

## Commissioner Minutes of June 9, 2009

*The Gladwin County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session June 9, 2009. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Whittington. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call found all Commissioners present.*

**Agenda** – There were no corrections or additions to the agenda.

The **Regular minutes May 26, 2009** were then considered. *Motion by Commissioner Posey, supported by Commissioner Carl, to approve the minutes as presented.*

Commissioner Reid noted that the wallpaper bids that were presented at last meeting were incorrect. They should be as listed: Bierlien - \$7,020.00, Professional Painting and Wallcovering - \$6,860.00 plus \$25.00/hour for overages, Marshall Painting - \$8,075.00. Ayes carried, **motion passed**.

The **semi-monthly Finance report totaling \$67,179.74** was then considered for payment. *Motion by Commissioner Reid, supported by Commissioner Posey, to approve the bills for payment as presented.* Ayes carried, **motion passed**.

**Public Comments** – none at this time.

The Board then considered the **resolution to Levy Summer Tax**. *Motion by Commissioner Reid, supported by Commissioner Smith, to accept the Resolution to Levy Summer Tax as presented.* Roll call vote as follows: Walters – yes, Carl – yes, Rhode – yes, Reid – yes, Posey – yes, Smith – yes, Whittington – yes. 7 yes, 0 no. Ayes carried, **resolution 2009-018 declared adopted**.

**Correspondence from the Chairman** –

- Several pieces of correspondence from Region VII Area on Aging.
- Receipt of the 80<sup>th</sup> District Court Transmittal.
- On a letter received asking permission to use the Courthouse lawn for Fun Days. Motion by Commissioner Carl, supported by Commissioner Posey, to allow the use as requested. Ayes carried, motion passed.

Carol Brubaker, **CCT**, came before the Board with a **contract revision for additional funds**. Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Carl, to allow the Chairman to sign the contract as presented.* Roll call vote as follows: Carl – yes, Rhode – yes, Reid – yes, Posey – yes, Smith – yes, Whittington – yes, Walters – yes. 7 yes, 0 no. Ayes carried, **resolution 2009-019 adopted**. Ms. Brubaker noted that they had received two of their new busses and the 15 passenger van.

**Committee Reports** –

**Commissioner Smith reported:**

- That she had attended the District Library Board meeting on May 26<sup>th</sup>, noting that the Book Fair raised about \$1,400.00. The summer reading program is planned and the combination with PACE is working well. Plans are progressing for the Library renovation within the Ice Arena.
- On attending the Data meeting on June 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- On also attending the Insurance meeting on June 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- On the Tobacco Township meeting on June 8<sup>th</sup>, noting that the weed control contract had been signed. Commissioner Smith then commented that if a tower will be constructed on the school property on M-30 and VanDyke, a permit must be applied for through the Township. The Township Board approved going forward with the purchase of property from Dave Lang on M-18 for the future construction of the new Fire Hall. The Fire Hall project will also be partnered with Beaverton City and Beaverton Township.
- That she will be attending the Spring National Championships until June 21<sup>st</sup>, and can be contacted by e-mail if needed.

**Commissioner Walters reported:**

- On attending the Community Mental Health meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup>, noting estimated State funding cuts for 2010 may be \$500,000.00.
- On the passing of Korean Veteran Robert Sullivan Sr. from Hay Township.
- On the beautiful work on the Honor Roll flower beds by Deb Mason.
- That there was a memorial service held for Bobby Dixon.
- That his youngest son graduated on Sunday.
- On the Fair beginning June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Commissioner Posey reported:**

- On attending the Grout Township meeting on June 1<sup>st</sup>, noting mosquito complaints.
- On the June 2<sup>nd</sup> Data meeting. The EFT policy was reviewed and will be ready for Board consideration on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. The BS&A upgrade of \$50,000.00 will need to be budgeted for in 2010. Two laptops were received from a grant, giving the County 14 total. Mr. Frei's monthly report will be distributed to the department heads for their review.
- On attending Finance on June 5<sup>th</sup>.
- On the Beaverton Township meeting on June 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Commissioner Carl reported:**

- On attending the CMDHD meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup>, noting cuts from the state and reduction of full time staff hours.
- On attending the Data meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- On the Planning meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### Commissioner Reid reported:

- On attending the Gladwin City Counsel meeting with Commissioner Rhode to discuss the ORV ordinance and mapping. Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Reid, supported by Commissioner Posey, to **allow ORV's to ride through the Courthouse parking lot to gain access to the City Park.*** Ayes carried, **motion passed.** Commissioner Reid then thanked Ms. Conrad for her work on the ORV maps, noting that she has been very helpful.
- The Health Department roof project is completed. Uhl and Sons completed the work on time, and with no additional costs, and did a great job.
- The Iditarod is moving forward, noting that a route is being worked on.
- The Grant funds from Michigan Dept of Energy were provided to only the 10 large counties.
- On the **car / deer accident** with one of the patrol cars. Three bids were presented. High Caliber - \$1370.07, Grimmetts - \$1465.92, ABC Auto Body - \$1593.42. *Motion by Commissioner Reid, supported by Commissioner Smith, to allow High Caliber to do the repair.* Ayes carried, **motion passed.**
- On communication with an individual from Wiggins Lake on the assessment amounts and percentage rate, noting that the Drain Commissioner has done everything that she was supposed to do and in a timely manner.
- On a possible “communication gap” between the Planning / Zoning commission and new businesses, noting a few complaints. Commissioner Reid would like to see a guideline prepared on steps to take to open a business in Gladwin County so that it is an informed and easier process for individuals. Discussion. Sandra Walling, Zoning Administrator, noted that she had spoke to the individual and will be willing to work with him.

