

Commissioner Minutes of May 11, 2010

The Gladwin County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session May 11, 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. (Vacancy created in District 5 based on Commissioner Posey's written resignation).

Agenda – *no correction or additions.*

The **Regular minutes of April 27, 2010 and the Executive Session minutes of April 13, 2010** were then considered. *Motion by Commissioner Carl, supported by Commissioner Walters, 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 - \$88,953.00 231 Fund - \$12,638.49.*

The **semi-monthly Finance report totaling \$65,557.77** 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 –

Frank Starkweather, EDC Director, briefed the Board on the April Bullets issue that is ready to mail, the USDA grant application for Economic Gardening funds, and the CEDS listing that was sent to the Federal level for consideration.

Katie Jimenez, Sage Township resident, came before the Board with a Gypsy Moth spray issue. Ms. Jimenez stated she chose not to have her parcel sprayed and now is having difficulty with neighbors who are enraged because they believe that their property will be affected. Discussion. Chairman Whittington suggested that Ms. Conrad contact Ms. Jimenez and surrounding residents to schedule a meeting to discuss the facts of the issue to remedy the situation.

Jeff Roehrs, Beaverton Township Supervisor, came before the Board in support of Bob Killian as appointment to fill the vacant office created in District 5 by Commissioner Posey's resignation. Darlene Conner, Grout Township Treasurer then stood and stated that her Board has also made a unanimous recommendation to appoint Bob Killian for the vacancy. Chairman Whittington noted past policy would be to post the vacancy in the paper and take letters of interest. Commissioner Carl stated that he has spoken to Mr. Killian, he is interested in filling the vacancy, and with it being an election year, those interested in the position should have come forward and ran for the position. Discussion. Motion by Commissioner Carl, supported by Commissioner Smith, to support Bob Killian in the filling of the District #5 Commissioner vacancy, providing that no other interested persons come forward today by 4:00 p.m. (filing deadline). Ayes carried, motion passed. Commissioners Rhode and Whittington voting no.

Resolutions for Consideration – Commissioner Smith asked that the resolution honoring Dorothy McMahan be included as part of the minutes and that she would discuss the resolution in detail during her report.

Correspondence from the Chairman:

- The Jail Inspection received at 100% compliance again this year. Commissioner Whittington noted that Rick Ghent and his staff do a great job in maintaining the building and should be commended. County Clerk, Laura Maveal, also commented on the hard work and maintenance from Corrections Officer Jim Powell, noting he should be included in any praise.
- On communication received from Butman Township involving the Equalization Department.
- On a letter received from Madeline Hubble, Beaverton Township Clerk, on the requested appointment of Bob Killian to the District #5 Commissioner vacancy.
- On attending the Billings and Bentley Township meetings last night.
- On the request from the Zeitz Daycare to install a removable shed on the rental property. Discussion. Motion by Commissioner Reid, supported by Commissioner Smith, to allow the shed to be placed on the parcel behind the Health Department. Ayes carried, motion passed.
- On the renewal contract between Lapham and the County for remonumentation services.

Chairman Whittington then called for a short break at 9:40 a.m.

Meeting called back to order by Chairman Whittington at 9:50 a.m.

Chairman Whittington commented that Mr. Killian will take the place of Commissioner Posey on both the Data and Gypsy Moth committees.

Committee Reports:

Commissioner Smith reported:

- On receiving a phone call from Betty Myers acknowledging Sherry Augustine's prompt response to Ms. Myers request about the Nester Drain problems. I would like to thank Sherry for her prompt response and for her help in possible solutions to this problem.
- On attending the District Library Board meeting 4-27-10. Friends of the Library Book Sale will be May 13, 14, and 15 at the Main Library in Gladwin. Debbie Drudge has retired from years of service with the Library.
- That she attended Department Heads and Elected Officials meeting on 4-28-10. MOS did a presentation on integration of all printing processes for the Court House. More will be presented on this process as we move along.
- On attending NMSAS Board meeting in Gaylord on 5-3-10. Dorothy McMahon was honored for her many years of service on this Board. You have received a copy of the Resolution adopted honoring Dorothy, and she also received a proclamation from Tim Moore. Two of her three daughters and two granddaughters were also in attendance. It was a beautiful ceremony and Dorothy responded in her very humble manner.
- That she attended DATA meeting on 5-4-10. Items of interest from that meeting:
 - a. Bob Frei will be attending a workshop in Ann Arbor this afternoon. Paul Smith will be covering for Bob while Bob is gone. **Bob requested mileage reimbursement from his travel line item 101-258-860-000 for this workshop. The committee recommends granting the reimbursement.**

Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Carl to allow the request for payment of mileage to Bob Frei for his travel. Ayes carried, motion passed.

- b. Discussion was held over relocating the law books that are currently in the hallway. This recommendation was referred to Building and Grounds for their action.
 - c. The contract for the copier in the Clerk's office expires this Friday, May 14. The copier is 5 years old and requires frequent servicing. A new copier will be set to accept proposed printing changes and equipment, and will cost \$7.00 more per month than the cost of the current contract. **The committee recommends approval of leasing the new copier with the slight increase in cost for the contract.** Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Carl, to allow a new lease to be entered into. Ayes carried, motion passed.
 - d. Bob Frei, with Paul Smith working 20 hours each week, has been able to eliminate some of the backlog of IT requests. The following computer tasks have not been completed: (6 out of 167 requests)
 - 1) Finish implementation of Windows Server 2008
 - 2) Finish enclosed rack in Clerk's office
 - 3) Finish installation of the first Win7 Machine (Jamin)
 - 4) Finish installing NW line to Law Library computer
 - 5) Install dedicated Antivirus Server
 - 6) Roll out Trend Micro antivirus to all machines.
- That she attended Tobacco Township meeting 5-10-10.

