

Commissioner Minutes of May 12, 2009

The Gladwin County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session May 12, 2009. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Vice-Chairman Rhode. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call found all Commissioners present except Commissioner Whittington who was excused.

Agenda – There were no corrections or additions to the agenda.

The **Regular minutes April 28, 2009** were then considered. *Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Posey, to approve the minutes as presented. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

The **semi-monthly Finance report totaling \$90,116.84** was then considered for payment. *Motion by Commissioner Reid, supported by Commissioner Walters, to approve the bills for payment as presented. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

Public Comments –

Frank Starkweather came before the Board with an **EDC update**. Mr. Starkweather reviewed upcoming programs and a workshop he had attended. Commissioner Carl commented on a business on M-30 and asked if the townships were receiving a copy of the EDC “Bullets”. The Secretary commented that they were.

Jan Stewart, FORGE, passed out a flyer for their townships informing them of their *extended hours*. Ms. Stewart commented that the paper drive is proving successful.

Vice-Chairman Rhode then asked the Board if they wanted to consider the resolution for *Road Rage Awareness Week*. The Board took no action at this time.

Correspondence from the Chairman-

- A letter dated May 5, 2009 to Undersheriff Hartwell from the County Clerk in regards to a FIOA request.
- On a Notice to commit from the United Way 211 committee. Commissioner Rhode explained that this is a number used similar to 911 for emergency services for heat, food, etc, noting that it should be in line soon. Discussion. Commissioner Smith asked who was responsible for notifying the newspapers. Commissioner Rhode noted that Health Human Services will put out communication.

Sandra Walling, Zoning Administrator, then asked the Board’s consideration of **two resolutions**. Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Walters, to revise the zoning district in Grout Township from R-F to B-2. Roll call vote as follows: Walters – yes, Carl – yes, Rhode – yes, Reid – yes, Posey – yes, Smith – yes,*

Whittington – excused. 6 yes, 0 no, 1 excused. **Ayes carried, Resolution 2009-015 declared adopted.** *Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Posey, to revise the zoning district in Butman Township from R-F to B-1.* Roll call vote as follows: Carl – yes, Rhode – yes, Reid – yes, Posey – yes, Smith – yes, Whittington – excused, Walters – yes. 6 yes, 0 no, 1 excused. **Ayes carried, Resolution 2009-016 declared adopted.**

Committee Reports –

Commissioner Smith reported:

- On attending the Library Board meeting on the 28th, reminding everyone that the Friends of the Library book sale would be held this weekend.
- On being invited to sit on a panel for the Gladwin County Hospice on the 29th, commenting that it was a teleconference dealing with the “end of life issues” for different cultures. Commissioner Smith noted that it was very interesting.
- On attending the Data committee meeting on the 5th.
- On the Tobacco Township meeting last night.

Commissioner Walters reported:

- On attending the Community Mental Health meeting on the 28th in Harrison, noting that money was tight and the issues with cutbacks.
- On the Veterans meeting. The State and Federal Governments have cutback the funding on the Field Officer that assists the office. The Memorial flags have been placed. Thanks to Jim Fox, Earl Chervus, Mark Schultz, Leo Martinosi, and Bill Bryant for their work in placing the flags. Commissioner Walters then thanked Fred and Ida Cline and Joe White for covering the Veterans office while Ms. Grant attended a conference. The Veterans Clinic in Clare held it’s opening May 8th, and will be accepting patients, scheduled through Saginaw, beginning May 18th. Commissioner Walters then stated that the following veterans have passed away: Gerald Scott, WWII, Beaverton Township, Clifton Owens, WWII, Hay Township, and Delbert Boakes, WWII, City of Gladwin, noting that there are 2946 Veterans in Gladwin County.

Commissioner Posey reported:

- On attending the Grout Township meeting on the 4th.
- On the Finance meeting on the 8th.
- On attending the Beaverton Township meeting on the 11th.
- That Beaverton City would be holding its Annual Community Day on this Saturday the 16th.
- On attending the Data meeting on the 5th. Topics included: A letter prepared by Attorney Doug Jacobson to an individual for unauthorized distribution of GIS without permission. Passwords will be set up between Bob Frei and Gina Conrad for use on updates to the data to the Townships. Discussion. Motion by

Commissioner Posey, supported by Commissioner Carl, to allow the letter drafted by Attorney Jacobson to be sent. Ayes carried, motion passed. The Gladwin County Record will be publishing a "Destination Publication" and would like to use the County's ORV map. The Data committee spoke with Ms. Conrad and is recommending a one time fee of \$100.00 be charged to the Gladwin County Record for use of the map for publication. Discussion on copyright. Commissioner Reid voiced concern of charging for the map if it is for "promotion" of Gladwin County versus a "resale" item for the newspaper. Discussion. Ms. Conrad stated that the next maps that are circulated will have a copyright and a disclaimer on them. Motion by Commissioner Posey, supported by Commissioner Smith, to charge the Gladwin County Record a one time fee of \$100.00 for the publication of the ORV map. Ayes carried, motion passed. The Data committee also discussed two options for the mounting of the monitor. The committee will bring a recommendation back to the next Board meeting. The final item the Data committee discussed was the purchase of a cabinet to secure the LEIN network infrastructure located in the backroom of the Clerk's office. Discussion. Motion by Commissioner Posey, supported by Commissioner Carl, to approve the purchase of the cabinet for up to \$1500.00 and to be paid from 101-258-815.003. Ayes carried, motion passed.