### Commissioner Rhode reported:

- That the Summer Work Program is underway, and positions should be beginning June 15<sup>th</sup>.
- On attending the Community Mental Health meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup>, noting cuts due to State funding and the elimination of contracts and reduction of full time hours.
- On the Addressing committee on the 28<sup>th</sup>. The committee does have a new ordinance that they will be reviewing and then submitting it to the Board for approval.
- On attending the Personnel meeting on June 1<sup>st</sup>.
- On the Gladwin City Counsel meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup>.
- On attending the June 2<sup>nd</sup> Insurance meeting. The committee looked **at life insurance rates**, and is making the recommendation to move the employees' coverage to Cadillac Insurance. This is the same coverage as provided for in all of the contracts, but at a savings to the County. *Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Smith, to allow Cadillac Insurance to provide the life insurance coverage as outlined.* Ayes carried, **motion passed.** Commissioner

Rhode noted that the committee is also looking at the changes to the health plan as presented by Brian Cote from Cadillac Insurance to potentially begin in July.

- On attending Finance on the 5<sup>th</sup>.

### Finance Matters –

1. Justin Schneider, Building Official, has requested that **Jerry Wells** be allowed to return to work on a **part time, as needed basis at 85% of the union wage**. There are funds available in the wage line to accommodate this expense. *Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Reid, to allow Mr. Wells to return part time as requested.* Commissioner Carl noted that he has an issue of employees retiring and returning to work at 85% of wage. Discussion. Ayes carried, **motion passed**.
2. Sherry Augustine, **Drain Commissioner**, met with the Finance Committee to discuss the need for both she and her deputy to attend the **summer conference** as requested at last meeting. There are four sessions on “Assessments” that need to be attended. The Drain Commissioner noted that they have not attended the last two conferences because she felt there was nothing there that could be useful to the office. *Motion by Commissioner Reid, supported by Commissioner Posey, to reconsider the motion from the May 26<sup>th</sup> meeting.* Ayes carried, **motion passed**. *Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Posey, to allow the Drain Commissioner and her Deputy to attend the conference as requested.* Ayes carried, **motion passed**.
3. Aaron Miller, Prosecuting Attorney, has made a request to **establish a “10% drug forfeiture” line** item so that funds can be set aside from all forfeitures for office use. If approved, line #265-000-656.001 can be established for his use. *Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Reid, to allow the creation of the line as requested.* Ayes carried, **motion passed**.
4. Seven individuals from the **Sheriff’s Department** have requested to **donate 216 hours to a fellow employee**. These requests have been reviewed by the Sheriff and approved under policy guidelines. *Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Smith, to allow the donation of hours.* Ayes carried, **motion passed**.
5. Sue Walker, Sheriff’s Secretary, has requested that \$192.61 (8.5 hours) in special overtime costs be transferred as follows to reimburse the General Fund from the 264 fund for the pepper spray training:

From	264-000-804.00	\$192.61
To	101-351-703.000	\$178.93
	101-351-720.000	\$13.68

*Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Smith, to transfer the funds as outlined.* Ayes carried, **motion passed**.
6. **Barb Uhl**, Circuit Court, has requested **payment for 5 unused vacation days**. Total cost of \$719.15 to be paid from her respective wage line if approved. *Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Walters to pay Ms. Uhl for the unused days.* Ayes carried, **motion passed**.
7. Request to **pay the individual from MSU his mileage** for the budget presentation he will be making to the County Departments on June 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. *Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Posey, to allow for payment of mileage to the MSU staff member and that union leaders, court staff and department heads to be invited to attend the presentation.* Ayes carried, **motion passed**.
8. Bob Duby has requested that a **revenue line be established** for the handling of donations for his **CERT** employees. This would be for any training costs of the volunteers that work with Emergency Management. Approval of line **#258-000-579.000** (CERT Donations) is needed to

accommodate the request. *Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Reid, to establish the revenue line as requested. Ayes carried, **motion passed.***

Commissioner Reid then inquired of the Personnel committee on their action to look at a new labor negotiator. Commissioner Rhode commented that he had spoken with Mr. Stoker and he is available to work with the County on their negotiations. Commissioner Whittington asked if the Board had a desire on an individual to handle the negotiations. Commissioner Walters noted that in the past Mr. Stoker did a fine job at resolving contract issues. Commissioner Carl noted that he would like the Board to meet with Mr. Stoker so that all options can be explored.

**Public Comments –**

Sandra Walling, Zoning, asked about budget cuts for 2010, layoffs, and revisiting the four day work week. Discussion.

Laura Brandon, County Clerk, commented that budget worksheets have been sent out to the departments and are due back to the Board's Secretary by July 2<sup>nd</sup>.

*Motion by Commissioner Carl, supported by Commissioner Walters, to receive and file various reports. Ayes carried, **motion passed.***

*Motion by Commissioner Carl, supported by Commissioner Whittington, to adjourn. Ayes carried, **motion passed.** Meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m. until June 23, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. unless otherwise ordered.*

Laura Brandon  
County Clerk

Terry Whittington  
Chairman