

Chairman Hennard called a Committee of the Whole to order at 8:00 a.m. in Conference Room A of the Commissioner's Chambers, Ogemaw County Building, West Branch, Michigan.

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

Caren Piglowski, Administrative Assistant, presented the monthly expenditure report. This month she highlighted the multi-policy/umbrella/omission insurance policy cost. Total cost for the policies is \$202,055 per annum.

She then explained the 2016-2017 General Fund budget amendments. There is a \$106,585 increase in revenue. She detailed the Special Fund budget amendments for board members. She informed the board the 2016-2017 General Fund budget is \$10,262,850. The proposed 2017-2018 General Fund budget is \$9,981,131. Financial reductions to Ogemaw County departments and offices have not been this profound in over a decade. There was discussion about anticipated health insurance costs under the proposed 80/20 plan adopted by the commissioners.

County Clerk Klacking detailed a county building carpet replacement inventory for board members. Various questions were asked. Carpet bids from local vendors will be procured and brought back to the board for review.

Klacking stated two companies are interested in providing cost quotes for re-lighting county buildings with LED lamps. There are incentives from Consumers Energy for this type of lighting. Financing is available for this installation. He will contact both companies to begin the procurement of quotes.

He informed the board Showroom Auto Detailing has offered to pay ½ the cost of seal coating a county parking area that borders its parking area. The sealcoating proposal was explained to the board. After discussion, the board agreed to pay ½ of the sealcoating cost.

Klacking explained one bid for snowplowing/salting was received. He stated three companies were contacted by phone and informed the request for proposals would be advertised in the local newspaper. Brian Linebaugh's proposal was reviewed. A motion will be prepared for approving Mr. Linebaugh's proposal.

County Register of Deeds, Denise Simmons, presented a proposal for digitizing records within her department. She stated U.S. Imaging bid is \$82,770. The work would be completed in 24 hours. It was suggested other bids be sought. She will research further and bring back the information to the board.

The board recessed at 9:22 a.m. and reconvened at 9:37 a.m.

The Fiscal Year 2017-2018 proposed General Fund was reviewed. An early retirement plan was presented and reviewed by board members. The plan was discussed at length. Chairman Hennard stated the plan looks promising. He stated two issues should be considered. They are closing the Sheriff Department building and E911 funding issues. He asked the board members to please adopt the proposed Fiscal Year 2017-2018 board. Once adopted, further cost-saving measures can be explored and implemented. The board discussed the payment of the Michigan Association of Counties (MAC) annual membership. It was decided not to pay this year's MAC membership dues. Chairman Hennard suggested at the next Committee of the Whole meeting the board consider the health insurance proposal and the early retirement plan information.

Chairman Hennard distributed the Ogemaw County E911 Final Plan. He briefly reviewed its contents with the board. He pointed out that page 17 of the plan allows the billing of local units for operation of the E911 Center. Ongoing discussion about various aspects of the billing, contribution from County General Fund to E911 operation, etc. The board considered E911 for a ballot proposal next year. Chairman Hennard stated next year's millage slate is full.

There being no further business to address, Chairman Hennard adjourned the meeting at 11:33 a.m.

Minutes by Gary R. Klacking, Ogemaw County Clerk.

Attest: Gary R. Klacking, Ogemaw County Clerk.