

Commissioner's Minutes of December 11, 2007

The Gladwin County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, December 11, 2007. Chairman Whittington called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call found all Commissioners present.

Agenda- there were no corrections or additions

The **minutes of Nov. 27, 2007** and the Executive Session minutes of the same date were then reviewed. Motion by Commissioner Reid, supported by Commissioner Posey, to approve the minutes as presented. Ayes carried, motion passed.

The **semi-monthly Finance Report** totaling \$72,009.53 was then considered. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Reid, to approve payment as presented. Ayes carried, motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Thomas Malaney, County Commissioner from Alpena currently serving on the MAC Board of Directors, came before the Board. Mr. Malaney spoke on activities and legislation currently being addressed by MAC -- 911 funding, revenue sharing and other issues of importance to counties.

Commissioner Carl commented on a proposed Resolution regarding SB 410 and SB 411 and the Espinoza substitutes. Motion by Commissioner Carl, supported by Commissioner Hoag, to adopt the Resolution in Favor of the Espinoza Substitutes to SB 410 and SB411 with No Amendments as presented. Roll call as follows: Commissioner Hargrave-yes, Carl-yes, Rhode-yes, Reid-yes, Posey-yes, Hoag-yes and Whittington-yes. Ayes carried, Resolution #2007-26 adopted as presented. Resolution attached.

Bill Knight, City-County Transit, came before the Board with contracts for the 08 Operating Budget. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Carl to approve the contract as presented and authorize signature by the Chair. Ayes carried, motion passed. General discussion was then had with Mr. Knight regarding CCT activities and new vehicle acquisitions.

Bob Duby, Emergency Management Coordinator, spoke to the Board on the Hazardous Mitigation Plan and other emergency related matters. Mr. Duby also reported on grants available and equipment to be obtained through these grants. Mr. Duby commented on the Inter-County agreement for funds-noting that all equipment acquisitions will be handled through Bay County, and the County must agree to receive equipment.

Chairman Whittington left the meeting to take a phone call.

Vice Chair Rhode then commenced review of correspondence received by the Chair:

- 2007 Synopsis of District Library events – provided by Karen Eighmy.
- The Northern Michigan Substance Abuse Services Board of Director’s meeting schedule for 2007/2008 provided by Dorothy McMahon.
- On the resignation of Bill Johnston from the Planning Commission.
- On the need for appointment of a Public School Board member to the County Planning Commission.

Commissioner Whittington then resumed the Chair and with the Boards consent noted the following appointments:

Planning Commission

Richard Buell to replace Mike Stumpfig, term expiring 12/31/2010
Kelly Gower to replace William Johnston, term expiring 12/31/2010
Harry McLatcher’s term expiring 12/31/2007 –this position will be eliminated and the committee will now be 7 members.
Marsha Smith will be re-appointed with term expiring 12/31/2010

Zoning Board of Appeals

Jack DeRosa to replace Mike Stumpfig, term expiring 12/31/2010
Frank Grimes to replace Linda Frye, term expiring 12/31/2010

Adolph Presidio, the County representative on Region VII Area Agency on Aging, reported on activities of that board.

The Board then recessed for a short break. All those present sang “Happy Birthday” to Commissioner Rhode. Birthday cake was enjoyed by all.

Meeting then recalled to order by Chairman Whittington.

Commissioner Carl then moved to approve and authorize Chairman Whittington to sign the **Inter-County Agreement with Bay County for receipt of equipment through Emergency Management**. Motion supported by Commissioner Rhode. Ayes carried, motion passed.

Commissioner Rhode then moved to go into Executive Session for a personnel matter. Motion supported by Commissioner Carl. Ayes carried, motion passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Motion by Commissioner Hoag, supported by Commissioner Carl, to return to regular session. Ayes carried, motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - none

Chairman Whittington continued reporting:

- On the letter from Vern Volmering of Construction Codes, giving notice of his retirement Jan. 31, 2008.
- On the letter of resignation from Bill Johnston of the Planning Commission. Motion by Commissioner Carl, supported by Commissioner Hoag, to accept the letter of resignation and direct that a letter of thanks be sent to Mr. Johnston.
- On the Public Hearing for review of the permanent Zoning Ordinance, scheduled for January 2, 2008 at 1 p.m.
- On communication from Karen Eighmy, with updates on District Library activities.

Commissioner Hoag reported:

- That he has missed a couple of his meetings due to illness
- That he did attend the 911 meeting.
- On the Data meeting of Dec. 4th and review of bids for the **IT position** Bob Frei and EPRO both submitted bids. After thorough review it is the committee's recommendation to contract with Mr. Frei for IT services. Motion by Commissioner Hoag, supported by Commissioner Carl, to **renew Mr. Frei's contract for 3- years** as recommended by the committee. Commissioner Hargrave commented on past issues with Mr. Frei. Commissioner Posey noted that she thinks Mr. Frei does a good job even though pulled in all directions at once. Ayes carried, motion passed.

Commissioner Hargrave reported:

- On the Dec. 3rd Veterans Affairs committee meeting and matters addressed by the committee. It was noted that the committee has recommended that Fred Kline be appointed to fill the unexpired term of Bob Tarzwell on the Veterans committee. Chairman Whittington then appointed Mr. Kline in accordance with the committee recommendation.
- That he attended the District Mental Health meeting in Mt. Pleasant on Dec. 4th.

