

Commissioner Minutes of March 9, 2010

The Gladwin County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session March 9, 2010. 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 – *no correction or additions.*

The **Regular minutes of February 23, 2010** were then considered. *Motion by Commissioner Carl, supported by Commissioner Reid, to approve the minutes as presented. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

The **cash balances** for the General Fund and the Judicial Management Fund were then read. *General Fund - \$377,614.47 231 Fund - \$76,311.30.*

The **semi-monthly Finance report totaling \$35,694.17** was then considered for payment. *Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Carl, to approve the bills for payment as presented. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

Public Comments –

Laura Brandon-Maveal commented that the Board should keep Laura Flach in their prayers and thoughts, as her father passed away yesterday.

Bill Rhode also stated that Larry Lawless' wife passed away this weekend.

Resolutions for Consideration – none to consider.

Correspondence from the Chairman:

- Lt. Jeff Anthony, MSP, came to Finance on Friday to brief the committee on the Billings murder. Lt. Anthony commented on the great assistance received from the Sheriff's Department, noting that the investigation would not have moved as quickly without their assistance.
- On attending the Billings and Bentley Township meetings.
- On the Engagement letter from our auditing firm, Andrews, Hooper & Pavlik PLC. Discussion. Motion by Commissioner Reid, supported by Commissioner Rhode, to allow the Chairman to sign the engagement letter as presented. Ayes carried, motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Commissioner Walters reported:

- On the Veterans meeting on the 23rd of February, commenting that the memorial wall restoration work was discussed.
- That Lois Lawless passed away. Viewing would be today from 2-9 at Hall-Kokotovich Funeral Home with the funeral on Wednesday at 3:00 p.m.
- That he is planning to run for re-election.

- On a conversation with Bob Moffit and Tom Hinman from the City of Gladwin in regards to the County Clean Sweep Program. Commissioner Walters commented that this is a good program and the drop off items can include: chemicals, tires, medications, etc. Discussion. Commissioner Carl then made motion that the County contribute \$2,500.00 this year only toward the household hazardous collection program for the County, with the understanding that any future programs be done on a shared cost basis with the Townships and Cities, and that Gladwin City notify all Townships and Cities on the costs of collection before December 1st of each year to coordinate the event. Motion supported by Commissioner Posey. Discussion. Ayes carried, motion passed.

Commissioner Smith reported:

- On attending the Library Board meeting on 2-23-10. The Gladwin County District Library is now an affiliate family research center with the Mormon Church in Salt Lake City, Utah, commenting that our citizens will be able to have access to all of the Mormon Church's genealogy materials, and we are the ONLY library in Mid Michigan to have this affiliation.
- That she attended the Northern Michigan Substance Abuse Services, Inc. meeting in Gaylord on Monday, March 1, 2010, noting this was the first time attending, and she found it quite interesting and informative and that she will have materials at a later date to share with the Board.
- That she attended the Data meeting on March 2, 2010, noting that Commissioner Posey will give a full report.
- On attending the Tobacco Township meeting last night, Monday March 8, 2010. Opposition was expressed by citizens present to the merging of the Gladwin County Chamber of Commerce and the EDC. They also discussed a trial program where both Beaverton Fire Department and Billings Fire Department will perform dual response to all calls. This will provide information prior to continuing the contract between the two departments.
- For your information, Beaverton Community Day will be held May 15, 2010, and all are invited to participate.
- Remember the Mom to Mom sale hosted by the Parks and Rec committee will be April 17, 2010. The Parks and Rec committee also has plans to host a Texas Hold'M tournament in June. More details as the time gets closer.

Commissioner Smith then added that she would like the minutes to reflect that Alex Hoag collected the most donations for the Walk for Warmth, and that she has sent a letter congratulating him. Several Board members stated that he had done a great job and was a fine young man.

Commissioner Carl asked Commissioner Smith what the residents of Tobacco Township were disputing with the merger between EDC and the Chamber. Commissioner Smith stated the issue was the private entity combining with a County entity. Discussion.

Commissioner Posey reported:

- On attending the Beaverton Township meeting, commenting that their Board also had concerns with the EDC and Chamber "merger".
- On the Data meeting held March 2nd, and the following topics discussed:

1. The committee drafted a County cell phone policy for consideration by the Board. Discussion. Motion by Commissioner Posey, supported by Commissioner Carl, to adopt the County cell phone policy as presented with an effective date of April 1, 2010. 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, motion passed.
2. The Sheriff's Department also drafted a cell phone / pager policy for use in their department. The Data committee has reviewed it and would ask the Board for their approval for implementation. Motion by Commissioner Posey, supported by Commissioner Smith, to approve the policy as drafted by the Sheriff's Department. 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, motion passed.
3. On discussion with Gina Conrad, Gypsy Moth Director, on use of Indirect Costs to finalize GIS projects. Commissioner Rhode will address this in his report.

Commissioner Carl reported:

- On attending the Central Michigan District Health Department meeting on the 24th.
- On the meeting at Gladwin City Hall on the 1st.
- On attending the Data meeting held on the 2nd.
- On the Planning Commission meeting on the 3rd.
- On attending the Clement Fire Department Pancake Dinner on the 6th, and the Crimestoppers basketball game at Beaverton High School on the same evening.
- That his Township meetings are beginning tonight.

