

The Ogemaw County Board of Commissioner's regular meeting of 26 March 2020 was held by tele-conference at 5:30 p.m. Present: Scott, Reetz, Vaughn, Neubecker and David.

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

Motion by Scott, second by Neubecker, the minutes of the March 12, 2020 meeting be approved. Roll call vote. Ayes – Reetz, Vaughn, Neubecker, David, and Scott. Motion carried. [3-3-#2]

Motion by Scott, second by Neubecker, the minutes of the March 12, 2020 closed session be approved. Roll call vote. Ayes – Vaughn, Neubecker, David, Scott, and Reetz. Motion carried. [3-3-#3]

Motion by Scott, second by David, the minutes of the March 19, 2020 meeting be approved. Roll call vote. Ayes – Neubecker, David, Scott, Reetz, and Vaughn. Motion carried. [3-3-#4]

NEW BUSINESS:

Chairman Reetz stated there is one confirmed case of COVID-19 in Ogemaw County. They are self-quarantining and the District Health Department No. 2 is checking on them daily. Commissioner David stated there is one county employee on vacation. District Health Department No. 2 is recommending a three-day quarantine when they return from vacation.

Commissioner David stated we do not have any board rules. There have been decisions made that were acceptable but the process was not ok. Chairman Reetz stated there is a "call tree" in place that is used for snow storm closures. Mr. Klacking stated historically the chairman makes the decision to close the county building. Commissioner David stated we need to consider board rules and put them in place. Commissioner Scott stated board members have not been informed. County administrator interviews were cancelled; however, the board chairman should have waited. It is common courtesy to contact other commissioners. Commissioner Neubecker stated when the county administrator is in place work can begin on the board rules. Chairman Reetz stated he will contact other commissioners in the future.

Motion by Vaughn, second by Reetz, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners approve the hiring of two Marine Patrol officers. Funding is in place via the Marine Patrol grant. Lake Ogemaw will be contributing funds for patrolling its lake. Roll call vote. Ayes – David, Scott, Reetz, Vaughn, Neubecker, and Scott. Motion carried. [3-3-#5] When funding runs out the lake patrols will cease.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Motion by Reetz, second by Vaughn, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners approve the 3-year contract with the Michigan Institute of Forensic Science and Medicine in the amount of \$70,000. Roll call vote. Ayes – Scott, Reetz, Vaughn, Neubecker, and David. Motion carried. [3-3-#6]

Commission David stated the county should consider joining Michigan Association of Counties (MAC). It has been a big asset for her and the county. Commissioners Neubecker and Scott concur with Commissioner David's assessment of MAC. **Motion by Scott, second by David, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners become members of MAC and pay the annual membership fee of \$8, 277.00. Roll call vote. Ayes – Reetz, Vaughn, Neubecker, David, and Scott. Motion carried. [3-3-#7]**

The board discussed whether to continue paying employees working modified schedules due to the COVID-19 pandemic. **Motion by Reetz, second by Vaughn, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners continue to pay county employees until April 13, 2020. Roll call vote. Ayes – Vaughn, Neubecker, Scott, and Reetz. Nay – David. Motion carried. [3-3-#8]**

The board discussed whether or not county employees should be laid off due to the extended "shelter in place" Governor's order. The cost to lay off employees should be determined. Revenues are probably down at this time. More information is needed to help the board make an informed decision. Commissioner Scott suggested using MAC to aid in making decisions. **Motion by Scott, second by David, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners issue tentative layoff notices to non-essential employees on March 27, 2020 to become effective on April 20, 2020. Roll call vote. Ayes – Neubecker, David, and Scott. Nays – Reetz and Vaughn. Motion carried. [3-3-#9]**

Motion by Scott, second by David, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners hold a tele-conference on Thursday, April 2, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss updates to the COVID-19 pandemic and budgetary matters. Roll call vote. Ayes – David, Scott, Reetz, Vaughn, and Neubecker. Motion carried. [3-3-#10]

OFFICIAL'S REPORTS:

County Register of Deeds, Denise Simmons, asked who will determine essential employees. She stated title researchers will be able to perform online work starting this coming Monday.

Ray Blamer, Ogemaw Public Transit Director, provided a brief update on department activities. He stated 30-40 persons are being transported each day. His drivers are not really complaining. There are some masks available for employees.

Motion by Reetz, second by Scott, claims in the amount of \$213,500.79 be paid. Roll call vote. Ayes – Scott, Reetz, Vaughn, Neubecker, and David. Motion carried. [3-3-#11]

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Chairman Reetz stated the County EMS Authority will continue to provide someone to take employee temperatures at the Ogemaw County Building.

Commissioner Vaughn attended the District Health Department No. 2 meeting. There is one confirmed COVID-19 case in Iosco County. A lot of COVID-19 testing is being done in the District Health Department No. 2 coverage area.

Motion by Scott, second by Neubecker, the meeting be adjourned. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [3-3-#12]

Chairman Reetz adjourned the meeting at 6:39 p.m.

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