

Vice-chairman Bruce Reetz 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 the Commissioner's Chambers, Ogemaw County Building, West Branch, Michigan.

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

Caren Piglowski, Administrative Assistant, informed the board Ron Taylor has been discussing County Building security with her. He will present ideas for building security to the Committee of the Whole sometime in January 2019.

Leigh David, Undersheriff, discussed various items with the board. The first item concerned Sheriff Department uniforms. The uniforms will be changed from brown to black in color. The cost of the new uniforms will be less than half the cost of current uniforms. They will be washable uniforms. Cost will be covered by forfeiture funds. A motion will be prepared to approve the purchase of the uniforms. She discussed the local match grant for purchase of bullet proof vests. Cost is \$14,700. Grant funding for \$6,900 with matching dollars from the county. The cost of four vests will be purchased using Commissary Funds. A motion will be prepared for the matching grant dollars and the purchase of the vests.

She stated new hand-held radios are needed for the department. The cost will be \$44,500. She is working with the County Emergency Management Director to secure grant funding for the radios. She asked the commissioners what could be done with the Sheriff Department building as it is in disrepair. Various options were discussed by the board. Commissioners encouraged her to check the County Annex for vacant office space. The Sheriff Department building could be used for storage.

Amy Beach, County E-911 Director, discussed the organization of the E-911 Authority administrative and technical boards. She distributed a draft letter to be sent to all townships. The letter will detail the composition of the authority boards. She stated a laundry list of items needed to be addressed before the authority is up and running.

Tom Spencer, County I.T. Director, discussed the purchase of computer protection software with the board. The annual costs would be \$3,500 for the required number of computers. A three year rate was also provided. The 3 year rate is considerably lower. A motion will be provided to approve the three year rate.

The board discussed payment for lodging and travel for newly elected commissioners to attend "new" commissioner training. It was decided the county would not pay for lodging or travel to the "new" county commissioner training.

It was noted the county received a refund check from Accident Fund Company in the amount of \$18,188.52.

Ms. Piglowski briefly discussed monthly expenses with the board. We are only one month into the current fiscal year. She hi-lited office supplies. County Treasurer Dwight Mc Intyre, presented revenue figures. The total Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund balance is \$5.173 million. He was asked if revenues were trending normally and he answered yes.

Mr. McIntyre requested a pay increase of \$2.00 per hour for department employee Colleen Van Goethem. He explained she is vital for the department operation if he is not available. The board considered the request. A motion will be prepared approving the request.

County Clerk Klacking stated we are in the second year of a three-year carpet replacement plan. He will begin work on the second year of the plan very soon. Money has been budgeted for the carpet replacement.

Mr. Klacking stated training videos are available for department employees at no cost to the county. He was directed to arrange for county department employees to view the videos.

Scott Williams, Assistant County Prosecutor, requested a wrecked automobile be placed on the County Building lawn. It will placed there to run concurrent with "impaired driving month". The board approved the placement. A motion will be prepared approving this request.

There being no further business to address, Vice-chairman Reetz adjourned the meeting at 10:39 a.m.

Minutes by Gary R. Klacking, Ogemaw County Clerk.

Attest: Gary R. Klacking, Ogemaw County Clerk.