

Commissioner's Minutes of March 11, 2008

The Gladwin County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, March 11, 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.

Agenda – no change

The **minutes of February 26, 2008** were then considered. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Reid, to approve minutes as presented. Ayes carried, motion passed.

The **semi-monthly Finance Report totaling 57,297.90** was then reviewed. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Reid, to approve for payment as presented. Ayes carried, motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - none at this time.

Commissioner Walters was then welcomed to the Board by Chairman Whittington.

Chairman Whittington then commented that Mr. Borushko was here regarding current contract negotiations and that perhaps an Executive Session would be in order. Motion by Commissioner Hoag, supported by Commissioner Posey, to go into Executive Session for discussions on contract negotiations as well as the current law suit. Ayes carried, motion passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Surveyors Matt Miles and Tom Sage addressed Board regarding the State Remonumentation Program. Mr. Sage spoke on his history and expertise in this area, noting that he had noticed that in some areas the remonumentation program is often limited to one survey company. Mr. Sage asked that Gladwin look into the programs of other Counties and allow private surveyors to have a part in the program. County Affairs committee will schedule a meeting and meet with Mr. Miles and Mr. Sage for further discussion.

Bill Borushko, then spoke to the board regarding the union contract negotiated with the **POLC Command Unit**- noting that wages were tied to Deputies, the county health care plan was accepted, B-4 MERS Plan was added. Mr. Borushko recommended that the Board ratify the contract as negotiated. Motion by Commissioner Hoag, supported by Commissioner Carl to ratify the contract as presented. Roll call vote as follows: Commissioner Walters-yes, Carl-yes, Rhode-yes, Reid-yes, Posey-yes, Hoag-yes and Whittington-yes. Ayes carried, the **Command contract is ratified**.

Chairman Whittington then read communication from EDC director Frank Starkweather regarding the proposed Resolution of Intent to establish a Brownfield Redevelopment authority. Motion by Commissioner Posey, supported by Commissioner Reid, to adopt the **RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO CREAT AND PROVIDE FOR THE OPERATION OF A BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR THE COUNTY OF GLADWIN PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ACT 381 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN OF 1996, AS AMENDED.** Roll call vote as follows: Commissioner Carl-yes, Rhode-yes, Reid-yes, Posey-yes, Hoag-yes, Whittington-yes and Walters-yes. **Resolution #2008-11 declared adopted.** (Resolution attached)

Kable Thurlow, MSU Extension – came before the Board with an invitation to attend the Farm & Home show scheduled for Friday, March 14th. Kable spoke on the various events planned for the day and again expressed his wishes that Board members would be able to attend.

Chairman Whittington then presented a proposed **RESOLUTION APPROVING LAW SUIT AGAINST RAYMOND HARTWELL AND LAURENCE EATON.** Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Hoag, to adopt as presented. Sheriff Shea requested that the resolution be read and questioned the timing of the resolution – *in that a resolution was being today for action already taken place in December.* Chairman Whittington explained that there seemed to be some questions as to the Boards actions and this resolution was in response as recommended by the County's attorney. Roll call vote as follows: Commissioner Rhode-yes, Reid-yes, Posey-yes, Hoag-yes, Whittington-yes, Walters-yes and Carl-yes. Ayes carried, **Resolution #2008-12 declared adopted.** (Resolution attached)

Chairman Whittington then read communication from Judge Evans requesting that the Board be present for the mediation scheduled for Monday, March 17th at 10:00 a.m. regarding the Court contract. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Reid, that **a special meeting of the Board be called for mediation attendance on Monday, March 17th at 10:00 a.m.** Ayes carried, meeting will be called and posted as required by law.

Chairman Whittington reported:

- On communications from Mental Health regarding scheduled committee meetings.
- On communication from Region VII Area on Aging along with the draft allocation plan for Sr. services, for the Board's review
- On the first quarter performance report received from the Council on Aging.
- On checks received from Risk Management for annex building repairs in the amount of \$26,785.67 and another check in the amount of \$1875.00 for clean-up.

- On communication from Jan Stewart regarding an appointment to the Solid Waste Committee—noting that Commissioner Walters would be appointed to serve on that committee.
- On receiving a Resolution on Reaching Out Against Road Rage.
- On a resolution recently adopted by Iron County regarding milfoil issues.

Board recessed for five minutes. Recalled to order by Chairman Whittington.

