

Chairman Bruce Reetz called a public hearing to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Commissioner's Chambers, Ogemaw County Building, West Branch, Michigan.

The purpose of the public hearing was to receive public comment on the proposed County of Ogemaw 2019-2023 Recreation Master plan. Chairman Reetz asked if there was any public comment. There was not any public comment. Chairman Reetz adjourned the public hearing at 5:32 p.m.

Chairman Bruce Reetz called a regular meeting of the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners to order at 5:32 p.m. in the Commissioner's Chambers, Ogemaw County Building, West Branch, Michigan.

Present: Scott, Reetz, Vaughn, Neubecker, and David.

Motion by Scott, second by Neubecker, the meeting agenda be approved as noted. That is, a letter from AuSable Valley Community Mental Health Authority CEO, Diane Pelts, was added. Motion #8 was requested to be removed by Commissioner Scott. Roll call vote. Ayes – Scott, Neubecker, and David. Nays – Reetz and Vaughn. Motion carried. [2-3-#1]

Motion by Scott, second by Vaughn, the minutes of the February 14, 2019 meeting be approved. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [2-3-#2]

Motion by Scott, second by Neubecker, the minutes of the February 20, 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting be approved. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [2-3-#3]

Motion by Scott, second by Neubecker, the February 14, 2019 closed session meeting minutes be approved. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [2-3-#4]

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Van Sheltroun, Chairman of the Ogemaw County Road Commission, addressed the board concerning a proposed motion the commissioners would be considering during this meeting. He explained how the policy amendment regarding retiree health insurance was determined. He stated outgoing road commissioner Mark Williams would be paying 100% of the cost of his health insurance. He asked why the board might be putting itself in legal jeopardy. He urged the commissioners to vote no on the proposed motion. Questions were asked of Mr. Sheltroun regarding this matter.

Dave Ryan, Mills Township Supervisor, stated he hoped the commissioners could handle money wisely. He stated it was a bad idea to give the county elected officials a pay raise. Constituents he asked about the matter thought it was a bad idea.

CORRESPONDENCE:

County Clerk Klacking read a letter from AuSable Valley Community Mental Health CEO, Diane Pelts. She informed the commissioners Al Evans term of office on the AVCMHA board of directors expires on March 31, 2019. **Motion by Reetz, second by Vaughn, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners re-appoint Al Evans to the AuSable Valley Community Mental Health Authority Board of Directors for a three-year term. Ayes – Reetz, Vaughn, Neubecker, and David. Nay – Scott. Motion carried. [2-3-#5]**

NEW BUSINESS:

Cindy Scott, CPA, Stephens & Company, presented the 2017-2018 County General Fund audit to the commissioners. She covered various aspects of the audit. Government-wide financial statements were reviewed. For primary government there is a balance of \$4,500,000, an increase of \$620,115. Many local governmental units are in the red. She then hi-lited major government funds. The county General Fund shows a fund balance of \$338,083. The Housing Commission Fund has \$18,896. This fund is 100% restricted. She provided a comparison over time of the County General Fund Expenditures and Revenues. 2017-2018 expenses were down and revenues showed an increase. She answered questions from the commissioners.

Motion by Scott, second by Vaughn, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners adopt the Ogemaw County 2019-2023 Recreation Master Plan Resolution. Roll call vote. Ayes – Reetz, Vaughn, Neubecker, David, and Scott. Motion carried. [2-3-#6]

Motion by Scott, second by Reetz, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners adopt Map Amendment #-01-19. Roll call vote. Ayes – Vaughn, Neubecker, David, Scott, and Reetz. Motion carried. [2-3-#7]

OFFICIAL'S REPORTS:

Sheriff Hanft discussed various aspects of the Sheriff Department and Ogemaw County Correctional Facility with the board. He shared how revenue was generated by the Sheriff Department and Correctional Facility. Questions were asked by the board members.

The board recessed at 6:43 p.m. for a presentation by the Ogemaw Heights High School FFA. The presentation was Agriculture Issues – Cultured Meat. The board thanked the FFA for a job well done. The board went back into session at 7:18 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Commissioner Vaughn stated the Law Enforcement Committee met. The committee discussed what to do with the old county jail/sheriff department. Housing in the County Annex was considered. Remodeling the old county jail/sheriff department seems to be the best option. He attended District Health Department No. 2. Radon testing and PFOS were topics of discussion.

Commissioner Neubecker also attended the Law Enforcement Committee meeting. He attended the West Branch Community Airport board meeting. Trees are being removed on airport property. Aviation fuel upgrade and updating the airport manager's contract were also discussed.

Commissioner David attended the County EDC board meeting. The county board needs to continue its appropriation to the County EDC.