Commissioner Posey reported:

- That she had attended the Grout Township meeting on December 3rd.
- On attending the Data Committee meeting on Dec. 4th.
- On the December 5th Insurance Committee meeting.
- That on December 10th she had attended the Beaverton Township meeting and commented on discussions on the Loose Plastic's expansion and new jobs that will be added.

Commissioner Carl reported:

- On attending the December 3rd Personnel committee meeting.
- That he also attended the Dec. 7th Finance committee meeting.
- On attending a second Personnel committee meeting on December 10th.

Commissioner Reid reported:

- On the Data committee meeting of December 4th.
- On bids received for sale of the 2000 Ford Explorer and continued to open bids as follows:

Jud Eastman	\$1010
/s/ Frank Grimes	\$1025
/s/ Kurt Kocur	\$ 600

Motion by Commissioner Reid, supported by Commissioner Carl, to sell the vehicle to Mr. Grimes for \$1025.00. Ayes carried, motion passed.

Commissioner Rhode reported:

- That the attended the Central Michigan Distinct Health Finance meeting in Mt. Pleasant on Nov. 28 and that same evening he attended the regular Health Board meeting in Harrison. It was noted that request had been made to the State – to increase funding for health department operations.

A proposed **RESOLUTION TO ADVOCATE FOR PRIORITIZATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES WHEN THE STATE'S SHARE OF THE COST IS LESS THAN 40% FOR THE SERVICES**, was offered by Commissioner Rhode, with motion for adoption. Motion supported by Commissioner Carl. Roll call vote as follows: Commissioner Carl-yes, Rhode-yes, Reid-yes, Posey-yes, Hoag-yes, Whittington-yes and Hargrave-yes. Ayes carried, Resolution #2007-27 is declared adopted. (Resolution attached)

Commissioner Rhode continued reporting:

- That he had attended the Personnel committee meeting of Dec. 3rd.
- That on Dec. 4th he attended the house numbering meeting
- On the Insurance committee meeting on Dec. 5th
- On the Dec. 6th Personnel committee meeting
- That on Dec. 7th he had attended the Finance committee meeting
- That on Dec. 10th he had attended the Personnel committee meeting in the morning and Michigan Works in the evening.
- On matters before Finance as follows:

1. That Ron Taylor, **Animal Control Officer**, had requested **budget amendments** to his budget:

101-430-727.000 Supplies	\$1000.00
101-430-920.000 Utilities	\$500.00
101-430-705.000 P/T Clerk	\$500.00

Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Reid, to approve amendments as outlined. Ayes carried, motion passed.

2. On a proposal for amendment to the **county contribution to retiree insurance** – for those retiring prior to April 1, 2000 – whose retirement costs have not been addressed by union contract. It was noted that this proposal had been reviewed by the insurance committee as well as the Finance committee and recommended by both for adoption.

The County monthly contribution for retirees currently on county retiree insurance plans, who retired prior to April 1, 2000, (whose retirement costs have not been addressed by union contract) will be set at \$300.00 per month/per plan. In cases where both spouses are retired from the County—the County will contribute \$450.00 per month for the couple.

Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Carl, to approve payment for retiree insurance as cited, effective 1/1/2008. Ayes carried, motion passed.

3. That Denise Hall Equalization Director, has requested the following 2007 budget amendments:

101-225-727.002 Reimbursed Supplies	\$500.00
101-225-801.000 Memberships	\$350.00
101-225-727.001 Computer Support	\$150.00

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

Commissioner Rhode continued reporting on matter before Finance:

4. That Ms. Hall had also requested that payment of the GIS training \$643.75 be reimbursed to 239-000-671.000 from 101-225-727.002. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Carl, to make the reimbursement as requested. Ayes carried, motion passed.

5. That Undersheriff Ray Hartwell, has requested permission to purchase 8 snow tires:
 - 2 tires to be paid from Traffic Enforcement Line 101-303-932.000
 - 2 tires to be paid from Secondary Road Patrol Line 101-316-932.000
 - 4 tires to be paid from Sheriff Department Line 101-301-932.000Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Carl, to approve purchase with payment as cited. Ayes carried, motion passed.

Commissioner Hoag then moved to go into required Public Hearing on the Special Fund Budgets. Motion supported by Commissioner Carl. Ayes carried, motion passed.

PUBLIC HEARING

Commissioner Rhode commented on the special fund budgets –that there has been not change since presented at the last meeting.

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

Commissioner Rhode then moved **to approve and adopt the 2008 Special Fund Budgets** as presented. Motion supported by Commissioner Hoag. Ayes carried, motion passed.

Commissioner Rhode then moved to receive and file correspondence and reports received. Motion supported by Commissioner Carl. Ayes carried, motion passed.

Commissioner Rhode then moved to adjourn, supported by Commissioner Hoag. Ayes carried, meeting adjourned at 11:08 a.m. until December 20, 2008 unless otherwise ordered.

Laura Flach
Clerk

Terry Whittington
Chairman