Chairman Whittington then reported that some board members have requested rotating the 3rd member on finance – so the committee will revert to that schedule rotating on a 6 week basis for the remainder of the year.

Review was then had of communication received from auditors Burnside & Lang regarding the issuing of 1099's for use of county vehicles after hours.

Sheriff Shea spoke regarding his interpretation of the communication.

The Sheriff then handed out a copy of union contract language on Liability Coverage and spoke on his position that the County should provide representation to Detective Eaton in the law suit filed by the County.

Sheriff Shea then presented another hand out regarding costs of running the kitchen and the cost savings since he took office - relating that the board doesn't say anything about the savings but in essence takes exception to about a \$1000 in gas costs that is currently in litigation.

Commissioner Posey commented on the law suit – that she may not fully agree -- but she supports the Board's decision.

Sheriff Shea then questioned “where the savings was” which led into discussion of the cars in question being “re-assigned” to other departments and Commissioner Posey noting that there were supposedly 16 cars with only 10 people to drive them.

Commissioner Reid spoke on the financial issues and how departments have worked with the board in handling the necessary financial cuts.

The information from the auditors will be forwarded to the County attorney for review.

Commissioner Hoag reported:

- On the March 4th Data committee meeting and discussions that were had. Commissioner Reid summarized the discussions and the recommendations of the committee. It was noted that the contract with Jason Schuster would be re-negotiated in 2009.
- That he had attended the Tobacco Township meeting on March 10th and noted that the Township is going to do their weed control, separate from Wixom Lake.

Commissioner Carl reported:

- That he attended the Central Michigan Health meeting on Feb. 27th.
- On attending the Personnel committee meetings and negotiations with UAW #6
- That on March 4th he attended the Planning & Zoning meeting.
- That he will be on vacation the month of April and Commissioner Posey would be filling in for him.

Commissioner Walters reported:

- That he had attended both the Sage and Sherman Township meetings.

Commissioner Posey reported:

- That she had attended the Grout Township meeting on March 3.
- On attending the Data Committee meeting on March 4th
- On the March 10th Beaverton Township meeting – noting the extension of the City water main into the township.

Commissioner Reid reported:

- That he had attended the Feb. 26th EDC meeting and on the items of discussions at that meeting.
- On the Buckeye Township meeting of Feb. 27th.
- That he had also attended the Data Committee meeting.
- On the Finance committee meeting of March 6th.
- That he had made a visit to Chappel Dam – noting that the seals are leaking and the steps being taken to ease the problem through the winter thaws.

Commissioner Rhode reported:

- That he had attended the EDC meeting on Feb. 25th.
- On the Personnel meeting of February 28th
- On Services to Seniors and the meal program statistics.

Commissioner Rhode continued reporting:

- That on March 3 he attended the City Council meeting.
- On March 5th he attended the Central Michigan District Health meeting
- On the Finance committee meeting of March 6th.
- On receipt of communication regarding the DHS Child Care Fund #290 and the need for increased funds to care for children placed by the Court. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Carl, to transfer an additional \$13,000 to the Child Care Fund to meet demands as cited. Ayes carried, motion passed.
- On matters before finance as follows:
 1. That Undersheriff, Ray Hartwell, has submitted an estimate for a new transmission for the Detective's car. Estimate of \$1,112.23 from Kocur Krew. Commissioner Rhode noted that the committee had discussed the matter and in light of the current conflict regarding this car, no recommendation would be made.
 2. That Mike Brubaker, 911 Administrator, has requested that 7 **dispatcher** attend "**Active Shooter**" training on the 7th and 10th of April. Three dispatchers will attend the 7th training and four will attend the 10th. There will be no lodging or mileage costs. The total training cost of \$1,393.00 would be paid from 282-000-804.001 if approved. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Posey, to authorize attendance and payment as requested. Ayes carried, motion passed.

Sheriff Shea then commented on the needed repair to the Detective's car-noting that the vehicle is setting at Kocur Krew and that storage fees would be incurred for leaving it sit there. Commissioner Reid then moved to proceed with repair to the vehicle, supported by Commissioner Carl. 4 yes, 3 no, motion passes.

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

Motion by Commissioner Hoag, supported by Commissioner Carl, to adjourn. Ayes carried, meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m. until March 25, 2008 unless otherwise ordered.

Laura Flach
Clerk

Terry Whittington
Chairman