Commissioner Walters reported:

- On attending the Mental Health regular and finance meetings on April 27th.
- That the Sacred Heart Mission will have their grand opening on May 22nd, and all are invited to attend.

Veteran Affairs matters:

- An Honor Roll update was given. On section has already been removed, names have been retrieved, letters and glass has been removed. Don Ellena has done a great job keeping the project moving.
- Gladwin County has received over 10 million in benefits for their 2897 residents.
- Two Veterans have passed away. Bob Doke, Clement Township – Post Korean and Petra Vazquez, Gladwin City – WWII.

Commissioner Walters commented that his Township meetings are coming up.

Commissioner Carl reported:

- On attending the Data meeting on May 4th.
- On the Planning meeting held on the 5th of May.
- That his Township meetings begin tonight.
- On the letter received from Butman Township regarding Equalization. Commissioner Carl commented that the County has asked the Townships for money to help fund projects, noting that it is hard to continue to ask them to assist when they are being treated in the manner that they are by the Equalization Department.

Commissioner Carl urged each Board member to inquire of their Townships on Equalization's handling of these matters and that this matter be referred to the appropriate committee to be addressed.

- On communication with Tom Hinman from Gladwin City on the hazardous waste pickup on August 28, 2010. Flyers are being printed for circulation.

Commissioner Carl inquired to whether Commissioner Smith had been placed on Personnel in his place, and if he has taken the place of Commissioner Smith on County Affairs. Chairman Whittington stated that he does not have an issue with the request, and would make sure the change was made on the committee appointment listing.

Commissioner Reid reported:

- On mud bogging issues, noting that a letter has been written by Attorney Jacobson and sent to Ms. Miller and that he will keep the Board updated.
- On attending the Buckeye Township meeting on the 28th of April, noting that Board approved to have a mosquito spray question put on the August ballot.
- On the Finance meeting held on May 7th.
- On discussion regarding ORV maps and the opening/closing of private drives, noting a disclaimer may have to be printed on the maps.
- That his Township meetings are coming up.

Commissioner Reid then read a prepared letter he would like sent to the department heads for budget preparation. Commissioner Reid state the idea behind the letter is to allow anyone the option to submit ideas or share concerns for the Board to consider at budget time. Individuals may e-mail their thoughts to the Board Secretary, or submit an anonymous letter to the Finance committee for their review. Discussion. Motion by Commissioner Reid, supported by Commissioner Smith, to allow the letter to be sent to the departments, along with their budget worksheets, to be due back to the Board by June 7th by 4:00 p.m. Further discussion on the idea of preparing the budget as a committee of the whole. Ayes carried, motion passed.

Commissioner Rhode reported:

- On attending the Central Michigan Health Finance meeting on April 27th.
- On the Department Head meeting on April 28th and the Central Michigan Health regular meeting the same evening to discuss the smoking ban.
- On attending the May 3rd Gladwin City Council meeting where the ORV changes for the City were adopted.
- On attending the May 7th Finance meeting.
- On the Regional Economic Development meeting on the 7th, noting a list of USDA grants was reviewed.
- On the Eastern Michigan Council of Government meeting on May 7th.
- On attending the Housing Commission meeting last night.

Finance Matters:

1. Mike Brubaker, 911, requested that 2 dispatchers be allow to attend a training in Midland "Nix the Negativity". Cost is \$259.00/person. No lodging costs are required. If approved costs to be paid from 282-000-804.001. Motion by

- Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Reid, to approve the training request as presented. Ayes carried, motion passed.
2. Mr. Brubaker also has requested that the annual maintenance agreement for his furniture from Xybix be approved for \$1300.00. Cost to be paid from 280 funds if approved. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Carl, to allow Mr. Brubaker to enter into the maintenance agreement as requested. Ayes carried, motion passed.
 3. Christy VanTiem, Treasurer, has asked permission to do the school tax collections for Secord Township at \$3.00/parcel. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Smith, to allow the Treasurer to administer the tax collection for Secord Township. Ayes carried, motion passed.

Commissioner Whittington commented that the Equalization Director's contract is up in June. Commissioner Reid asked if Ms. Hall was interested in continuing with the position. Discussion. Motion by Commissioner Reid, supported by Commissioner Walters, to send Ms. Hall a letter inquiring her position on the contract. Commissioner Carl commented that Commissioners need to question issues at the Township level and that duties need to be written into the next contract. Ayes carried, motion passed.

Public Comments:

Darlene Conner, Grout Township, inquired about energy grant bids and hopes that the Board stays local with as much work as possible. Ms. Conner also stated that Ms. Hall's Equalization duties need to be reviewed as a lot of her work has been pushed off on the Treasurer. Discussion. Commissioner Reid noted that the issue would be sent to the personnel committee to be addressed.

Commissioner Smith stated that she feels the Board should be better informed of injured employees, noting her embarrassment in allowing the Parks and Recreation President to phone Rick Ghent, and not knowing he was home injured. Discussion.

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

Ms. Conrad commented that a Gypsy Moth committee meeting would be scheduled to address the complaint from earlier this morning.

County Treasurer, Christy VanTiem, stated that a letter has been sent to the Townships notifying them of the changes in Equalization.

Motion by Commissioner Walters, supported by Commissioner Reid, to adjourn. Ayes carried, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m. until May 25, 2010 unless otherwise directed.