

The Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners met on this date at 9:02 a.m. the Commissioners Chambers, Ogemaw County Building, West Branch, Michigan. All stood for *The Pledge of Allegiance*. Roll call – Present: Scott, Reetz, Vaughn, Neubecker, and David.

Motion by Scott, second by Neubecker, the meeting agenda be approved as noted. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [7-1-#1]

Motion by David, second by Neubecker, the minutes of the June 25, 2020 meeting be approved as presented. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [7-1-#2]

NEW BUSINESS:

County Administrator Tim Dolehanty distributed a summary page of attorney proposals to board members. He suggested the board review the information and then interview the firms. He noted the county has history with Foley Mansfield law firm. Commissioners will review and this will be discussed at the Committee of the Whole meeting next week.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The *employment of relatives policy* was briefly discussed. This item will be discussed at the upcoming Committee of the Whole meeting.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Dolehanty briefed the board about the recent COVID exposure incident. He is considering an alternate method, i.e. text to employee phones, to inform employees of important news. The building was cleaned and sanitized to CDC standards and according to policy the building was closed. Ozone treatment was performed in the various county department suites. Two employees have tested positive. COVID related costs will be submitted for grant reimbursement. The county website has information for employees regarding use of paid time off.

Employees can self-quarantine but must use PTO. CARES ACT only supplements PTO. Mr. Dolehanty has been in contact with District Health Department No. 2 and the County Emergency Mgt. Director, Mike Bowers. Mr. Bowers stated he is working with DHD-2 to put together a drive-up COVID testing site in West Branch. It may be ready by next week. Mr. Dolehanty stated employees have two options: Testing or self-quarantine. The test must be positive for CARES Act reimbursement.

Mr. Dolehanty stated legislation for delayed property tax payment was vetoed by the governor which is good news for Ogemaw County.

OFFICIAL'S REPORTS:

Bryan Stein, County Building Inspector, stated he is not letting public into the County Annex but still serving the public. Denise Simmons, County Register of Deeds, stated her office cannot record deeds without a County Treasurer's certification. Things are on hold until the County Treasurer staff returns. Mr. Dolehanty will contact DHD-2 regarding a return to work plan for positive tested employees.

Motion by Reetz, second by Neubecker, claims in the amount of \$134,123.83 be approved for payment. Roll call vote. Ayes – Scott, Reetz, Vaughn, Neubecker, and David. Motion carried. [7-1-#3]

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Commissioner David stated the County Fair has been cancelled. The livestock sale and show will proceed. Richland and Logan meetings were attended with discussion focused on safe elections. NEMCSA meeting this month is in person. MiWorks! is still closed to the public. EDC meeting will be held on Monday.

Commissioner Scott had nothing to report. He is thankful for our county administrator being in place.

Commissioner Vaughn attended Parks & Recreation Committee at the campground. The state grant will help expand the campground.

Commissioner Neubecker did not have a report.

Chairman Reetz stated DHHS meetings are by phone. EMS Authority is doing well. EMS will be sanitizing rigs with ultraviolet light. The county could use the machine for small rooms, i.e. 15' x 15'. It takes about two minutes to work. He thanks the administrator for his work.

Motion by Scott, second by David, the meeting be adjourned. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [7-1-#4]

Chairman Reetz adjourned the meeting at 9:48 a.m.

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