

Commissioners Minutes of May 13, 2008

The Gladwin County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, May 13, 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: Chairman Whittington noted the addition of consideration of a MERS Resolution and noted that Sandy Walling cannot be here for the 9:45 matter – but noted that Kim Donn will be here to answer any questions the Board may have.

The **minutes of April 22, 2008** were then reviewed. Motion by Commissioner Posey, supported by Commissioner Reid, to accept the minutes as presented. Ayes carried, motion passed.

The **semi-monthly Finance** Report totaling \$206,272.44 was then presented for consideration. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Walters, to approve for payment as presented. Ayes carried, motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Frank Starkweather gave a brief update on current Economic Development projects.

Anthony Jenkins, candidate for 80th District Court Judge, spoke to the Board on his background and qualifications for the judicial position.

Drain Commissioner Sherry Augustine came before the Board with a proposed **Resolution regarding the Extension of Maturity of Chappel Dam Assessment District Bond Anticipation Note, Series 2006**. Ms. Augustine explained the resolution was necessary due to delay of a decision by the Appellate Court. Discussion. Roll call vote as follows: Commissioner Walters-yes, Carl-yes, Rhode-yes, Reid-yes, Posey-yes, Hoag-yes and Whittington-yes. Ayes carried, Resolution #2008-18 declared adopted. (Resolution attached)

Gina Conrad came before the Board for discussion and decision regarding **GIS Data** up-date pricing. Ms. Conrad explained that she has someone who wants to purchase the whole Shapefile but inquiring about the price for up-dating. It is being proposed that yearly up-dates be provided at \$2000.00 for each year to be upgraded. Discussion on proposed annual updates and the suggestion made, that the data pricing document be reviewed by attorney. Gina will have attorney review the pricing contract as well as the Usage/Sales Agreement and bring back her findings for reconsideration at the next meeting.

Chairman Whittington reported:

- On receiving the Kankaska County resolution for “Common Water Use”.
- On the **MERS Resolution** required for implementing the changes negotiated in the **POLC Command Unit**. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Hoag, to adopt the resolution as presented. Roll call vote as follows: Commissioner Carl-yes, Rhode-yes, Reid-yes, Posey-yes, Hoag-yes, Whittington-yes and Walters-yes. Ayes carried, **Resolution #2008-19** declared adopted. (Resolution attached)
- On communication from the Dept. of Human Services along with their annual report for Fiscal year 2007.
- That the MRMA Financial Report had been received and was available for Board members review.
- That the Employment Contract for Emergency Services was about to expire and could be renewed for the period June 5, 2008 – June 4, 2011. Discussion with the question raised as to if the contract should have a clause on use of county owned vehicles? Matter will be referred to the County Affairs committee for consideration.
- Communication from POLC regarding an ongoing grievance.
- On various communications from Region VII Area Agency on Aging including the Aging’s proposed Annual Implementation Plan for Fiscal Year 2009. Motion by Commissioner Walters, supported by Commissioner Carl, that the County forward a letter of support for the plan as requested. Ayes carried, motion passed. Chairman Whittington will sign the letter of support.
- That the Unit # 6 UAW Contract was now completed as negotiated. Motion by Commissioner Carl, supported by Commissioner Walters, to approve and accept the contract as presented. Ayes carried, motion passed.

Board then recessed for a short break to allow signing of the contract. Recalled to order by Chairman Whittington.

Chairman Whittington continued reporting.

- On copies of the attorney billings in the Griffin vs. County of Gladwin case involving Mr. Reznick. Sheriff Shea commented on his hiring of a paper service company and the deputizing of employees for paper service in the County. Discussion was had on regarding continued use of these servers – the Sheriff noting that yes they were still being used and he had no problem with it.

Commissioner Posey reported:

- That she had attended the Council of Local Government meeting on April 28th.
- That on May 1 she got to watch Commissioner Reid ride a donkey.
- On May 5 she attended the Grout Township Board meeting.
- On attending the May 6 Data committee meeting.
- That she also attended the Beaverton Township Board meeting on May 12.

Commissioner Walters reported:

- On the Personnel meeting last week.
- That he had attended the Mental Health meeting in Harrison and had been appointed to the finance committee.
- On meeting with the Treasurer regarding having a **dog census** done and recommended that the rate be raised from \$1.00 to \$1.50 per dog for the census. Discussion was had on the advantages of having a census – which has not been completed in several years. Motion by Commissioner Hoag, supported by Commissioner Posey to raise the pay to \$1.50 per dog to have the census done. Ayes carried, motion passed. An ad will be placed seeking someone to conduct the census.
- On attending the American Cancer Society meeting.

Commissioner Hoag reported:

- On the May 6 Data committee meeting.
- On attending the May 12 Tobacco Township Board meeting and discussions regarding weed control.
- On consideration by the Data committee of BS & A software for the Construction Codes Dept. and that the matter is being considered for the 2009 budget.

Commissioner Carl reported:

- On attending the April 25th Personnel committee meeting
- On the April 30th Finance committee meeting with the Clerk and Treasurer.
- On the May 7 Planning committee meeting and the proposed Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance. Motion by Commissioner Carl, supported by Commissioner Walters, to approve and adopt the amendments as presented. Ayes carried, motion passed..
- That on May 8th he attended the Butman Township Board meeting.

