

The Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners met on this date in the Commissioner's Chambers, Ogemaw County Building, Chairman Reetz call the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. All 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. All – aye. Motion carried. [2-3-#1]

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

Motion by Neubecker, second by Scott, the minutes of the February 20, 2020 meeting be approved as noted. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [2-3-#3]

PUBLIC COMMENT:

County Sheriff Hanft addressed the board regarding various items. He informed the board the department has an out-of-service vehicle that is no longer being used. He also suggested the Undersheriff salary be adjusted. Currently department Sergeants and Lieutenant are earning more than her. Lastly, he suggested the department secretary, who will be assuming more duties soon, be designated as office manager. These items will be addressed at the Committee of the Whole.

The Ogemaw Heights FFA, Ag Issues team, performed a presentation regarding “baiting ban” for all those in attendance.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Vaughn presented a recap of the board's recent action to adopt a 2nd Amendment Sanctuary county resolution. Commissioner Scott asked if we are acting against the Constitution. The board discussed the pros and cons of the resolution. It was asked if we need an ordinance related to this matter. Commissioner Vaughn stated not really.

Commissioner Scott expressed his concern about not being made aware of department budget adjustments/line item transfers. **Motion by Scott, second by Neubecker, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners decree that all department budget adjustments, transfers and line item changes must first be approved by a majority vote of the commissioners. This budget policy is effective February 27, 2020. The county clerk will distribute a memo to all departments informing them of this motion. Roll call vote. Ayes – Scott, Neubecker, and David. Nays – Reetz and Vaughn. Motion carried. [2-3-#4]**

Commissioner Scott stated we have authority to make changes to department budgets based on a proper basis. Commissioner David contacted Crawford and Roscommon County about how they address department budget changes. This motion can always be amended as needed.

OFFICIALS REPORTS:

Undersheriff David requested permission to purchase two remote custody/control vests. She explained how they work. **Motion by Vaughn, second by Reetz, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners approve the purchase of two custody/control vests at a cost of \$3,200. Funds to come from the Commissary Fund. Roll call vote. Ayes – Reetz, Vaughn, Neubecker, David, and Scott. Motion carried. [2-3-#5]**

County Clerk Klacking informed the board about a meeting to be held tomorrow at the County Correctional Facility regarding the *Step Up Program*. He also discussed items related to contracting with the Michigan Institute of Forensic Science and Medicine, i.e. term of contract (3 years), amount of contract (\$70,000), retaining Dr. Casten, etc. **Motion by Reetz, second by David, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners authorize LaDonna Schultz to negotiate contract terms with Michigan Institute of Forensic Science and Medicine. Ayes – Vaughn, Neubecker, David, Scott, and Reetz. Motion carried. [2-3-#6]**

MOTIONS FOR ADOPTION:

Motion by Reetz, second by Scott, claims in the amount of \$287,547.09 be approved for payment. Roll call vote. Ayes – Neubecker, David, Scott, Reetz, and Vaughn. Motion carried. [2-4-#7] The board discussed payment of the Intelligent Design invoice (\$2,550) at this time. It was decided to wait until after County Building Inspector Bryan Stein reviews the plans for completeness/compliance. Mr. Stein also will schedule a pre-bid meeting with local contractors. The meeting will be advertised locally.

Motion by Neubecker, second by Vaughn, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the hourly wage increase for transport officers to \$16.00 per hour effective 02/23/2020. Roll call vote. Ayes – David, Scott, Reetz, Vaughn, and Neubecker. Motion carried. [2-3-#7]

Motion by Reetz, second by Scott, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve USWA part-time non-Transit Dept. employees to receive 2 hours of personal time for every accrued 70 hours of work effective with pay period ending 02/22/2020. Roll call vote. Ayes – Scott, Reetz, Vaughn, Neubecker, and David. Motion carried. [2-3-#8]

Motion by Scott, second by Vaughn, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the hydro testing for air cylinders for the local Fire Department Association in the amount of \$774.00. Amount shall be 100% grant funded. Roll call vote. Ayes – Reetz, Vaughn, Neubecker, David, and Scott. Motion carried. [2-3-#9]

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Commissioner Vaughn attended the Emergency Management Committee and Law Enforcement Committee meetings.

Commissioner Neubecker attended the Law Enforcement Committee meeting.

Commissioner David attended the Fair Board meeting. Topic of discussion was the 2020 Ogemaw County Fair entertainment. She attended MichiganWorks! and the audit was presented. She was also in attendance at the Richland Township meeting and topic of discussion was elections and township road conditions. EDC has hired a new director and it is Mary Bickel.

Commissioner Scott attended Ogemaw Township meeting. He was at the Airport Board meeting. Bids for the new hangar and airport hangar painting were received. He attended the County Planning Commission meeting. Rose City is considering zoning changes on M-33 and within the city. The commission is considering reducing the minimum size for a dwelling. Complaints about chickens are being handled by the County Zoning Administrator. He also attended the 911 Authority board meeting. Audit presentation by Cindy Scott, CPA was reviewed. Jerry Richards, MML consultant stated seven candidates have applied for the county administrator position. There are a few good ones. He may ask for the scheduled meetings related to this matter be moved up.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Shawn Petrie, C.O.O.R. Superintendent, updated the board on the two millage proposals C.O.O.R. will have on the March 10, 2020 ballot. One is for allocated operating funds. The other is for special education needs. On a \$50,000 SEV home the total annual tax would be about \$8.00 if the proposals are passed.

Matt Keeton, Ogemaw County Herald staff writer, asked for clarification on meeting motions.

Motion by Vaughn, second by Neubecker, the meeting be adjourned. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [2-3-#10]

Chairman Reetz adjourned the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

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