

## Commissioner's Minutes of July 8, 2008

The Gladwin County Board of Commissioner's met on Tuesday, July 8, 2008 in regular session. The meeting was called to order at 9 a.m. by Chairman Whittington. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and roll call found all Commissioners present.

Agenda- there were no corrections or additions.

The **minutes of June 24, 2008** were then considered. Clerk Laura Flach noted amendments made to the first page 6<sup>th</sup> paragraph regarding amendments to the Zoning Ordinance – addition of the Resolution number. Motion by Commissioner Hoag, supported by Commissioner Carl, to approve the minutes with amendments as noted. Ayes carried, motion passed.

The **semi-monthly Finance Report** totaling \$86,193.27 was then reviewed. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Carl, to approve for payment as presented. Ayes carried, motion passed.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

**Josh Farrell, Candidate for 80<sup>th</sup> District Court Judge**, spoke to the Board – reporting on the status of his campaign and the meetings that he has been able to attend. Candidate Farrell reviewed his goals and desires regarding the function of the Courts, which distinguish or differ from the other candidates and invited all to attend the “Meet the Candidate” night scheduled for July 10 from 6-8 p.m. at the Beaverton Community Center.

**Beaverton Mayor Nila Frei**, reported on great response to the Beaverton 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration and current projects in Beaverton. Ms. Frei also commented on the “Good Ole Days” celebration that will be coming up the end of August.

### Chairman Whittington reported:

- On communication received from the Courts regarding payment of negotiated wages and health care.
- On receipt of MMRMA communications.
- That negotiations with the deputies will be held with POAM.

Commissioner Rhode commented on the communication from the courts – noting that he is not opposed to the wages, but he is opposed to the health care package negotiated by the courts. Review was had on the savings realized from the insurance plan offered to county employees – noting that the savings realized from that is being used to fund negotiated wage increases for county employees over the next 3 years and should the court wages and insurance package be approved – it would severely impact that savings. Matter referred to personnel committee.

**Mark Sohlden, Road Commission Managing Director**, along with retired Director Dan Provost and Road Commissioner Keith Edick, came before the Board with a presentation on the proposed road millage to be considered by voters on August 5. Review was had of past accomplishments made possible with the millage and its importance to the townships in maintaining the County's road system. Dan Provost noted that the millage is a renewal of millage that has been in place for over 40 years and with the decrease in gas tax revenues the millage renewal is critical for the road commission – should the millage not pass the road commission will simply become an “emergency only operation” with no funds for regular road repair and improvements.

**Commissioner Hoag reported:**

On attending the Beaverton 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade, the garden tractor “pull” held in the City Park and other activities. Commissioner Hoag commended Mayor Frei and the City of Beaverton for their support of these events.

That on July 1 he attended the Data committee meeting and reported on discussions had on a copier for Probate Court. Motion by Commissioner Hoag, supported by Commissioner Posey, to purchase a Canon copier for the Probate Court. Ayes carried, motion passed.

**Commissioner Walters reported:**

- On attending the June 26 Lake Improvement Board meetings with the Drain Commissioner.
- That on June 24<sup>th</sup> he attended the Mental Health meeting in Big Rapids
- On attending the Wiggins Lake Assoc. meeting at Sage Township hall on July 5<sup>th</sup>.
- On attending the Veterans Affairs meeting and noted the passing of the following County veterans this past month:
  - Kenneth Malmo – WWII
  - Laurence Aldrich – WWII
  - Leo Colosky – WWII
  - Raymond Wrzesinski – Korean conflict
  - Richard Thomas – post Korean War
  - Darryl Carter – Vietnam

**Commissioner Posey reported:**

- That on July 1 she attended the Data committee meeting.
- On July 3 the Finance committee meeting
- That on July 7<sup>th</sup> she attended the Gypsy Moth meeting.
- On the “Clean Sweep” program and items that will be collected.

**Commissioner Carl reported:**

- That his busy time, as to meetings is coming up but reported on attending various events held in the County over the holiday weekend.