Commissioner Rhode reported:

- That on April 22 he had attended the Sports Complex meeting.
- On April 23rd he had attended the C. Mi. Health Board meeting – discussions on solar and windmill energy
- On attending the April 25th Personnel meeting.
- That he had attended the Central Mi. Health Board finance meeting on April 30th.
- On attending the East Central P & D. meeting in Pinconning on May 2nd.
- On the Housing Commission meeting of May 12.
- That on May 9th he had attended the Finance committee meeting as well as the Leadership class graduation ceremonies.
- On matters before Finance as follows:
 1. That **Beaverton City** is now ready to **reimburse** the County \$1677.56 for **overpayment of DDA collections** from years 1998-2006 and is requesting that a letter be drafted stating that this amount will serve as payment in full for the years stated. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Hoag, that the letter be drafted and sent as requested. Ayes carried, motion passed.
 2. That Treasurer Christy VanTiem is requesting that the Board make a decision on the request of Gladwin Schools **to waive the collection fees for summer tax** (\$3.10 per parcel or a total of **\$6,590.00**) Discussion. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Carl, to waive fees as requested. Ayes carried, motion passed.

Commissioner Rhode continued reporting on matters before finance:

3. That **Undersheriff Ray Hartwell** has requested to purchase 24 tires for the patrol vehicles. Total price of \$2491.92 to be paid as follows:

\$ 415.32	101-303-932.000
\$ 415.32	101-316-932.000
\$1661.28	101-301-932.000

Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Walters, to allow purchase with payment as stated. Ayes carried, motion passed.

4. That **Undersheriff Hartwell** has also requested that 4 persons be allowed to attend an **MMRMA training** in Mt. Pleasant on June 16th at \$25.00 each to be paid as follows:

\$25.00	101-422-804.000
\$50.00	101-301-804.000
\$25.00	101-351-804.000

Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Walters, to allow attendance with payment as noted. Ayes carried, motion passed.

5. That **Deputy Clerk Laura Brandon** has requested payment for 35 hours of unused vacation, as allowed under the UAW Unit #7 contract. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Carl, to authorize payment as requested, from Ms. Brandon's wage line. Ayes carried, motion passed.

6. That **Zoning Administrator Sandy Walling** has requested that 5 ZBA members, 6 Planning Commission members, the clerk and herself, be allowed to attend a training seminar at \$100.00 each. Discussion. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Walters, to **authorize attendance of up to 6 persons** (2 from each board, the clerk and administrator) with payment from the travel and training budget lines. Ayes carried, motion passed.

7. That the **292 Child Care Fund** is in need of further appropriations, and the Finance Committee is recommending that \$100,000.00 be appropriated, to be transferred as needed to cover child care expenses.

Commissioner Posey voiced concerns about the requested and budgeted funds for child care, noting that those have long been surpassed and questioning how to get a handle on this spending.

Commissioner Rhode noted that the County must pay child care expenses- that there was really no way to accurately anticipate what expenses will occur, and that they (the board) really have no control of those expenses, the County just pays.

Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Walters, to approve the appropriation, to be transferred as needed. Ayes carried, motion passed. (Commissioner Posey voting no)

Commissioner Rhode continued reporting on matters before finance:

8. That the Finance Committee is recommending that **up to \$300,000.00 be approved for borrowing from the 275 RSRF** (*Revenue Sharing Reserve Fund – county tax dollars set aside as required by law*), and transferred as needed, until tax collection funds become available in July. It is expected that reimbursement will be made by October 2008. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Reid, to approve the borrowing with transfer as needed, as recommended by committee. Ayes carried, motion passed. (Commissioner Posey voting no)
9. On receipt of correspondence from Court Administrator Darrell Schlese requesting payment of **billings for the Court's Attorney** during contract mediation, **in the amount of \$8265.47**. The committee had no recommendation on this matter. No action was taken.

Commissioner Reid reported:

- That on April 23 he attended the Buckeye Township Board meeting
- On May 1 he participated in the fund raising event at the Arena
- On the Data committee meeting – noting that Circuit Court is still requesting a laptop computer – and that will be looked at after July.
- That he was not able to attend the Hay Township meeting on May 8
- On attending the Airport meeting prior to today's meeting and on current projects and activities there.
- On the **“car” situation** and that he feels the whole issue needs to be settled. He (Commissioner Reid) then moved that **upon return of the two vehicles in question, that the law suit be dropped**. Motion supported by Commissioner Walters. Roll call vote as follows: Commissioner Rhode-yes, Reid-yes, Posey-yes, Hoag-yes, Whittington-yes, Walters-yes and Carl-yes. Ayes carried, motion passed.

Commissioner Carl commented further on the GIS agreements and contracts – noting that he usually likes to run things by his townships prior to making decisions.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sheriff Shea commented on the USDA grant for purchase of 3 new patrol vehicles – that the grant was received because they (the Sheriff's Dept.) were short on vehicles. The Sheriff further noted that 3 older vehicles were either sold or re-distributed to other departments – leaving the same number of vehicles as they started with. The Sheriff added that to take out 2 more vehicles would basically tie his hands.

Commissioner Reid commented that times are hard and while he understands the Sheriff's position, he has to act in the best interest of the County and the district he represents.

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

Commissioner Carl moved to adjourn, supported by Commissioner Hoag. Ayes carried, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m. until May 27, 2008 unless otherwise ordered.

Laura E. Flach
Clerk

Terry Whittington
Chairman