

Chairman Hennard called a Committee of the Whole meeting of the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners to order at 8:30 a.m. on this date in Conference Room A of the Commissioner's Chambers, Ogemaw County Building, West Branch, Michigan.

Present – Scott, Reetz, Quackenbush, Simmons, and Hennard.

Commissioner Simmons discussed an invoice from Sheriff Hanft related to attendance at Special Olympics games. It was a paid conference and Sheriff Hanft was requesting travel to and at the conference be paid. The Sheriff stayed for the games. She stated the travel should not be paid. The invoice will be pulled from claims. Administrative Assistant Piglowski will inform Sheriff Hanft of this action. *She mentioned this was an all-expense paid trip. The trip was for the Torch Run activities, not for the attendance at the games.”

Ogemaw Public Transit Director, Ray Blamer, discussed a pay increase for himself with the board. The increase amount is included in the Ogemaw Public Transit operating budget. After discussion, it was decided to prepare a motion to grant Mr. Blamer's request.

Administrative Assistant Caren Piglowski stated Ogemaw County DHHS board is requesting permission to move remaining appropriation funds to the Ogemaw County Shut-off fund. The commissioners agreed to the request. Ms. Piglowski will inform Ogemaw County DHHS of the approval.

The board reviewed a letter from Ogemaw County Zoning Administrator Ryan Veeder regarding the cost of ZBA Board meetings. The cost is approximately \$500 per meeting. A ZBA application fee is \$250. He requested the application fee be raised to \$500. After discussing the matter it was decided to move the ZBA application fee to \$400. A motion will be prepared to approve the \$400 ZBA application fee.

County Clerk Klacking informed the board of his conversation with County Prosecutor Schultz related to commencing civil action against the local units of government concerning non-payment of assessed E-911 Service fees. Ms. Schultz recommended waiting to see if the E-911 ballot proposal is approved and then consider discussing the assessment of the fee with the townships. The board agreed with Ms. Schultz's recommendation.

County Clerk Klacking explained a proposed change in the way 34th Circuit Court collections would be processed. The proposal involved having Lyndsey Hennard perform the collections duties. A proposed two year contract of \$350 per month was suggested. After discussion it was decided to prepare a motion for adoption at the upcoming commissioner meeting.

Lt. Brian Osier, County Jail Administrator, discussed the resealing of the correctional facility parking lot, county correctional facility nurse salary increase, and purchase of hand held radios to be used in the county correctional facility. The money is included in the correctional facility budget and will be paid for out of commissary fund. A motion will be prepared to approve the requests at the upcoming commissioner meeting.

The board discussed the proposed 2018-2019 County General Fund budget. Administrative Assistant Caren Piglowski reviewed various items of the proposed budget. She stated the initial amount of the proposed budget deficit was \$-915,000. It has been pared down to \$-187,017. This amount will be resolved with a transfer from the Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund. She stated the following items have been taken into consideration in the preparation of the budget: staffing changes (reductions), 80-20 health insurance cost share for employees, phase two carpet replacement in the county building, Probate Child Care fund appropriation reduction, and FOC budget reduction.

Any changes resulting from union contract negotiations will need to be added with budget adjustments. The board agreed with the proposed budget. A public hearing will be held at 6:45 p.m. on Thursday, September 27, 2018 to receive public comment on the proposed budgets, i.e. County General Fund and Special Fund budgets.

Commissioner Scott stated Ron Taylor is continuing work on the building security proposal. Any additional cost, i.e. personnel, etc. can be addressed with budget adjustments to the County General Fund budget.

There being no further business to address, Chairman Hennard adjourned the meeting at 9:28 a.m.

Minutes by Gary R. Klacking, Ogemaw County Clerk.
Attest: Gary R. Klacking, Ogemaw County Clerk.

