stated the pay was modeled after bailiff's wages. The hours are longer for security officers, i.e. 4 ½ hours per shift. He believes the per diem should be raised. **Motion by Scott, second by Vaughn, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners increase the building security officers per diem to \$81.00 per half days. Roll call vote.**

Ayes – Scott, Vaughn, and Reetz. Nays – Neubecker and David. Motion carried. [1-3-#6]

Chairman Reetz brought up the matter of Stephenson & Company, CPAs continuing as our general fund audit service provider. The City of West Branch uses them and they are pleased with their work. The county is pleased with their service, too. **Motion by Reetz, second by Vaughn, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners retain Stephenson & Company, CPAs for audit services at the rate offered for five (5) years. Roll call vote. Ayes – David, Vaughn, Neubecker, Reetz, and Scott. Motion carried. [1-3-#7]**

ELECTED OFFICIAL'S REPORTS:

Sheriff Hanft informed the board a department secretary will be retiring in April or May of this year. He has appointed two deputies as department sergeants and the duties will be spread between them. The clerical position will not be filled. Sergeant Weishun will be doing traffic work and Sergeant Noffsinger will do criminal work.

Undersheriff David requested approval to apply for a USDA vehicle grant in the amount of \$53,624.00. **Motion by Scott, second by Neubecker, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners approve the application for a USDA Sheriff Department vehicle grant in the amount of \$53,624.00. The USDA**

contribution will be \$29,493 and the County share is \$24,131.00. Roll call vote. Ayes – Vaughn, Neubecker, Reetz, Scott, and David. Motion carried. [1-3-#8]

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Undersheriff David stated a large tree near the sheriff department building is dying. She would like it removed. She will work with County Clerk Klacking to advertise for its removal.

Motion by Scott, second by Reetz, claims in the amount of \$223,817.52 be approved for payment. Roll call vote. Ayes – Neubecker, Reetz, Scott, David, and Vaughn. Motion carried. [1-3-#9]

Motion by Reetz, second by Scott, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners approve computer equipment purchase in the amount of \$32,872.97. Roll call vote. Ayes Reetz, Scott, David, Vaughn, and Neubecker. Motion carried. [1-3-#10]

Motion by Neubecker, second by Vaughn, The Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the increase of Register of Deeds tract index fees from \$40.00 per hour to \$50.00 per hour. Roll call vote. Ayes – Scott, David, Vaughn, Neubecker, and Reetz. Motion carried. [1-3-#11]

Motion by Scott, second by Neubecker, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the creation of a Transit Committee. Furthermore, Craig Scott and Brad Neubecker be assigned to the committee, with Craig Scott as chairman. Roll call vote. Ayes – Vaughn, Neubecker, Reetz, Scott, and David. Motion carried. [1-3-#12]

Motion by Reetz, second by Scott, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the Michigan Indigent Defense Counsel Grant adjustment for Grant #2020-35A. Roll call vote.

Ayes – David, Vaughn, Neubecker, Reetz, and Scott. Motion carried. [1-3-#13]

Motion by Scott, second by Vaughn, The Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve 40 hours of paid medical leave for non-union part time employees per year who qualify in compliance with labor law. There shall be a 90-day waiting period before time is added for new hires. There shall be no carry over from year-to-year of said medical leave hours. At the end of each fiscal year, any unused paid medical time shall be paid out at a rate of 50% of current hourly pay rate for all unused time. New paid medical time hours shall be added October 1st of each year. Roll call vote.

Ayes – Neubecker, Reetz, Scott, David, and Vaughn. Motion carried. [1-3-#14]

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Commissioner Scott stated he attended all four township meetings. Edwards Township held a public hearing regarding township roads. He attended Parks & Recreation Committee, as well as, Airport board meeting. The airport is getting a credit card kiosk shelter and a moveable staircase.

Commissioner David attended all of her township meetings. Logan Township is considering projects the residents are interested in at this time. Village of Prescott purchased a snow truck. It did not opt out of the marijuana law requirements and now need to consider what to do going forward. The County EDC is partnering with Michigan Works! The EDC is advertising for a director.

Commissioner Vaughn attended Cumming and Rose Township meetings. The Rose Township supervisor will leave this office March 1, 2020.

Commissioner Neubecker attended the following meetings: Law Enforcement, Airport, W. Branch Township DDA, and Insurance Committee. A policy for safety of non-employee staff for the jail is being worked on by Lieutenant Osier. It was decided any request for insurance information is to come from the County Clerk's office. K-9 insurance pricing is not yet available. The insurance quote for jail medical personnel coverage is not yet available.

Chairman Reetz attended the Insurance Committee meeting. He attended a meeting concerning the county medical examiner. The meeting covered details of the new operation through the Medical Examiner (M.E.) institution. Local MEI's are willing to stay with a pay increase. Dr. Casten, our current medical examiner, is willing to continue on through the M.E. institution. Chairman Reetz will contact the architect working on design plans for the juvenile day treatment building. The request for a State Attorney General opinion related to Kirtland Community College's property tax levy has been drafted by our County Prosecuting Attorney and sent.

Chairman Reetz stated the Michigan Municipal consultant would like a closed session meeting and a meeting for interviews scheduled in March. The closed session is scheduled for March 19, 2020, 1:00 p.m. in Conference Room A, Commissioner's Chambers, Ogemaw County Building, West Branch, Michigan.

Follow up interviews will be held on March 27, 2020 commencing at 8:30 a.m. The interviews will be held at the West Branch Community Airport, Terminal Building conference room. The airport is located at 1383 Airport Road, West Branch, Michigan.

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PUBLIC COMMENT:

Rick Ebert thanked the commissioners for the support shown the building security officers.

Russ Mason stated there is a meeting regarding the 2nd amendment movement at Ogemaw Township Hall on January 26, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

Motion by David, second by Neubecker, the meeting be adjourned. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [1-3-#15]

Chairman Reetz adjourned the meeting at 6:56 p.m.

Minutes by Caren Piglowski, Chief Deputy County Clerk

Attest: Gary R. Klacking, Ogemaw County Clerk.