

The Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners met on this date in the County Commissioner Chambers, Ogemaw County Building, West Branch, Michigan. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairman Bruce Reetz.

Everyone stood for *The Pledge of Allegiance*. Roll call: Present – Scott, Reetz, Vaughn, Neubecker, and David.

Motion by Scott, second by Vaughn, the meeting agenda be approved with additions as noted. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [10-3-#1]

Motion by Scott, second by Neubecker, the minutes of the October 10, 2019 meeting be approved as noted. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [10-3-#2]

Motion by Neubecker, second by Neubecker, the minutes of the October 16, 2019 meeting be approved as noted. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [10-3-#3]

CORRESPONDENCE:

Motion by Scott, second by Reetz, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners appoint Daniel Domzalski to the Ogemaw County Planning Commission effective immediately with a term expiration of 12/31/2020. Roll call vote. Ayes – Scott, Reetz, Vaughn, Neubecker, and David. Motion carried. [10-3-#4]

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Reetz, second by Scott. the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners approve the County Apportionment Report. Roll call vote. Ayes – Reetz, Vaughn, and Scott. Nays – Neubecker and David. Motion carried. [10-3-#5] Chairman Reetz stated County Prosecutor Schultz informed him the board could not selectively leave out various millage assessments as stated within the report.

Commissioner Scott stated the county board is not being informed about county department new hire employees. The county board should be informed about all new hire employees. **Motion by Scott, second by Neubecker, effective immediately all proposed county department employee new hires must come to the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners “must be notified of any vacant positions.” for approval. Roll call vote. Ayes – Vaughn, Neubecker, David, Scott, and Reetz. Motion carried. [10-3-#6]**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Commissioner Scott reached out to Steve Curry, Executive Director, Michigan Association of Counties (MAC), regarding hiring of a county administrator. Mr. Curry stated it is best to use MML. Mr. Curry did say MAC will assist if requested. Jerry Richards, Executive Recruiter – Michigan Municipal League (MML), appeared before the board for a presentation. He provided a brief biographical sketch. He provided a process overview for Ogemaw County, i.e. develop recruitment profile to attract quality applicants; develop advertising strategy; receive, review and rate resumes; initial reference checks of candidates; present screened candidates to commission; and, develop interview strategy. Final phases of process were explained to the board, i.e. extension of conditional offer of employment; extensive background investigation, additional reference review if necessary, etc. He explained provisions of a “typical services package with a cost of \$21,000 and basic services package with cost of \$17,000. Questions were answered by Mr. Richards.

Commissioner David would like to think about this and discuss at the upcoming Committee of the Whole meeting. The board discussed hiring an interim county administrator. Mr. Richards recommended someone who has specific county administrator experience. Commissioner David stated that board members should seriously think about whether commissioners have the political will to make the hard decisions.

The board recessed at 6:39 p.m. and reconvened at 6:44 p.m.

Commissioner David stated she would not be available for board Committee of the Whole budget meeting between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on the dates scheduled for Committee of the Whole budget workshops. It was decided to schedule the October 30, 2019 and November 13, 2019 Committee of the Whole meetings for a commencement time of 4:30 p.m.

OFFICIAL'S REPORTS:

Motion by Scott, second by Vaughn, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners designate Vivian Kralka as Ogemaw County Veteran of the Year. Roll call vote. Ayes – Neubecker, David, Scott, Reetz, and Vaughn. Motion carried. [10-3-#7]

MOTIONS:

Motion by Scott, second by Reetz, claims in the amount of \$210,194.74 be approved for payment minus the Ogemaw County Sheriff Department patrol vehicle. Roll call vote. Ayes – David, Scott, Reetz, Vaughn, and Neubecker. Motion carried. [10-3-#8]

Motion by Reetz, second by Scott, the board table the motion whereby the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the GeoSpan invoice in the amount of \$4,127.89 to be paid from Contingency. Roll call vote. Ayes – Scott, Reetz, Vaughn, Neubecker, and David. Motion carried. [10-3-#9]

Motion by Reetz, second by Vaughn, the board table the motion whereby the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners approve a two-year agreement with Oscoda County for inmate housing services with \$1.00 increase for each year of the agreement. The agreement shall be \$28.00 per inmate per day for year one and \$29.00 per inmate per day for year two. Roll call vote. Ayes – Neubecker, David, and Scott. Nays – Reetz and Vaughn. Motion carried. [10-3-#10]

Motion by Scott, second by Vaughn, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the Crime Victims Navigator Pilot Program Grant in the amount of \$62,400.00. Furthermore, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the Prosecuting Attorney to hire an employee to fill the new position. Should the grant funding end, this position shall be eliminated? Roll call vote. Ayes – Vaughn, Neubecker, David, Scott, and Reetz. Motion carried. [10-3-#11]

Motion by Reetz, second by Scott, The Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the H.A.M. Radio Antenna Grant equipment purchase and installation up to \$1,100.00. Roll call vote. Ayes – Neubecker, David, Scott, Reetz, and Vaughn. Motion carried. [10-3-#12]

Motion by Scott, second by David, The Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve a cost up to \$3,000.00 to be paid from Contingency for architectural plans of a Juvenile Day Treatment Program facility remodel of an existing Ogemaw County Building. Motion carried. [10-3-#14]

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Commissioner David stated the Economic Outlook was held and 47 persons were signed up to attend. She will be attending the upcoming MiWorks! Board meeting.

Commissioner Scott stated he was invited by Roscommon County Commission Board Chairman Bob Schneider to a meeting discussing the use of Kirtland Community College (KCC) buildings. The use of the buildings would be for municipal and construction trades training. There did not appear to be any cooperation or collaboration from the KCC board members. He attended the Roscommon County Commissioner board meeting. The meeting was much like our meetings. The County Controller provided a detailed report to the board. He attended the West Branch Community Airport Board meeting.

Commissioner Vaughn stated he did not have any meetings to report. Commissioner Neubecker stated he attended the West Branch Community Airport Board meeting.

Chairman Reetz attended a County EDC board meeting. There was discussion about how the Rose City Winery was started. He attended an MSU Extension advisory board meeting in Standish. Upcoming projects were reviewed. He attended the Klacking Township board meeting. He had a conversation with County Equalization Director Randy Booth about the West Branch Township DDA. The DDA needs a plan for spending what tax revenues it receives. If there is no yearly plan for spending the unspent funds should be given back to the county.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Pauline Johnson stated she is working with State Senator Van der Wall concerning a citizen petition referendum. The referendum concerns the Kirtland Community College property tax within Ogemaw County. She is also waiting upon Michigan Bureau of Elections staff to provide information for her.

Motion by Scott, second by Neubecker, the meeting be adjourned. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [10-3-#14]

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