

Chairman Reetz called a regular meeting of the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners to order at 5:30 p.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, Vaughn, Neubecker, and David.

Motion by Scott, second by David, the meeting agenda be approved. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [1-3-#1]

Motion by Neubecker, second by Vaughn, the minutes of the January 10, 2019 meeting be approved as noted. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [1-3-#2]

Motion by Scott, second by Neubecker, the minutes of the January 16, 2019 meeting be approved as noted. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [1-3-#3]

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Dave Ryan stated he does not believe the commissioners should place a metal detector at the West Houghton Avenue Ogemaw County Building entrance.

Jason Dings stated he was very concerned about personal phone calls coming from the Ogemaw County Sheriff Department concerning his son. He believes this was highly inappropriate. The Michigan State Police researched this matter and nothing criminal was done; however, it was determined the Ogemaw County Sheriff Department has no written policy regarding such matters. He would like the commissioners to address this matter. Chairman Reetz stated it would be discussed at the February 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting.

Chris Barratt provided information to the board regarding the number of businesses that have closed in the West Branch area during the last few years. She asked the board to consider funding economic development efforts.

Jenny Dings asked how she would know the matter concerning the Ogemaw County Sheriff Department would be addressed. She was told it will be a Committee of the Whole meeting agenda item for February 20, 2019. She stated this matter concerning her son was handled inappropriately by the Sheriff Department.

MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR:

Steve Currie, Executive Director, Michigan Association of Counties, addressed the board. He asked the board to reconsider paying the MAC annual membership dues. He reviewed services and benefits that MAC provides to its members. He mentioned items up for the 2019 legislative agenda.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Scott, second by Neubecker, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners approve the Ogemaw Public Transit FY 2020 Resolution of Intent as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes – Scott, Reetz, Vaughn, Neubecker, and David. Motion carried. [1-3-#4]

Motion by Vaughn, second by Neubecker, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners approve the Ogemaw Public Transit budget as presented. Total estimated expenses are \$964,400. Roll call vote. Ayes – Reetz, Vaughn, Neubecker, David, and Scott. Motion carried. [1-3-#5]

Motion by Reetz, second by Vaughn, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners approve the Ogemaw Public Transit “Blanket Signature Resolution for 2017-0110”. Roll call vote. Ayes – Vaughn, Neubecker, David, Scott, and Reetz. Motion carried. [1-3-#6]

OFFICIAL'S REPORTS:

County Clerk Klacking informed the board about the 2019 Remonumentation project contracts. **Motion by Reetz, second by Scott, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners approve Remonumentation contracts for Timothy Lapham, Jeremy Card, and John May. Contracts are for calendar year 2019 and in the amount of \$10,983 each. Roll call vote. Ayes – Neubecker, David, Scott, Reetz, and Vaughn. Motion carried. [1-3-#7]** County Register of Deeds Denise Simmons explained a portion of the fee for recorded corners is set aside for funding the Remonumentation project.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The following motions were considered for adoption by the board of commissioners:

Motion by Neubecker, second by Vaughn, claims in the amount of \$197,253.74 be approved for payment. Roll call vote. Ayes – David, Scott, Reetz, Vaughn, and Neubecker. Motion carried. [1-3-#8]

Motion by Scott, second by Neubecker, The Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the appointment of Gabriel Dantzer to the Indigent Defense Counsel System for Ogemaw County and the removal of Melissa Wangler. Roll call vote. Ayes – Scott, Reetz, Vaughn, Neubecker, and David. Motion carried. [1-3-#9]

Motion by Scott, second by David, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the Equalization Dept. land division fee to \$150.00 effective immediately. Roll call vote. Ayes – Reetz, Vaughn, Neubecker, David, and Scott. Motion carried. [1-3-#10]

Motion by Reetz, second by Scott, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the purchase of Apex software in the amount of \$1,785.00 for the County Equalization Department. Purchase to be made from the contingency line item. Roll call vote. Ayes – Vaughn, Neubecker, David, Scott, and Reetz. Motion carried. [1-3-#11]

Motion by Neubecker, second by David, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the hiring of a part-time employee for E-911 Dispatch. Roll call vote. Ayes – Neubecker, David, Scott, Reetz, and Vaughn. Motion carried. [1-3-#12]

Commissioner David attended the EDC Board meeting. Housing needs assessment was discussed. She has also done County Building security research since last meeting. The Iosco County Sheriff was contacted as Iosco County just implemented security measures for its County Building.

Commissioner Scott attended the West Branch Community Airport board meeting. The airport consultants discussed tree obstructions and how to address the problem. He also attended the Ogemaw Township board meeting. The township may have a buyer for its property.

Commissioner Vaughn attended City of Rose City and Goodar Township meetings. It is business as usual at both of the local units. The city is considering removal of an existing dam. Law Enforcement Committee met and Tom Benjamin was in attendance. He and the committee toured the County Annex. He will be preparing three proposals for the committee to consider regarding what to do with County Sheriff Department offices.

Commissioner Neubecker attended the Law Enforcement Committee and the West Branch Community Airport Board meetings.

Chairman Reetz attended the Ogemaw Human Services Council meeting. He also attended the Drug Free Coalition meeting. Topic of discussion was how to address addiction. He attended the EMS Authority Board meeting. The new EMS building is coming along nicely. He informed the board members when the Substance Use Disorder Committee meetings are held in Gaylord. This will be added to the February 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting agenda as a topic of discussion.

Motion by Scott, second by Neubecker, the meeting be adjourned. Voice vote. Ayes – all. Motion carried. [1-3-#13]

There being no further business to address, Chairman Reetz adjourned the meeting at 6:37 p.m.

Minutes by Gary R. Klacking, Ogemaw County Clerk.

Attest: Gary R. Klacking, Ogemaw County Clerk.