

The Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners met on this date at the County Annex Building, 205 South Eighth Street, West Branch, Michigan. Chairman Reetz called at meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Scott, Reetz, Vaughn, Neubecker, and David.

Chairman Reetz stated this session is primarily to discuss the current fiscal year general fund budget. He informed the board Plante Moran has provided a quote of \$20,000 to provide a detailed financial analysis over time of the county general fund budgets. He also stated Judge Noble has informed him Lee Ann Ross has been appointed a magistrate for his court. One of his magistrates is on leave at this time.

Chairman Reetz stated since October 1, 2019 we have been operating with a continuation budget. Perhaps it would be a good idea to leave this budget as it and make adjustments with department budgets as deemed appropriate. Caren Piglowski, Administrative Assistant, stated some budgetary items have been rolled forward from the prior fiscal year general fund budget. Commissioner David asked if items could be deleted from the current fiscal year general fund budget. Ms. Piglowski stated they could be deleted.

The board discussed county building maintenance items, i.e. completion of phase three of department office carpet replacement. It was mentioned the County Annex has deferred maintenance items that need to be addressed.

Ms. Piglowski suggested a budget worksheet be scheduled to adjust county department line items. This would be done at the next county commissioner budget workshop.

County Treasurer McIntyre stated no money was transferred from the Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund (DTRF) this year or last year. The board reviewed a department line item analysis provided by Cindy Scott, CPA. Ms. Piglowski stated adjustments should be made to various county department line items. Commissioner Scott stated it has been shown the departments can live within their budgets with few exceptions. The board can make adjustments as needed throughout the fiscal year.

It was decided to meet with department heads/elected officials to determine if budgets can be adjusted. A meeting was scheduled for Thursday, March 5, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. to review county department budgets.

The board briefly discussed legal representation for the county outside of law suit litigation. The County Prosecutor and Assistant Prosecutor provide legal counsel for the board. There would be a need for their continued representation and legal consultation(s).

Chairman Reetz adjourned the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

Minutes by Gary R. Klacking, Ogemaw County Clerk.

Attest: Gary R. Klacking, Ogemaw County Clerk