

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*. Present – Scott, Reetz, Vaughn, Neubecker, and David.

Motion by Scott, second by Vaughn, the meeting agenda be approved with the additions. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [[11-3-#1]

Motion by Scott, second by Neubecker, the minutes of the November 14, 2019 meeting be approved. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [11-3-32]

Motion by David, second by Neubecker, the minutes of the November 20, 2019 meeting be approved. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [11-3-#3]

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Cheryl Vaughn stated Commissioner David went behind her back concerning a matter related to her husband working as a building security officer. Commissioner David stated she was just asking for legal advice in case a conflict of interest arose. * Commissioner David stated she was ensuring no potential conflicts of interest would impede the actions of a commissioner. She was not personally attacking the Vaughn's". Ms. Vaughn stated her husband, a commissioner, abstained from discussion. She felt this was a personal attack on she and her husband.

Ron Quackenbush addressed the board. He represents the county on the Substance Abuse Board. He provided background information to the board. He stated the liquor tax comes to the county and then, in turn, is sent to the Northern Michigan Regional Entity (NMRE). The NMRE contracts with agencies to provide services. Normally, Catholic Human Services provides the local service delivery. SUD provides the programs, not brick/mortar projects.

NEW BUSINESS:

Rebecca Younker, provided the Northern Michigan Children's Assessment Center annual update to the board. She provided information on how the center was started and has grown. For Ogemaw County in the past year, 316 forensic interviews were held, 52 medical exams, and 33 convictions/pleas were completed. She presented Chairman Reetz a certificate of thankfulness.

Mischelle Warner, MSU Extensions Services District Coordinator, discussed the agreement for extension services to the board. It will allow millage funds to be transferred from the county general fund to MSUE. **Motion Neubecker, second by Vaughn, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners authorize the board chairman to sign the MSUE Agreement for Extension Services. Roll call vote. Ayes – Scott, Reetz, Vaughn, Neubecker, and David. Motion carried. [11-3-#4]**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The proposed meeting motion No. 2 was discussed by the board. Commissioners Scott and Neubecker stated the motion is unclear. The clarified motion for consideration was not the intent of the original motion. **Motion by Neubecker, second by Scott, proposed board meeting motion number two is tabled. Roll call vote.**

Ayes – Neubecker, David, and Scott. Nays – Reetz and Vaughn. Motion carried. [11-3-#5]

The board discussed proposed meeting motion No. 6. Undersheriff David stated it would be a burden for the Sheriff Department to take on the task of processing warrants. She stated the union could become involved in this matter if needed. Commissioner Neubecker commented the matter was discussed at the Law Enforcement Committee meeting. It was determined the processing of warrants would be left for E911 to process.

OFFICIAL'S REPORTS:

County Register of Deeds Denise Simmons informed the board PNC Bank has prepared a quit claim deed for the County Annex building. This matter is close to being resolved.

Motion by Scott, second by Neubecker, claims in the amount of \$70,834.18 be approved. Roll call vote.

Ayes – Vaughn, Neubecker, David, Scott, and Reetz. Motion carried. [11-3-#6]

Motion by Reetz, second by Neubecker, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the FY 2020 Snowmobile Law Enforcement program Grant Agreement in the amount of \$17,647.06. Furthermore, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the snowmobile equipment purchase up to \$12,000.00 included with the grant. Roll call vote.

Ayes – Neubecker, David, Scott, Reetz, and Vaughn. Motion carried. [11-3-#7]

Motion Scott, second by Neubecker, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners does hereby accept the vehicle sale bid by Craig Ross in the amount of \$367.67. Roll call vote. Ayes – David, Scott, Reetz, Vaughn, and Neubecker. Motion carried. [11-3-#8]

Motion by Scott, second by Vaughn, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the election equipment maintenance support agreement in the amount of \$2,698.00. Roll call vote. Ayes – Scott, Reetz, Vaughn, Neubecker, and David. Motion carried. [11-3-#9]

Motion by Reetz, second by Vaughn, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve two Ogemaw County Sheriff Deputies to be promoted to Sergeant positions. This will not create new deputy positions within the department. This is for the purpose of processing warrants. Roll call vote. Ayes – Reetz and Vaughn. Nays – Neubecker, David, and Scott. Motion fails. [11-3-#10]

Motion by Scott, second by Neubecker, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the USDA Grant Application for Sheriff patrol vehicles to be submitted by the Sheriff Department. Roll call vote. Ayes – Vaughn, Neubecker, David, Scott, and Reetz. Motion carried. [11-3-#11]

Motion by Reetz, second by Neubecker, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the County Building and Zoning Department to begin using the 2013 State of Michigan commercial fee schedule effective immediately. Roll call vote. Ayes – Neubecker, David, Scott, Reetz, and Vaughn. Motion carried. [11-3-#12]

Motion by Reetz, second by Vaughn, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve health insurance coverage to commence ninety (90) days from the date of employment for all newly hired full time non-union employees effective immediately. Roll call vote. Ayes – David, Reetz, Vaughn, and Neubecker. Nay – Scott. Motion carried. [11-3-#13]

The board discussed the candidates interviewed for the interim county administrator position. Commissioner Reetz stated another meeting should be scheduled to discuss this matter. Commissioner David liked Ms. Folks insight and vision. Commissioner Reetz likes Mr. Folks approach to budget solutions. Commissioner Neubecker stated Ms. Folks wanted the position more. In the short-term she is a better pick. Commissioner Reetz stated we should get Ms. Piglowski's and others input. Commissioner Scott stated that both candidates want to collaborate. Ms. Folks is ready to go. **Motion by Scott, second by Neubecker, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners extend an offer of employment to Karen Folks as the interim county administrator. The offer is for \$6,300 per month with a minimum of 35 hours of work per week. The county board will provide lodging at Forward's Quality Inn as needed. Roll call vote. Ayes – Scott, Neubecker and David. Nay – Reetz and Vaughn. Motion carried. [11-3-#14]**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Commissioner David attended the County EDC Board meeting. The committee is working on hiring an EDC Director.

Commissioner Scott attended the Airport board meeting. The airport liability insurance was reviewed. He also attended Ogemaw Township board meeting. Central Dispatch union negotiations will return to arbitration.

Chairman Reetz stated EMS Authority will be starting its fiscal year audit with contract negotiations starting soon. He read a letter from Valley Associates withdrawing its bid for design services for the juvenile holdover building.

Commissioner Neubecker attended the Airport board meeting, as well as, Law Enforcement Committee meeting. He attended the West Branch Township DDA board meeting. He did ask the W. Branch DDA board about not collecting the tax revenue for Ogemaw County; however, the DDA does have a development plan in place. The commissioners should let the DDA know what it wants done with the tax revenue.

Commissioner Vaughn attended the Law Enforcement Committee meeting.

The board briefly discussed the bids for the juvenile holdover building. It was decided to allow James Bates to submit another bid for the building in question.

Motion by Reetz, second by Scott, the meeting be adjourned. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [11-3-#15]

Chairman Reetz adjourned the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

Minutes by Gary R. Klacking, Ogemaw County Clerk.

Attest: Gary R. Klacking, Ogemaw County Clerk