

The Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners met on this date in Conference Room A, Commissioner's Chambers, Ogemaw County Building, West Branch, Michigan. The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Chairman Bruce Reetz. Present – Scott, Reetz, Vaughn and Neubecker. Absent – David with notice.

Motion by Reetz, second by Vaughn, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners go into closed session to consult with the county attorney regarding a lawsuit concerning national prescription opiate litigation. Roll call vote. Ayes – Scott, Reetz, Vaughn, and Neubecker. Absent – David. Motion carried. [10-4-#1]

The commissioners went back into open session at 5:10 p.m. for continuance of the Committee of the Whole meeting.

Budget adjustments were reviewed. A motion approving the budgets will be prepared for the upcoming regular commissioner meeting.

Warrant entries by the county sheriff department were discussed by the board. Undersheriff David stated it would take about 1,000 per year to process the warrants. Commissioner David stated a survey by County Clerk Klacking of 6 surrounding counties indicated four adjacent county sheriff departments processed warrants.

The matter of approving additional working hours for the county animal control officer was discussed. This matter will be addressed in the spring of 2020.

County building security officer pay increase was reviewed. Current rate is per diem. The request is for \$18.00 per hour. The matter will be addressed in the spring of 2020.

The board discussed the matter of West Branch Township DDA tax capture. Chairman Reetz and Administrative Assistant Piglowski provided an explanation of how the tax capture is done with requirements for distribution. Commissioner Neubecker will contact Bob Griffin, Jr. regarding this matter.

It was decided by the board to pay the current GeoSpan invoice. A motion will be prepared for the upcoming commissioner meeting to approve purchase of the new county sheriff vehicle invoice.

Brief discussion followed regarding hiring Michigan Municipal League (MML) for executive search services. A motion will be approved to pay annual MML membership fee at the upcoming commissioner meeting.

The board also discussed hiring an interim county administrator. A motion will be prepared for the upcoming county commissioner meeting to hire an interim county administrator utilizing MML's services.

There was discussion concerning the county utilizing commissary funds by the commissioners. Sheriff Hanft stated he was ok with the board utilizing one half of the fund balance which is \$75,000.00. A motion will be prepared for the upcoming commissioner meeting to de commit \$75,000.00 from commissary fund balance and transfer to the county general fund. The board inquired about the inmate medical costs. Lieutenant Osier is researching nurse and doctor costs. He is also researching commissary sales being done by jail staff in house.

The board reviewed the matter of the county audit firm contract expiring. There was discussion about the audit being put out for bid.

The board would like the matter of medical examiner autopsy contract services cost be acquired.

Commissioner David detailed day treatment program services. Sterling Area Health Services will soon be operating in a new facility. Since it is federally funded it will offer counseling services.

There was brief discussion regarding borrowing to pay local units for taxes collected during the spring of the year.

Commissioner David discussed information regarding the county correctional facility that she received from a former county commissioner.

The board discussed the Oscoda County inmate housing contract, as well as, transport costs for these inmates. Lieutenant Osier was asked if block portions of the correctional facility could be closed. He stated yes this has been done.

Chief Judge Noble shared 82nd District Court caseload with the board. A comparison from 2016 to 2019 indicates the caseload has dropped about 50%. He stated the Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund should be used for public services.

Commissioner Neubecker asked if the county sheriff department patrol shifts can be changed.

A motion will be prepared for the upcoming commissioner meeting for the County of Ogemaw to opt-in for the class action opioid litigation lawsuit.

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Reetz adjourned the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

Minutes by Caren Piglowski, Administrative Assistant

Minutes transcribed by Gary R. Klacking, Ogemaw County Clerk.