

Chairman Reetz called a Committee of the Whole meeting of the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners to order at 8:00 a.m. on this date in Conference Room A, Commissioner's Chambers, Ogemaw County Building, West Branch, Michigan.

Roll call: Present – Scott, Reetz, Vaughn, Neubecker and David.

Chief Judge Richard Noble addressed the board regarding county building security and safety issues. An informational sheet dating back to November 2010 was distributed. It concerned the number of persons who have been checked prior to court appointments. The best way to protect county building officials and employees is to limit entrance to the County Building via one entrance. Dennis MacDonell, SCAO, further explained security measures that can be utilized. Commissioners David and Scott will do further research and report back to the full board regarding this matter.

Randy Booth, County Equalization Director, addressed the board concerning various matters. He requested the board increase the land division application fee to \$150.00. He stated it takes a lot of work to process these requests. A motion will be prepared approving the request. He discussed increasing office processing fees, i.e. creation of label lists, with the board. He also requested Apex Sketch software and maintenance fee be approved. It will assist with the management of assessing cards within his department. A motion will be approved at the next regular board meeting for the Apex software and maintenance fees.

Amy Beach, County E-911 Director, requested a part-time employee be approved for her department. A motion will be prepared for approving the request. She also stated the enabling resolution for the County E-911 Authority has been signed by all parties. The County Clerk will mail a copy of the resolution to all local municipalities.

Ray Blamer discussed the approval of the Ogemaw Public Transit FY 2020 budget with the board. He is on the upcoming commissioner meeting agenda to have this budget approved. He also stated a "blanket signature resolution" will also be presented at that meeting for approval.

Mandi Chasey, County Director of Economic Development, provided a year in review for county EDC activities. She also requested a \$15,000 funding request. It would support her position with the County EDC. She has worked in her position for 7 years' and there has been no pay increases. The board discussed the funding request. It was decided to table the request at this time.

The board recessed at 10:07 a.m. and reconvened at 10:14 a.m.

The board discussed moving the County Sheriff Department to the County Annex. Commissioner Scott believes there is room in the Annex and possibly room for the State of Michigan Probation Officers. Commissioner David suggested an addition to the jail instead of renovation of the County Annex. A law enforcement committee meeting will be scheduled to further discuss this matter. \*Tom Benjamin will prepare three options for the committee on how to move forward. Costs will be included.\*

A request for an additional Sheriff Department vehicle was made by the Sheriff. Commissioner David asked if there are any plans to present a road patrol millage to the voters in the future. The Sheriff stated a millage would be needed to restore the Sheriff Department night patrol. Various items were discussed by the board and Sheriff such as budget levels set by the commissioners, Sheriff Department staffing level and ticket revenue, etc. Tom Benjamin will be scheduled to appear at the February Committee of the Whole meeting to discuss renovation of the County Annex for the Sheriff Department.

The monthly expense report was presented. The elevator contract was high-lighted. The board discussed E-911 building rental charge. E-911. MSU Extension and Veterans will be informed about the February 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting. Commercial property lease amounts will be discussed at that meeting.

The recent County Road Commission Policy amendment was reviewed by the commissioners. The policy amendment concerned continuation of receiving health care benefits by departing road commissioners. Chairman Reetz read information researched by Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Williams related to this matter. It was decided to have our legal counsel review the matter again. The matter will be further discussed at the February 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting.

Administrative Assistant Caren Piglowski, advised the board an attorney has vacated her position as part of the indigent counsel group. The individual replacing the attorney is Gabby Dantzer. Ms. Dantzer has been job shadowing the position. An invoice has been presented for the job shadowing. The invoice will be added to the upcoming claims and accounts.

There being no further business to address, Chairman Reetz adjourned the meeting at 11:19 a.m.

Minutes by Gary R. Klacking, Ogemaw County Clerk.

Attest: Gary R. Klacking, Ogemaw County Clerk.