Commissioner Reid reported:

- That his Township meetings are coming up.
- On a meeting with Bob Moffit, Gladwin City Administrator, and Northern Michigan Initiatives. Commissioner Reid provided an overview of services that can be provided to struggling businesses by Northern Michigan Initiatives, stating that they will be a benefit to the County.
- That the ORV road change deadline is March 30th, commenting that he has received phone calls and has spoken to the Road Commission on matters.
- That he would like to remove the road in Sherman Township from the map instead of marking it closed. Commissioner Reid and Ms. Conrad will work on a map for approval at the March 23rd Board meeting.
- That he has been in communications with Rick Ghent and the Courthouse project will be wrapped up soon.

Commissioner Rhode reported:

- On attending the Central Michigan Health Board meeting the end of February. The Board is working on areas to improve their health ratings.
- On attending the meeting at City Hall on the 1st.

- On the Central Michigan Health Finance meeting on the 2nd.
- That he has reviewed that cash balances report and would ask that all departments be careful with their expenditures, noting that there will be a shortfall in cash before June.

Finance Matters:

1. Justin Schneider, Building Supervisor, has requested that his 371 and 410 budgets be updated to reflect Zoning expenses separate from Construction Codes expense. Below are the budget amendments needed to accommodate this request.

101-371-705.01		\$25,275.00
101-371-720.0		\$15,464.00
101-410-706.04	\$25,275.00	
101-410-420.0	\$15,464.00	

Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Reid, to approve the budget amendments as requested.

2. Gina Conrad, Gypsy Moth Coordinator, has requested to suspend the transfer of her indirect costs for 2010 to finalize the GIS and aerial photography project. The Finance committee is recommending that the transfer of indirect costs be suspended until September so that funding can be reviewed at that time. Discussion. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Reid, to approve the request to suspend the transfer until September for review. Ayes carried, motion passed. Ms. Conrad then asked that the Board consider allowing the Chairman to sign the contract with Amalgam for the completion of Butman Township, County update, contract for quarterly maintenance and web mapping. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Posey, to allow the Chairman to sign the contract with Amalgam upon presentation. Roll call vote as follows: Rhode – yes, Reid – yes, Posey – yes, Smith – yes, Whittington –yes, Walters – yes, Carl – yes. 7 yes, 0 no. Ayes carried, motion passed.
3. Mike Brubaker, 911 Director, has requested that two dispatchers be allowed to attend “When the 911 caller is a kid” training in Lansing. Total cost of \$490.00 for the training and \$65.00/1 night of lodging to be paid from 282-000-804.001 if approved. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Carl, to approve the training as outlined. Ayes carried, motion passed.
4. Mike Brubaker, 911 Director, has requested that allowable training hours (regular & overtime) be transferred to the General Fund from the 282 fund as listed below:

From	282-000-804.001	\$3,602.40
To	101-422-704.000	\$1,895.11
To	101-422-706.004	\$1,707.29

Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Walters, to transfer the funds as outlined. Ayes carried, motion passed.

5. Undersheriff, Ray Hartwell, has requested that one of his patrol vehicles be sold. (2005 Crown Victoria 168K miles) In addition, the Finance committee is requesting that the two unused, unassigned, Crown Victoria’s that are parked behind the Sheriff’s Department. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Walters, to sell the vehicles as is by sealed bid. Ayes carried, motion passed.

County Clerk, Laura Brandon-Maveal, asked that the Board take action to approve a donation of 8 hours of sick time between Sheriff Department employees. Motion by Commissioner Walters, supported by Commissioner Carl, to allow the Clerk to adjust the payroll records to accommodate the donation. Ayes carried, motion passed.

Commissioner Walters commented that there are two Veterans here today, and would ask if anyone is interested in serving on Honor Guard it would be cherished. Commissioner

Walters invited those interested to attend the next Veterans meeting, or call and speak with Ginny Grant.

Commissioner Reid commented on the three buildings that have been sold in the City of Gladwin for renovations. Commissioner Reid thanked the efforts of the Gladwin City Administrator and the Downtown Development Authority for their “big work”, noting that it feels good to see things move forward.

Commissioner Smith commented on the County’s paperless policy and the savings to the County over that past 9 months. Commissioner Smith then stated that future “copies” of change listing to committee appointments should be done by e-mail, as she feels it is a waste of paper to continue to make copies. Commissioner Reid noted that he also preferred changes by e-mail.

Commissioner Carl asked that the County phone number listed be checked and that any incorrect numbers be changed, noting that a few Townships had voiced concern over not reaching the correct department when they dialed.

Public Comments –

Bill Babcock inquired further about the Clean Sweep Program.

Bev Przystas, MSU, informed the Board that the Annual Farm Show would be march 23rd from 10 am – 7 pm at the Community Arena. Ms. Przystas stated that her new office assistance, Randy Walker, had put together a website for the Farm Show and had done a great job.

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

*Motion by Commissioner Reid, supported by Commissioner Posey, to adjourn. Ayes carried, **meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m. until March 23, 2010, unless otherwise ordered.***

Laura Brandon-Maveal, Clerk

Terry Whittington, Chairman