Commissioner Carl reported:

- On the application for Federal assistance from Butman Township for their waste water sewer system. Commissioner Carl is asking that the Board prepare a letter to USDA acknowledging that the County Board was in receipt of a copy of the application for grant funds from Butman Township. Motion by Commissioner Carl, supported by Commissioner Posey, to allow the Vice-Chairman to sign the letter to USDA upon preparation. Ayes carried, motion passed.
- On attending the Data committee meeting.
- On attending the Zoning meeting.

Commissioner Reid reported:

- On attending a meeting the Gladwin City Manager and John Fink on the 29th in regards to the Iditarod, noting that they are looking at the first week in February and that it should be a great success.
- On the final approval needed on the trail map for the ORV use. Discussion. Motion by Commissioner Carl, supported by Commissioner Smith, to allow Commissioner Reid to move forward with the improvement and signage of the ORV trail system. Ayes carried, motion passed. Discussion on printing general ORV laws on the back of the maps that are being sold. Commissioner Reid and Ms. Conrad will work with the Sheriff on a set of general laws to print on the back of the maps.
- On correspondence from State Representative Sheltroun to the Road Commission.

- On communication with an employee from Granholm's office in respect to passing of Grant funds, and concern in closing down campgrounds.
- On working with Hay Township in writing a grant to place a bridge over Smallwood Lake for ORV, pedestrian, and bike traffic.
- On communication with the Department of Energy, noting that grants for "shovel ready" projects will be available in August and still can be considered. Commissioner Smith noted that there will be an ORV meeting at the Road Commission May 21st at 7 p.m.

Commissioner Rhode reported:

- On the Central Michigan Health meeting in Mt. Pleasant on the 28th, noting that information is being put together on the swine flu.
- On attending a seminar in Grayling on the 29th pertaining to County Budget process. A copy of the manual was given to each Board member for their review. Commissioner Rhode reviewed that packet and asked that the Board consider creating a mission statement and vision for the County to adopt as a guideline or goal. Commissioner Rhode noted that the Finance committee will be calling a committee of the whole meeting before they begin work on the 2010 budget so that all Board members will have the opportunity to voice their input for proposed cuts, additions, or changes.
- On attending a meeting for the house numbering project on the 30th. The committee is looking into grants for the operation of this project.
- On the EMCG meeting on the 1st, noting that a list of grants were reviewed for non-profit organizations.
- On attending the EDC Executive meeting in the afternoon of the 1st, noting that the Board is very eager to get businesses established in Gladwin County.
- On the City Counsel meeting on the 4th. Gladwin City cleanup will also be May 16th.
- On a meeting on the 5th with Lauren Essenmacher in regards to the State of Michigan funding cuts for the senior meals program. Discussion.
- On attending the Counsel on Aging Annual Meeting in Clare on the 6th.

Finance Matters:

1. Sandra Walling, Zoning Administrator, has requested to **maintain \$20.00 in petty cash** for her office to make change. Approval needed to allow the Treasurer to establish petty cash for the Zoning office in the amount of \$20.00. *Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Carl, to allow for the petty cash request. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
2. The **Sheriff has requested to attend the 2009 MSA Summer Conference in Frankenmuth.** Cost of the registration is \$275.00 with \$241.50 in lodging expenses to be paid from 101-301-804.000. *Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Smith, to allow the Sheriff to attend conference as requested.* Commissioner Reid asked if the training was mandatory and if he needed to spend the night in Frankenmuth. Discussion. Ayes carried, **motion passed.**

The Board then recessed at 10:00 a.m.

Vice-Chairman Rhode called the meeting back to order at 10:10 a.m.

Doug Jacobson, Attorney, came before the Board to speak with them in regards to the pending Zoning litigation. Discussion on history of case. *Motion by Commissioner Reid, supported by Commissioner Carl, to allow the Zoning Clerk to issue the permit and to not proceed any further with the court matter. Ayes carried, **motion passed.***

Public Comments – none

The Board then recessed at 10:20 a.m.

The meeting was called back to order at 10:32 a.m. by Vice-Chairman Rhode.

Brian Cote, Cadillac Insurance, came before the Board and presented statistics and savings since inception of the County's HRA plan in 2007. Discussion on projected savings for 2009. Mr. Cote commented on services offered through Cadillac Insurance for the Board's consideration. Discussion. Vice-Chairman Rhode thanked Mr. Cote for making his presentation and stated that he looked forward to working with him on the 2010 budget.

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

*Motion by Commissioner Reid, supported by Commissioner Posey, to adjourn. Ayes carried, **motion passed.** Meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m. until May 26, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. unless otherwise ordered.*

Laura Brandon
Clerk

Bill Rhode
Vice-Chairman