

Chairman Hennard called a Committee of the Whole meeting of the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners to order at 8:37 a.m. on this date in Conference Room A, Commissioner's Chambers, Ogemaw County Building, West Branch, Michigan.

Roll call: Present – Scott, Reetz, Simmons, and Hennard. Absent with notice – Quackenbush.

Caren Piglowski, Administrative Assistant, reviewed the monthly expenditures for the board. For November 2018 she hi-lited tax bill processing. On the revenue side of things, she stated \$16,568 has been received for employee training from MichiganWorks!

The matter of filing a civil lawsuit against local units that have not paid the county E-911 fee was discussed. County Clerk Klacking stated County Prosecutor Schultz has agreed to file a civil action in this matter. Commissioner Simmons stated the County Prosecutor will most likely file the civil lawsuit in January 2019.

Mr. Klacking stated the county has been named in a class action suit related to the taking of foreclosed homes/property. The property is located in Roscommon County, Michigan. We are waiting to see if we have insurance coverage in this matter.

Commissioner Simmons expressed concerns she has related to water wells not being properly plugged. Part 127 of the applicable state law is not being followed. She indicated the County Building Department is not forwarding building demolition permits to District Health Department No. 2 (DHD 2). She drafted a policy related to the proper plugging and notice to DHD 2. She will offer a motion to adopt this policy at the next regular commissioner meeting. Bryan Stein, County Building Department Inspector stated he will abide by the motion/policy.

Amy Beach, County E-911 Director, updated the board on the establishment of a County E-911 Authority. She distributed draft E-911 Authority agreements to the board members. Ms. Beach stated Cindy Scott, CPA, will assist with payroll and payables as long as needed. She stated the attorney will file the necessary paperwork with the Office of the Great Seal. His fee for all work will be \$5,000.

Chairman Hennard submitted the name of Nancy A. Hennard for consideration to represent County Commissioner District 5 concerning the County E911 Board Authority. \* This was a township recommendation. The board discussed matters related to charging E-911 Authority rent for office space in the County Annex. The board considered housing the County Sheriff Department in the County Annex. Ms. Beach stated two agreements will need to be adopted. That is, Ogemaw County Central Dispatch Authority Agreement and transfer of property to the County Central Dispatch Authority.

There was brief discussion about board committee work, how the committees function, and date/times of committee meetings. Commissioner Simmons stated it would be a good idea to rotate commissioners from committees. This would give the commissioners exposure to how other committees work.

County Treasurer McIntyre provided further clarification about the recent lawsuit filed against the County of Ogemaw and him. He stated it is a challenge to state law related to home and property foreclosure. The lawsuit originates in Roscommon County, Michigan. Essentially it is a class action lawsuit as other counties are named as defendants. Ogemaw County has been following this foreclosure process for at least 20 years.

There being no further business to address, Chairman Hennard adjourned the meeting at 9:58 a.m.

Minutes by Gary R. Klacking, Ogemaw County Clerk.

Attest: Gary R. Klacking, Ogemaw County Clerk.