

Chairman Reetz called a Committee of the Whole meeting of the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners to order at 6:00 p.m. on this date in the Commissioner's Chambers, Ogemaw County Building, West Branch, Michigan.

Roll call: Present – Scott, Reetz, Vaughn, and David. Absent with notice – Neubecker.

The board began reviewing the proposed Fiscal Year 2019-2020 General Fund budget. County Treasurer McIntyre stated tax revenues can be increased by \$103,640 based on information received from County Equalization Director Randy Booth.

The board discussed the Oscoda County Inmate housing contract and the amount it would generate for the upcoming fiscal year. Chairman Reetz will contact the Oscoda County Sheriff to begin negotiations for this contract. Total inmate housing contract revenue was projected at \$325,000.

The diverted felons' revenue was discussed. The possibility of charging townships for providing planning/zoning services was considered.

The board then considered various expenditure items within the county departments. It was decided to remove the proposed \$15,000 GIS expense item from the County Equalization Department. The Sheriff Department budget was reviewed. Sheriff Building and Grounds Maintenance expense was reduced \$7,000. Sheriff vehicles repairs expense was reduced \$5,000.

Administrative Assistant Caren Piglowski stated the revenue shortfall means layoffs or a transfer from the delinquent tax revolving fund (DTRF) are options for balancing the proposed county general fund budget. County Treasurer McIntyre explained how the DTRF balance ebbs and flows throughout the county fiscal year. The board considered borrowing money to settle with the local units in the spring of 2020.

An expense comparison from various years for county correctional facility operations was reviewed.

It was noted child care fund and employee retirement costs have significantly increased. The board considered various ballot questions for the 2020 election cycle. Correctional facility staffing levels, housing inmates out of Ogemaw and other items were reviewed. Corrections Lieutenant Brian Osier stated housing inmates out won't save the county money.

The discussion for balancing the proposed Fiscal Year 2019-2020 General Fund budget will continue at the upcoming August 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting.

Chairman Reetz adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Minutes by Gary R. Klacking, Ogemaw County Clerk.

Attest: Gary R. Klacking, Ogemaw County Clerk.