

Chairman Hennard called a regular meeting of the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. on this date in the Commissioner's Chambers, Ogemaw County Building, West Branch, Michigan.

All stood for the *Pledge of Allegiance*. Roll call: Present – Scott, Reetz, Quackenbush, Simmons, and Hennard.

**Motion by Reetz, second by Quackenbush, the meeting agenda be approved with additions. Voice vote.**

**Ayes – all. Motion carried. [12-1-#1]**

**Motion by Reetz, second by Quackenbush, the minutes of the November 29, 2018 meeting be approved as noted. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [12-1-#2]**

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Commissioner Scott stated he voted no on the County Building lobby Christmas tree because he did not want it purchased out of Ogemaw County.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Chairman Hennard received email minutes from Richland Township board. The township would like the E911 service fee they paid to the county refunded to them. The township stated all local units should have their E911 service fee refunded to them.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Scott stated there are still local units that have not paid their E911 service fee. He wants civil action taken to collect the fee. He stated all local units were made aware of the E911 contract and the provision the county could bill the local units. Commissioner Simmons stated the only recourse is to sue the local units that haven't paid with a civil action. She believes County Prosecutor Schultz should attend the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

#### **OFFICIAL'S REPORTS:**

County Clerk Klacking informed the board that over 40 persons have taken the "work place safety" training to date. It is going well.

Undersheriff David asked the board to approve the snowmobile grant. **Motion by Reetz, second by Quackenbush, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners approve the snowmobile grant. The grant amount is \$5,000. It is funded 85% and the balance is to come from the Ogemaw County Sheriff Department budget. Roll call vote. Ayes – Scott, Reetz, Quackenbush, Simmons, and Hennard. Motion carried. [12-1-#3]** She stated the *Shop with a Cop* event was a success this year.

Mandi Chasey, Ogemaw County Business Agent, stated a new day care business is considering locating in our county. The next *Rising Tide* meeting will be held on January 9, 2019. She explained *Opportunity Zones* and distributed information related to this topic to the board. The first community input meeting will be January 7, 2019 at Highway Brewery to discuss "community branding". Focus groups and steering committee will meet at Ms. Chasey's office on January 8, 2019.

County Treasurer McIntyre discussed a shortfall in the Child Care Fund for 2017-2018 Fiscal year. **Motion by Simmons, second by Reetz, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners transfer \$39,741 from the County General Fund to the Child Care Fund. Roll call vote. Ayes – Reetz, Quackenbush, Simmons, Hennard, and Scott. Motion carried. [12-1-#4]** Mr. McIntyre stated the County General Fund will show no transfers from the Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund to balance the County General Fund for the prior fiscal year. There will be a positive County General Fund balance.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Commissioner Scott attended 4 township meetings. Edwards Township new clerk has started working and the transition went very well. Foster Township has a new cellular tower. Parks and Recreation went well. **Motion by Hennard, second by Reetz, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners appoint Brenda Simmons as the "citizen representative" to the County Parks and Recreation Committee. [12-1-#5]** **Motion by Quackenbush, second by Scott, Motion [12-1-#5] be tabled. [12-1-#5a] Voice vote on motion to table. Ayes – Quackenbush, Hennard, Scott, and Reetz. Nay – Simmons. Motion carried.** He provided an update on the establishment of the E911 Authority.

Commissioner Reetz stated he attended the County DHHS board meeting. The *Foster Child* Christmas event will be held next week. He attended the PA 511 meeting and all is going well. He attended his township meetings. He then presented *Certificates of Appreciation* to Commissioners Quackenbush, Simmons and Hennard for their years of service.

Chairman Hennard attended four meetings. He attended NEMCSA board meeting and things were “business as usual”. **Motion by Hennard, second by Quackenbush, claims in the amount of \$202,071.01 be approved. Roll call vote. Ayes – Simmons, Hennard, Scott, Reetz, and Quackenbush. Motion carried. [12-1-#6]** He attended the Commission on Aging meeting. He is the only county commissioner representing the county board. The new county board will have to appoint his replacement.

Commissioner Quackenbush attended the MichiganWorks! Meeting. It was their Christmas party and awards were presented. Ron presented Breck Brindley an award. He attended both Cumming and Hill Township board meetings. Lupton Fire Department is working on a coverage agreement with one of the local units.

Commissioner Simmons stated District Health Department No. 2 meeting is December 17, 2018. The County MTA meeting is tonight. She attended Mills Township meeting and distributed information the County Clerk had previously mailed to them concerning the E911 Final Plan. The Nature Park and RV Parks are doing well. The Nature Park caretaker residence has been completely redone. Many donated hours have been provided as well as money from the County Parks and Recreation Committee.

Commissioner Scott wanted the incoming commissioners to be invited to the December 2018 Committee of the Whole meeting. This will give them a better understanding on how the committee structure works.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Al Evans thanked the outgoing County Commissioners for their service. He stated AuSable Valley Community Mental Health Authority provided a presentation to discuss issues facing our local youth and the recent loss of teens.

Brian Belville, Richland Township resident, thanked Chairman Hennard for being his township’s commissioner. He believes his township should pay the E911 service fee.

**Motion by Simmons, second by Hennard, the meeting be adjourned. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [12-1-#7]**

There being no further business to address, Chairman Hennard adjourned the meeting at 10:02 a.m.

Minutes by Gary R. Klacking, Ogemaw County Clerk.

Attest: Gary R. Klacking, Ogemaw County Clerk.