

Commissioner Minutes of April 8, 2008

The Gladwin County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, April 8, 2008 in regular session. Chairman Whittington called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call found all Commissioners present, except Commissioner Carl who was excused.

Agenda - there were no corrections or additions.

The **minutes of March 25, 2008** along with Executive Session minutes of the same day were then reviewed. Motion by Commissioner Reid, supported by Commissioner Rhode, to approve as presented. Ayes carried, motion passed.

The **semi-monthly Finance Report** totaling \$ 79,831.74 was then considered. Motion by Commissioner Rhode/ seconded by Commissioner Walters, to approve for payment as presented. Ayes carried, motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jan Stewart with FORGE, commented on the collection of newspapers and phone books for re-cycling and that the truck will be parked at the Gladwin Elementary School – expected by the end of April and will be here until fall. Residents are urged to take their old newspapers and phone books for re-cycling.

The County Treasurer noted that the 290 fund reported in Commissioner Rhodes report on March 25th should be fund 291.

Katie Becker, Gladwin Housing Commission, came before the Board with a proposed resolution for City-County Transit. Ms. Becker explained that this resolution would place job titles into contract language instead of names – thereby eliminating the need to come back for approval each time a staffing change took place. Motion by Commissioner Reid, supported by Commissioner Posey, to adopt the resolution as presented. Roll call vote as follows: Commissioner Walters-yes, Carl-absent, Rhode-yes, Reid-yes, Posey-yes, Hoag-yes and Whittington-yes. Ayes carried, **Resolution #2008-15 declared adopted.** (copy attached)

Chairman Whittington reported:

- On receipt of deposition notices.
- That the engagement letter received from Burnside and Lang. Discussion. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Walters, that the Chairman be authorized to sign the engagement letter. Ayes carried, motion passed.

Chairman Whittington continued reporting:

- On the “Thank You” received from John Heppner – thanking the Board for their expressions of sympathy on his father’s passing.
- On the invitation from Region VII Area Agency on Aging for the Frankenmuth meeting.
- On the April 3rd ceremony for acceptance of USDA grant funds in the amount \$45,000.00 for County Sheriff Dept. vehicles. .
- That the current EMS millage will expire at the end of 2008. Discussion as to the best time to place a renewal question on the ballot. Moved by Commissioner Reid, supported by Commissioner Walters, to authorize placing the EMS renewal question on the November 2008 ballot. Ayes carried, motion passed.

Commissioner Rhode reported on recent union negotiations and noted that an Executive Session would be in order for that information. **Commissioner Reid** also noted a possible sale of County owned property that should also be addressed in Executive Session.

Commissioner Rhode then moved to go into Executive Session for review of Union Negotiations and possible sale of County property, motion supported by Commissioner Walters. Ayes carried, motion passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Walters then moved to return to regular session, supported by Commissioner Rhode. Ayes carried, motion passed.

Sherry Augustine, Drain Commissioner, presented her **Annual Drain Report**, with review of several items for the board’s benefit. Discussion on various drain activities. Motion by Commissioner Reid, supported by Commissioner Walters, to receive and file the report as presented.

Chairman Whittington then reported further:

- On the letter from the Governor on the recent resolution passed regarding the Michigan Health Care Security ballot question.
- On recent communication from MMRMA.

Commissioner Hoag reported:

- On the April 1 Data Committee meeting and discussion had on the contract with Jason Schuster that will expire soon.
- That he has attended the April 3rd ceremonies for acceptance of the USDA grant monies and then had gone on to Beaverton City – as they were also the recipient of USDA grant dollars.

Commissioner Reid reported:

- That bids for sale of vehicles have been received and were opened as follows:

	<u>1994 Pickup</u>	<u>1996 Crown Victoria</u>
Tim Shea	\$425.00	
Brian Goss	\$526.02	
Bob Duby		\$510.00
Franks Auto Salvage	\$402.00	\$326.00
Troy Frasher	\$675.00	
Keith Edick	\$430.00	
Frank Grimes	\$750.00	
Rod Knierim	\$353.13	\$213.13

Motion by Commissioner Reid, supported by Commissioner Hoag, to award bids to the highest bidders – the 1994 Pickup to Frank Grimes for \$750.00 and the 1996 Crown Victoria to Bob Duby for \$510.00. Ayes carried, motion passed.

- That he had been in the Detroit area from March 27-29 and had met with developers interested in promoting development in our area.
- On the April 1st Data committee meeting and concerns regarding the tower and exactly what it can support.
- That he had attended the USDA grant ceremony on April 3rd.
- That he had missed the April 4th Airport meeting because of a fire – but had been able to attend the Finance committee meeting on that date.

Chairman Whittington commented on activities at the Airport – noting that all is going well and the budget has been adopted.

Commissioner Posey reported:

- That she had attended the March 26 Personnel committee meeting for Court negotiations
- On the March 28th County Affairs committee meeting
- On attending the April 1st Data committee meeting
- That she had attended the Farm Bureau Rural Urban Dinner held on April 1st
- On the April 2nd Personnel committee meeting and the tentative agreement reached with UAW Unit #6.

Commissioner Walters reported:

- On the March 28th County Affairs committee meeting and discussions with Tom Sage regarding remonumentation and surveying.
- Commissioner Rhode reported:
 - That on April 2nd he had attended the Personnel committee meeting as well as the Central Michigan Health Board meeting in Harrison.
 - On April 3 he had attended the ceremonies for acceptance of the USDA grant funds.
 - That on April 4th he had attended the Finance committee meeting
 - On the April 7 City Council meeting – commenting on the public hearing held on the budget and others matters of discussion.
 - On matters before finance as follows:
 1. That at the March 25th meeting the Board had authorized an additional \$13,000.00 appropriation to the 291 fund from the General Fund and that two lines need to be amended to reflect the appropriation:
101-965-998.291
291-000-699.101
Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Reid, that the noted lines be amended to record the additional appropriation. Ayes carried, motion passed.

Commissioner Rhode continued reporting on matters before finance:

2. On repairs that have been done to the County 911 tower, with costs totaling \$3050.00 and the need to pay this bill. It is recommended that the bill be paid from 101-301-933.000 and in the event that it is found the payment can be made from other funds, that line would be reimbursed. Discussion. Mike Brubaker, 911 Administrator, noted that the expense is not an allowable expense under 282 funds and could not be paid from there. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Reid, to pay the repairs from the line 101-301-933.000 with stipulations as noted. Ayes carried, motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – none

Commissioner Hoag then moved to receive and file the various reports and correspondence. Motion supported by Commissioner Rhode. Ayes carried, motion passed.

Chairman Whittington then commented on his resignation from EDC, and noted that Ray Stover would be appointed to fill the vacancy.

Gina Conrad, Gypsy Moth Coordinator and GIS contact, spoke on upcoming meetings with the townships on the GIS agreements and questions regarding FOIA. She noted that County Clerk Laura Flach, the County FOIA Coordinator, had been very helpful and provided a letter with a copy of the Michigan Compiled Laws which will answer the questions.

Commissioner Hoag then moved to adjourn, supported by Commissioner Walters. Ayes carried, meeting adjourned at 10:03 a.m. until April 22, 2008 unless otherwise ordered.

Laura Flach
Clerk

Terry Whittington
Chairman