

Commissioner's Minutes of February 12, 2008

The Gladwin County Board of Commissioner's met in regular session on Tuesday, February 12, 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.

The **agenda** was reviewed. Chairman Whittington noting that Ms. Ware with the Council on Aging will be taken off and will reschedule for a later date.

The **minutes of January 22, 2008** were then considered. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Hoag, to accept the minutes as presented. Ayes carried, motion passed.

The **semi-monthly Finance Report** totaling \$63,397.61 was then reviewed. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, support by Commissioner Hoag, to approve for payment as presented. Ayes carried, motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Frank Starkweather, Director of Economic Development Program, came before the Board with an up-date on current economic development activities. Mr. Starkweather commented on the various projects in Beaverton City and then commended Henry Miller of Michigan Works for his work with the Dura employees who will be losing their positions due to plant re-location. Mr. Starkweather reported on on-going projects in the City of Gladwin and steps in development of a Brownfield Authority. It was noted that the EDC will be meeting on Wednesday February 13th and will be looking at the establishment of committees.

Bob Moffit, Gladwin City Administrator, then thanked Mr. Starkweather and Kerry Posey for their work in Beaverton and commented on the coming of Michigan Brand to Gladwin. Mr. Moffit also noted his support of the recent grant received by Beaverton City.

Meeting then recessed for a short break. Recalled to order by Chairman Whittington.

Chairman Whittington then reported that Commissioner Hargrave had accepted the position of Interim Airport Manager and has tendered his resignation as County Commissioner effective Feb. 6, 2008. Motion by Commissioner Carl, supported by Commissioner Hoag, to accept the resignation. Ayes carried, motion passed.

Mr. Hargrave spoke on his decision to accept the Airport position and his plans for growth and continued development at the Airport. Commenting that while he will miss Commissioner work –he will continue to be active in the community – and is looking forward to the challenges of the future.

Mary Hess, Prosecuting Attorney, came before the Board and read a prepared statement –thanking the Board for their consideration of the additional person in her office and the recent remodeling project. Ms. Hess commented on the office responsibilities and the time she devotes to her job. Noting that her husband will retire in August – Ms. Hess stated that she did not feel she could continue devoting the time required for the demands of her office and therefore would not be seeking re-election. (statement attached)

Mr. Corey Pratt, CMO, came before the Board with information on cable and internet related services – questioning the possibility of renting space on the county tower. Mr. Pratt spoke on the services he hopes to offer and the preparations being taken to achieve those goals. Mr. Pratt will meet further with the 911 committee and the Data committee for review of his request.

Gina Conrad, Gypsy Moth Coordinator, presented the proposed **Agreement between Amalgam LLC and Gladwin County** for GIS mapping for the Townships of Grim, Clement and Hay. Motion by Commissioner Hoag, supported by Commissioner Carl, to approve the agreement as presented and authorize signing by the Board Chair. Ayes carried, motion passed.

Chairman Whittington reported:

- That the auditors will be here on March 10 to start the 2007 audit.
- That the MMRMA Statements and quarter reports had been received.
- On communication received from Carl Levin.
- On resolutions to consider, received from Kalkaska County and Rep. Joel Sheltroun. These will be reviewed and addressed at the next regular meeting.
- On communication from Midland Area Community Foundation.
- On communication from the Roscommon County Planning Commission.
- On the memo received from MDOT

Sandy Walling, Zoning Administrator, presented the proposed increased fee schedule for the zoning department. Discussion was had regarding the amount of the proposed increases--in some instances current fees would be doubled. Ms. Walling explained the need for the adjustment and the rationale used in determining the proposed new rates. Motion by Commissioner Carl, supported by Commissioner Hoag, to approve the increased fee schedule as presented. Commissioners Rhode and Reid voiced concerns with the amount of the increases in light of current economic conditions. Commissioners Hoag and Carl voting in favor of the motion. Commissioners Reid, Posey, Rhode and Whittington voting nay. Motion fails.

Josh Farrell, Candidate for 80th District Court Judge, came before the Board – introducing himself and speaking on his qualifications and background.

Board then recessed for a short break. Recalled to order by Chairman Whittington.

Commissioner Hoag reported:

- On the Feb. 5th Data committee meeting and re-affirmed the Board and committee's position that departments put off major purchases until after July.
- On attending the Feb. 11th Tobacco Township Board meeting and decisions on weed control matters.

Commissioner Carl reported:

- That he attended the C. Mi. District Health Board meeting in Clare on Jan. 23rd.
- On attending the Personnel committee meetings on January 24 and Feb. 4th.
- That he attended the Legislative Breakfast on Feb. 8th.
- On the Personnel committee meeting of Feb. 11th and union negotiations with Unit #6.