**Commissioner Reid reported:**

- That he attended the Buckeye Township meeting on June 25<sup>th</sup>.
- On the July 1<sup>st</sup> Data committee meeting.
- On an unpaid grant bill for the airport and asked Airport Manager Mike Hargrave to explain. Mr. Hargrave commented on the bill totaling \$7194.73 that is now over 4 years old and the City of Gladwin has requested that the County pay half of the bill which is for fencing on the northern edge of the airport property bordering on the fairground property. Discussion. Motion by Commissioner Reid, supported by Commissioner Walters to pay half of the bill as requested. Roll call vote as follows: Commissioner Walters-yes, Carl-yes, Rhode-no, Reid-yes, Posey-no, Hoag-no and Whittington-yes. Ayes carried motion passed.

Mr. Hargrave then commented on the upcoming Carriage Festival – noting that help is needed in serving breakfasts. If anyone would be interested they may contact him. It was also reported that the Gladwin “Fun Days” would be held in downtown Gladwin this weekend.

**Commissioner Reid continued reporting:**

- On recent communications with Bob Duby regarding the County tower.
- That he had contacted the Judges regarding disposition of the law books in the hallway – they (the Judges) will be discussing the matter and get back with him.
- That House bill 4323 – the ORV bill has passed and will be going to Governor for consideration.

**Commissioner Rhode reported:**

- On attending the June 25<sup>th</sup> Central Michigan Health Board meeting.
- That the house numbering committee had met on June 26<sup>th</sup>
- On the June 27<sup>th</sup> Personnel Committee meeting and discussions with Equalization Director Denise Hall for discussions of her contract for the next two years beginning July 2, 2008. Motion by Commissioner Carl, support by Commissioner Rhode, to approve the contract as discussed in committee. Ayes carried, motion passed.

### **Commissioner Rhode continued reporting:**

- On the Finance committee meeting of July 3 and discussions with Justin Schneider of Construction Codes - that he would be hiring Mr. Volmering only on an “as needed” basis to cover sick, vacation or personal time leaves.
- On matters before finance as follows:
  1. On the contract for nursing services for jail inmates --that the new contract is the same terms as the previous but includes an increase of \$1.00 per hour fee for services. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Carl, to approve the new contract as noted. Ayes carried, motion passed.
  2. The MERS annual conference is scheduled for Sept. 30 – Oct. 2 and will be held at the Grand Traverse Resort. Each year the Board allows for one employee member to attend. Cost this year is \$185.00 registration and 3 nights of lodging at \$129 /night, plus mileage. Motion is needed to allow the Clerk’s office to conduct an election for an employee member to attend this conference. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Hoag, to allow for the election and approve payment of conference fees as stated. Ayes carried, motion passed.
  3. That repayment from the 264 fund to the General Fund for Academy overtime in the amount of \$2962.84 needs to be made. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Reid, to allow the Treasurer to transfer funds as noted. Ayes carried, motion passed.
  4. That billing has been received from MERS which reflects the added benefit cost for the Command Unit for the month of June. Motion by Commissioner Hoag, supported by Commissioner Rhode, to approve payment of the bill in the amount of \$520.05 as presented. Ayes carried, motion passed.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Beaverton Mayor Nila Frei** commented on the play “Seven Brides for Seven Brothers” which will be presented at the Gladwin Park this week end, as well as other up-coming events. Ms. Frei encouraged taking advantage of the tourism that events such as these bring into our community.

**Sharron Smith** reported on the article on the Tobacco River Muzzleloaders, which appeared in the Woods and Water magazine, noting that the group has been active for 46 years and attracts persons from all over Michigan.

**Equalization Director Denise Hall** thanked the Board for approving her new contract.

Discussion was then had with Maintenance Director Rick Ghent regarding the Health Department roof issues.

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

Commissioner Hoag then moved to adjourn, supported by Commissioner Posey. Ayes carried, motion passed, meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m. until Tuesday July 22, 2008 unless otherwise ordered.

Laura Flach  
Clerk

Terry Whittington  
Chairman