

The Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners met on this date at 5:30 p.m. in the Commissioners Chambers, Ogemaw County Building, West Branch, Michigan. All stood for *The Pledge of Allegiance*.

Present: Scott, Reetz, Vaughn, and David. Absent – Neubecker with notice.

Motion by Vaughn, second by Scott, the meeting agenda be approved as noted. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [7-3-#1]

Motion by Scott, second by Vaughn, the minutes of the July 9, 2020 meeting be approved. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [7-3-#2]

Motion by Vaughn, second by Scott, the minutes the July 16, 2020 meeting be approved. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [7-3-#3]

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jay Francisco stated there are inconsistencies related to the way wreckers are being dispatched to emergency scenes, i.e. automobile accidents. He stated there is not a policy in place. He suggested the Sheriff candidates weigh in on the matter. Chairman Reetz stated that something will be done in the future with this policy.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Scott, second by Vaughn, a resolution to authorize submission of the community corrections plan and application for fiscal year 2021 be adopted as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes – Scott, Reetz, Vaughn, and David. Motion carried. [7-3-#4]

Motion by Scott, second by David, a resolution to authorize an agreement for attorney services with Foley Mansfield at the hourly rate \$195 be adopted as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes – Reetz, Vaughn, David, and Scott. Motion carried. [7-3-#5]

Motion by David, second by Reetz, a resolution to approve employment of relatives' policy be adopted as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes – Vaughn, David, Scott, and Reetz. Motion carried. [7-3-#6]

Motion by Scott, second by Vaughn, a resolution to submit to the electorate a special millage question for authorization of funding for Ogemaw County Sheriff's office road patrol be adopted as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes – Scott, Reetz, and Vaughn. Nay – David. Motion carried. [7-3-#7]

Motion by Reetz, second by Scott, a resolution to authorize purchase of video conference equipment be adopted as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes – Scott, Reetz, Vaughn, and David. Motion carried. [7-3-#8]

Motion by Scott, second by Reetz, a resolution to authorize purchase and installation of a freezer/cooler at the correctional facility be adopted as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes – Reetz, David, and Scott. Vaughn – abstention as wife works in the correctional facility kitchen. Motion carried. [7-3-#9]

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Dolehanty discussed a "capital improvement program proposal with the board. He has spoken with Rod Taylor, Michigan Department of Treasury, about the county receiving financial assistance. Mr. Taylor suggested the county put together a multi-year plan and monitor it. Consumers Energy will assist with an energy audit. Mr. Dolehanty will prepare RFPs for contractors. Department of Treasury will review and consider for funding. The board gave the "go ahead" for this matter.

Mr. Dolehanty stated the City of West Branch requested the flying of a "suicide prevention" flag on the county building flag pole. The pros and cons were discussed. It could set a precedent. It was decided not to approve this request.

Mr. Dolehanty was contacted about the county being involved with Gypsy Moth spraying. It would be best if the townships address this matter. The townships can set up special assessment areas for the spraying.

Chairman Reetz asked Mr. Dolehanty to comment on potential state revenue sharing. Mr. Dolehanty stated we will receive nothing in August; however, the federal government will supplement state revenue sharing

at the rate of 150% of the normal amount. COVID costs must be documented well and we have stayed on top of these expenses.

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Mr. Dolehanty informed the board of a tax foreclosure lawsuit outcome in Oakland County. The court sided with the former property owner. The way counties have been processing these tax foreclosed properties will change. There could be some legislative action to ease the county burden.

Motion by Scott, second by Vaughn, claims in the amount of \$167,615.59 be approved for payment. Roll call vote. Ayes – Vaughn, David, Scott, and Reetz. Motion carried. [7-3-#10]

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Commissioner Vaughn stated City of Rose City held its council meeting in the park. Discussion focused on the proposed farmer's market. The city has a new deputy city clerk. He attended Goodar Township board meeting. The tornado sirens worked last week. Goodar Fire Department activates the siren manually. They are working on central dispatch activating the tornado siren.

Commissioner Scott attended four township meetings. Gypsy Moth abatement was discussed in three of the four townships. Edwards has road work being done. He attended the E911 Authority meeting. He also attended West Branch Community hangar pre-construction meeting.

Commissioner David attended the EDC meeting. There is money for small businesses available resulting from the COVID pandemic. EDC will be attending the next commissioner meeting. Hardwood Lake board met Saturday. Weed control contract was approved. She attended two township board meetings and the Village of Prescott board meeting.

Chairman Reetz attended the Insurance Committee meeting. Our insurance carrier will be researching to see if Aetna can provide lower cost health insurance. He also attended Klacking Township board meeting.

There being no further business to transact, **Motion by David, second by Scott, the meeting be adjourned. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [7-3-#11]**

Chairman Reetz adjourned the meeting at 6:23 p.m.

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