Commissioner Scott attended the W. Branch Community Airport board meeting. He also attended the County E-911 board meeting. All is going well with the department. He attended the County Planning Commission meeting. The commission considered a proposed text amendment.

Chairman Reetz attended the City of West Branch council meeting. John Dantzer was named the acting city manager. He also attended Klacking Township board meeting. He attended the EMS Board meeting. A new ambulance may be ordered in the near future. The construction of the new EMS station is going well. He also attended the Ogemaw County Human Services Council meeting.

Motion by Neubecker, second by Vaughn, claims in the amount of \$53,803.61 be approved. Roll call vote. Ayes – Neubecker, David, Scott, Reetz, and Vaughn. Motion carried. [2-3-#8]

Motion by Scott, second by Neubecker, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the Child Care Fund budget adjustments as presented, including an increase in the Child Care Fund appropriation from General Fund, Fund Balance in the amount of \$200,000. Furthermore, the board chairman is authorized to sign the necessary paperwork for the budget changes. Roll call vote. Ayes – David, Scott, Reetz, Vaughn, and Neubecker. Motion carried. [2-3-#9]

Motion by David, second by Scott, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the purchase of six (6) iPads and covers for use by the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners and the County Clerk up to the cost of \$2,600 to be paid from the Contingency line item. Roll call vote.

Ayes – Scott, Reetz, Vaughn, Neubecker and David. Motion carried. [2-3-#10]

Motion by Scott, second by Neubecker, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners does hereby appoint Bruce Reetz to the Substance Use Disorder Committee. Ayes – Reetz, Vaughn, Neubecker, David and Scott. Motion carried. [2-3-#11]

Motion by Reetz, second by Neubecker, Commissioner Vaughn not be allowed to abstain from voting on the Ogemaw County Road Commission policy amendment. Roll call vote. Ayes – Vaughn. Nays – Neubecker, David, Scott, and Reetz. Motion carried. [2-3-#12a}

Motion by David, second by Neubecker, The Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners does hereby amend the Ogemaw County Road Commission Health Care Continuation Policy as follows:

“Commissioners who have completed 18 years will be allowed the opportunity to purchase health care coverage upon their retirement at their expense between ages 55 and 65.”

Roll call vote. Ayes – Vaughn, Neubecker and David. Nays – Scott and Reetz. Motion carried. [2-3-12]

Motion by David, second by Neubecker, The Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the appropriation of \$15,000 to Economic Development Corp. (EDC) for fiscal year 2018-2019. Roll call vote. Ayes – Neubecker and David. Nays – Scott, Reetz, and Vaughn. Motion failed. [2-3-#13]

Motion by Scott, second by Neubecker the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the *Wall of Honor* Policy and Procedures as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes – David, Scott, Reetz, Neubecker, and Vaughn. Motion carried. [2-3-#14]

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Brenda Simmons stated the board has no control over some budgetary expenses. She commented on the responsibilities elected officials have with respect to their employees. She believes the proposed salary increase for elected officials is justified.

Pauline Johnson asked why we are paying property taxes for the operation of Kirtland Community College (KCC). She was directed to contact the president of KCC, Dr. Quinn.

Motion by Reetz, second by Neubecker, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners go into closed session at 8:03 p.m. under Public Act 267, 19766, 15.268, Section 8c for strategy and negotiation session connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement when either negotiation party requests a closed session. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [2-3-#15]

Motion by Scott, second by David, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners go back into open session at 8:38 p.m. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [2-3-#16]

Motion by Scott, second by Reetz, the remaining employees of Local 8569 United Steelworkers of America receive the same step increases as the Local 8569 USWA clerical employees. The increases are retroactive to October 1, 2018. Roll call vote. Ayes – Scott, Reetz, Vaughn, Neubecker, and David. Motion carried. [2-3-#17]

Motion by Scott, second by Neubecker, the Ogemaw County Central Dispatch employees as referenced in the detail page receive the same step increases as the Local 8569 USWA clerical employees. The increases are retroactive to October 1, 2018. Roll call vote. Ayes – Reetz, Vaughn, Neubecker, David, and Scott. Motion carried. [2-3-#18]

Motion by Scott, second by Neubecker, the non-union employees receive the same step increases as the Local 8659 USWA clerical employees. The increases are retroactive to October 1, 2018. Those employees are Leigh David, Caren Piglowski, Scott Williams, Ray Blamer, Diane Rau, and Amy Beach. Roll call vote. Ayes – Vaughn, Neubecker, David, Scott, and Reetz. Motion carried. [2-2-#19]

Motion by David, second by Neubecker, the meeting be adjourned. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [2-3-#20]

Chairman Reetz adjourned the meeting at 8:47 p.m.

Minutes by Gary R. Klacking, Ogemaw County Clerk.

Attest: Gary R. Klacking, Ogemaw County Clerk.