

Chairman Bruce Reetz called a regular meeting of the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners to order at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was held by tele-conference. Present: Scott, Reetz, Vaughn, Neubecker, and David.

Motion by Scott, second by Neubecker, the meeting agenda be approved as noted. Roll call vote. Ayes – Scott, Reetz, Vaughn, Neubecker, and David. Motion carried. [4-2-#1]

Motion by Scott, second by Neubecker, the minutes of the April 2, 2020 meeting be approved. Roll call vote. Ayes – Reetz, Vaughn, Neubecker, David, and Scott. Motion carried. [4-2-#2]

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ogemaw County Probate Judge Lambourn updated the board on the court's operation. She stated the virtual court room is up and running well. She was asked if the commissioners could use the Polycom system for interviews. She stated as long as it is after 4:30 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

Equalization Director Randy Booth stated he would be presenting the County Equalization Report at the next regular commissioner meeting. New property values are forthcoming.

Motion by Reetz, second by Scott, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners adopt the *Resolution of Support for Enbridge Line 5 Construction*. Roll call vote. Ayes – Vaughn, Neubecker, David, Scott, and Reetz. Motion carried. [4-2-#3]

Motion by Scott, second by Vaughn, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners approve the following *Wall of Honor* nominees: Scott Colclasure, Harold "Bud" Smith, Dr. Robert Rea. Roll call vote. Ayes – Neubecker, David, Scott, Reetz, and Vaughn. Motion carried. [4-2-#4]

Motion by Scott, second by Vaughn, the West Branch Travel Trailer Park, Michigan Department of Natural Resources Recreation Grant project, be deemed an essential project. Roll call vote. Ayes – David, Scott, Reetz, Vaughn, and Neubecker. Motion carried. [4-2-#5]

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The commissioners discussed holding the county administrator interviews. It was decided to set up interviews commencing at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, April 20, 2020.

Commissioner Vaughn stated he has spoken to Ogemaw County EMS about temperatures being taken of employees/persons entering the Ogemaw County Building. He stated if needed, he will speak to individuals about the need to have the temperatures taken.

Motion by Reetz, second by Scott, claims in the amount of \$179,936.92 be paid. Roll call vote. Ayes – Scott, Reetz, Vaughn, Neubecker, and David. Motion carried. [4-2-#6]

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Commissioner Scott stated the Parks & Recreation Committee held a virtual meeting and it went well. A caretaker has been hired for the West Branch Travel Trailer campground. His name is Mark White.

Commissioner Vaughn also attended the Parks & Recreation Committee meeting. He encouraged everyone to view the websites for the Ogemaw Nature Park and West Branch Secret Campground.

Commissioner David stated she contacted the Michigan Association of Counties (MAC) regarding the definition of furloughs. She read a statement explaining what a furlough is versus a layoff. If employees don't feel comfortable working now perhaps they would consider a furlough. It was suggested by Commissioner Neubecker we check to see if grants are available to help us get through the pandemic. Commissioner Vaughn has not heard of any employees wanting to take furloughs as this time.

Commissioner Scott stated if employees are uncomfortable working they should be able to go home and use accrued time. Commissioner Neubecker asked what are our plans moving forward. The board discussed paying employees to April 30, 2020. **Motion by Reetz, second by Vaughn, county employees be paid through April 30, 2020. Roll call vote. Ayes – Reetz, Vaughn, and Neubecker. Nays – David and Scott. Motion carried. [4-2-#7]** The board discussed how employee hours would be reimbursed by FEMA.

Chairman Reetz stated he signed the Michigan Institute of Forensic Medicine and Science contract. It is a three-year contract.

Motion by Scott, second by _____, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners offer furlough days to county employees until April 30, 2020 on a voluntary basis and maintain health insurance and the benefit package. Motion died for lack of support.

Motion by Scott, second by Vaughn, the meeting be adjourned. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried.
[4-2-#8]

Chairman Reetz adjourned the meeting at 6:23 p.m.

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