

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, Neubecker and David.

**Motion by Scott, second by Neubecker, the meeting agenda be approved as noted. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [8-3-#1]**

**Motion by Scott, second by Vaughn, the minutes of the August 13, 2020 meeting be approved. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [8-3-#2]**

**Motion by Vaughn, second by Scott, the minutes the August 20, 2020 meeting be approved. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [8-3-#3]**

**Motion by Scott, second by Reetz, the minutes of the August 13, 2020 closed session be approved. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [8-3-#4]**

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

County Administrator Tim Dolehanty provided a brief synopsis of the Ogemaw County EDC proposal from the last commissioner meeting. A contract can be adopted which will detail services the EDC will provide to the county. The EDC would be able to write their own check and an allocation is requested from the county. Annual report to the board of commissioners is a contract component. This arrangement will be discussed at the September 2020 board Committee of the Whole meeting.

Mr. Dolehanty provided a draft board meeting rules packet to the commissioners. It will formalize the process to place items on the commissioner meeting agendas. He is looking for suggestions from the board at this point in time vis-à-vis the proposed rules. It will be a board Committee of the Whole September 2020 meeting agenda.

### **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

Mr. Dolehanty followed up with some ideas from the annual MAC virtual conference. First items concerned *Pinpoint*. It is a program that works with hospitals and it reduces the employee co-pays and deductibles to nothing. He is doing more research at this point on this program. Secondly, he mentioned *Arrow RX*. This program targets high cost specialty drugs. Again, it works to get employee co-pays/deductibles reduced to no cost. He believes these programs can save the county approximately \$100,000 per year. Lastly, Rite Aid Pharmacy of West Branch would like to provide flu shots to county employees. Employee insurance would reduce cost to nothing. It is an optional program for employees.

### **OFFICIAL'S REPORTS:**

County Clerk Klacking explained a proposal to move his department employees to 40 hours to week. Department work load has increased for various reasons. There will be two new employees by year's end and the newly elected county clerk needs training. **Motion by Scott, second by Neubecker, the Ogemaw County Clerk be authorized to move department employees to 40 hours per week effective Tuesday, September 9, 2020 for the balance of the current Fiscal Year. Roll call vote. Ayes – Scott, Reetz, Vaughn, Neubecker, and David. Motion carried. [8-3-#5]**

**Motion by Vaughn, second by Neubecker, claims in the amount of \$70,601.66 be approved for payment. Roll call vote. Ayes – Reetz, Vaughn, Neubecker, David, and Scott. Motion carried. [8-3-#6]**

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Commissioner Vaughn attended the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting. The West Branch Secret Campground manager has resigned. The park is still open. He attended District Health Department No. 2 meeting. COVID matters were discussed with statistics presented for review/reference.

Commissioner Neubecker attended the West Branch Community Airport board meeting. All is going well. The purchase of new equipment is being considered and work is commencing on airport buildings.

Commissioner David attended the County EDC board meeting. Funding for various organizations was approved in the amount of grant funds totaling \$689,250.00.

Commissioner Scott attended Parks & Recreation Committee meeting, as well as, the Airport Board meeting. All township meetings were attended.

Chairman Reetz attended Klacking Township board meeting. He was not able to attend District Health Department No. 2 board meeting. He attended an *Unlock Michigan* petition signing event sponsored by State Representative Daire Rendon. He would like the county administrator to work on a resolution to move Ogemaw County to the Northern COVID 19 zone.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mike Braendle discussed public access on alley ways on Edwards Street in West Branch Township with the board. He stated there are docks and stairs on the alleys. He wanted to know who owns the alleys, who maintains them and who is responsible for liability issues that may arise. The Michigan Department of DEQ has authority for placement of items on the alley ways. He has concerns about loitering in these areas. It was suggested he contact West Branch Township and the County Register of Deeds for further information.

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

Chairman Reetz adjourned the meeting at 6:16 p.m.

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