Commissioner Posey reported:

- That she attended the Grout Township Board meeting on Feb. 4th.
- On attending the Data committee meeting on Feb. 5th
- That she attended the Beaverton Township Board meeting on Feb. 10th

Commissioner Reid reported:

- On the Airport committee meeting and interviews had for airport manager.
- On commented on activities of Buckeye Township and the relocation of business there.

Commissioner Rhode reported:

- That he attended the C. Mi. Health Board meeting on Jan. 23rd.
- On the Jan. 24th Union Negotiations for Unit #6
- That he had attended the E. C. Mi. Planning and Development meeting.
- On attending the Jan. 31st Council on Aging meeting.
- On the Feb. 5th Personnel committee meeting – noting that it is his understanding that the Command Unit has ratified the contract.
- That he also attended the Feb. 7th Finance meeting.
- On the UAW Unit 6 negotiations held on Feb. 11th.
- On the Finance meeting and discussions with Ms. Walling, in Zoning, regarding the wages of her part-time clerk.
- That Personnel committee had also discussed the resignation of Commissioner Hargrave and that the Townships of the district will be contacted for their input – before an appointment is made.
- On matters before Finance as follows:
 1. That at the last meeting a motion was made to have the **2006 indirect cost allocation** be recalculated with regards to costs of the Treasurer’s Office. Since that time the committee has met and reviewed the matter and information from Maximus - and the Treasurer’s office costs will not be recalculated by Maximus.
 2. That the **Construction Codes Department** has asked that their inactive line #101-000-644.000 be re-titled to “Construction Codes-Misc. Dept. Revenue” to be used for recording of uncategorized revenues. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, support by Commissioner Carl, to re-title the revenue line as requested. Ayes carried, motion passed.
 3. That the Sheriff Department care 26-12 has now gone to FOC for use in the bench warrant enforcement, and that the old **grey Crown Victoria** that was used for enforcement can now be sold. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Reid, to authorize that bids be taken for sale of the old car. Ayes carried, motion passed.

Commissioner Rhode continued reporting on matters before Finance:

4. That Jail Administrator Justin Eastman has requested authorization to enroll with the **Corrections Training Consortium for 2008**, with cost of \$1785.00 to be paid from 101-351-804.000. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Hoag, to authorize enrollment as requested. Ayes carried, motion passed.
5. That Mr. Eastman has also requested to send 3 **officers to training concerning “custodial infections control”** at a cost of \$837.00 to be paid from 264-000-607.000. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Reid, to approve training as requested. Ayes carried, motion passed.
6. That 911 Administrator Mike Brubaker has calculated the **2007 hours to be reimbursed to the General Fund from the 282 Wireless Fund -** \$4545.36 from 282-000-804.000 to 101-422-704.000. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Posey, to authorize the Treasurer to make the transfer, with posting to reimburse the expense year. Ayes carried, motion passed.
7. That **Ron Taylor, Animal Control**, has submitted request to attend his annual conference to be held in Grand Rapids March 25-27. Cost of registration \$225.00 with hotel costs of \$150.00 for 2 nights would be paid from 101-430-860.000. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Reid, to authorize attendance with payment made as requested. Ayes carried, motion passed.
8. Request has been submitted by District Judge Allen, that **Magistrate Greer be granted a 1.5% wage increase effective 1/1/08** the same increase that was given to other department heads and non-union staff. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Carl, to approve the increase as requested. Ayes carried, motion passed.
9. That Bob Frei, IT Director, has requested authorization to spend up to \$2000.00 for a **laptop for Judge Evans in Circuit Court**. If approved the funding will be paid from 231-900-970.131. Discussion. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Reid, to approve purchase, with the stipulation that it be made after July 2008, in accordance with the request of finance that all major purchases be postponed to later in the year. Ayes carried, motion passed.

Commissioner Rhode continued reporting on matters before Finance:

10. That Undersheriff Ray Hartwell has requested that the **Sheriff Department** be allowed to purchase **2 new cameras** for documenting of evidence. If approved the purchase cost of \$1958.00 would be made from 101-301-933.000. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Hoag, to authorize the purchase –again with the stipulation that actual purchase be made later in the year, in accordance with direction of the finance committee. Ayes carried, motion passed.
11. That **Rick Ghent** has submitted request to be paid for **5 days of unused vacation - \$728.35**, as allowed under current union contract. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Carl, to approve payment as requested. Ayes carried, motion passed.
12. The recent letter from Court Administrator Darrell Schlese, regarding the Court's Non-Union Personnel Policy. Noting that the policy contains certain economic issues that should be addressed with the funding units.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Marti Miller spoke on the vacancy created by the resignation of Commissioner Hargrave – noting that she would like to be considered for appointment.

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

Motion by Commissioner Posey, supported by Commissioner Hoag, to adjourn. Ayes carried, meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.m. until February 26, 2008 unless otherwise ordered.

Laura Flach
Clerk

Terry Whittington
Chairman