

Commissioner's Minutes of September 9, 2008

The Gladwin County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, September 9, 2008. 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 Reid who was excused.

Agenda – Katie Becker from the Housing Commission was added for 10 a.m.

The **minutes of August 26, 2008** were then reviewed. Motion by Commissioner Walters, supported by Commissioner Carl, to approve as presented. Ayes carried, motion passed.

The **semi-monthly Finance Report** totaling \$ 44,279.25 was then considered. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Walters, to approve for payment as presented. Ayes carried, motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - none

Chairman Whittington reported:

- That the appointment of Marie Monaghan to the Gladwin County Department of Human Services Board will expire on October 31, 2008, and with the Boards approval he would re-appoint Ms. Monaghan to that position for a 3 year term. Motion by Commissioner Walters, support by Commissioner Hoag, that the Board approve the re-appointment of Ms. Monaghan. Ayes carried, motion passed.

Sandy Walling, Zoning Administrator, brought an **amendment to the Zoning Ordinance**, as recommended by the Planning Commission. The text change will allow the Zoning Administrator to review additions for existing residential dwellings located in business/industrial districts unless the additions are more than 25 percent of the total square footage. Motion by Commissioner Carl, supported by Commissioner Posey, to approve the amendment as presented. Ayes carried, motion passed.

Commissioner Walters reported:

- That his township meetings are coming up soon – so had nothing to report there.
- On attending the Mental Health Board meeting in Osceola County on August 26th, and on discussion had regarding budget issues.
- On recent ORV legislation – that many residents now feel that they can ride their ORVs on County roads --which is not the case. The legislation only allows Counties and/or Townships the authority to pass their own ordinances that would or would not allow the ORVs access to roads.

Commissioner Hoag reported:

- That he attended the Tobacco Township meeting on Sept. 8 and discussions had regarding the ORV legislation and weed control issues.
- On attending the Sept. 2nd Data committee meeting. Communication had been received from the Probate Court that they want to take over Clerk's copy machine instead of purchase new --as previously approved. The committee feels that the most economical way to go is purchase the new machine. Motion by Commissioner Carl, supported by Commissioner Posey, to support the committee recommendation. Ayes carried, motion passed.

Commissioner Posey reported:

- That on Sept. 2 she also attended the Data committee meeting.
- On attending the Beaverton Township Board meeting on Sept. 8th.

Commissioner Carl reported:

- That he attended the Planning/Zoning committee meeting on Sept. 3rd.
- On attending the Personnel committee meeting on Sept. 8th.
- On questions had regarding the recent ORV legislation.

Commissioner Rhode reported:

- On the East Central meeting of August 27th and topics of discussion had there.
- That on Sept. 2nd he attended the Gladwin City Council meeting.
- On attending the Central Michigan Health Finance meeting on Sept. 3rd in Mt. Pleasant.
- On the Sept. 4th Finance committee meeting – noting discussions were had regarding the 2009 budget.
- On the Sept. 8th Personnel meeting and health insurance discussions with the courts.

Commissioner Rhode continued reporting:

- On matter before Finance:
 1. The Airport Fuel Card project and that grant funds must be approved by the Board. There will be no additional costs in the annual County appropriation to the Airport. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Posey, to approve the grant funds as noted. Ayes carried, motion passed.
 2. That the budget committee is recommending **for the budget year 2009 and thereafter, that only mandatory training, dues and conferences will be approved for payment.** All training, dues and conference requests should be presented by department heads to the committee for consideration. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Carl, to approve the committee recommendation as stated. Ayes carried, motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- *Jan Stewart commented on the continuation of the FORGE paper drive and asked that Commissioners please remind their constituents.*
- *County Treasurer Christy VanTiem informed the Board of the possibility that a commercial building, currently in bankruptcy may be deeded over to the County.*
- *Bev Przystas informed the Board that the new Leadership Program will be starting and particulars of the first meeting.*
- *Undersheriff Ray Hartwell questioned the status of their request for repair of the Detective's car. The matter is being looked into and Commissioner Reid will be asked to contact Mr. Hartwell.*

Chairman Whittington commented on the **Resolution** needed by the **Housing Commission** and that it could be adopted as presented. Motion by Commissioner Hoag, supported by Commissioner Carl, to adopt the resolution authorizing the Chairman to execute the Housing Commission contracts as noted. Roll call vote as follows: Commissioner Walters-yes, Carl-yes, Rhode-yes, Reid-absent, Posey-yes, Hoag-yes and Whittington-yes. Ayes carried, **Resolution #2008-29 is declared adopted.** (Resolution attached)

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

Commissioner Carl then moved to adjourn, supported by Commissioner Hoag. Ayes carried, meeting adjourned at 9:27 a.m. until September 23, 2008 unless otherwise ordered.

Laura Flach
Clerk

Terry Whittington
Chairman