

Commissioners Minutes of August 14, 2007

The Gladwin County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, August 14, 2007. 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 – there were no additions or deletions.

The **minutes of July 24, 2007** were then considered. Commissioner Rhode noted a minor correction on his report – that he attended the health department meeting not the “mental” health meeting, and then moved for adoption of the minutes as corrected. Motion supported by Commissioner Hoag. Ayes carried, motion passed.

The **semi-monthly Finance Report** totaling \$159,063.01 was then presented for review. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, seconded by Commissioner Reid, to approve for payment as presented. Ayes carried, motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Bev Przystas, Cooperative Extension Director, commented on the Leadership Program that will again be offered in September, noting that they are still taking application for the program which lasts for 9 months—the group meets on the second Friday of each month.

Treasurer Christi VanTiem reported to the Board on the passing of MarLynn Muma’s father and that the Treasurer’s Office would be closed on Wednesday from 10:30 – 12:30 for the funeral.

Chairman Whittington reported:

- On communication from Cost Control Associates- referring it to those Commissioners who would be attending the MAC Conference.
- On a letter received from Dan Laur dated August 9th.
- On communications regarding the “Gift of Life”, noting that further information is being sought.
- On receiving notice that the Sheriff’s Dept. Command Unit is ready to start contract negotiations
- On receipt of the proposed 2007/2008 budget for the Central Mi. Dist. Health Dept.
- On communication from MMRMA regarding copyright laws.

Chairman Whittington continued reporting:

- On current communication from Region VII Area Agency on Aging.
- On receipt of the MMRMA Financial Reports for 2006/2007.

Katie Becker, Gladwin City Housing Commission, came before the Board regarding the Home Owner Rehab grants administered by the Housing Commission. Ms. Becker explained funding issues – particularly use of PIP-Plus funds. It was requested that the Board adopt a **resolution authorizing the Housing Commission to administer PIP-Plus funds in partnership with Roscommon County**. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, seconded by Commissioner Hargrave, to adopt the resolution as presented. Roll call vote as follows: Commissioner Hargrave-yes, Carl-yes, Rhode-yes, Reid-yes, Posey-yes, Hoag-yes and Whittington-yes. **Resolution #2007-15 is declared adopted.** (Resolution attached) General discussion was had with Ms. Becker regarding various programs offered through the Housing Commission.

Drain Commissioner Sherry Augustine, passed out copies of DEQ communication with regards to Chappel Dam issues for the Boards consideration. Ms. Augustine also presented the proposed **resolution to extend the bonding for the Chappel Dam project**. Discussion. Motion by Commissioner Posey, seconded by Commissioner Carl, 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 Hargrave-yes. Ayes carried, **Resolution #2007-16 declared adopted.** (Resolution available at the Clerk's office).

Tom Cummins, Gladwin County Historical Society, came before the Board with comments on the upcoming Carriage Festival. Mr. Cummins commented on the background of the festival and how it came about. Mr. Cummins elaborated extensively on all of the activities and how the event has grown from its initial inception. Commissioners were urged to “talk up” the event and come out and enjoy the festivities.

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

Chairman Whittington noted that reply will be sent acknowledging Mr. Laur's letter.

Chairman Whittington commented on communication received that could lead to potential litigation and noted that an Executive Session would be in order. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Hoag, to go into executive session. Ayes carried, motion passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Commissioner Hargrave moved that, based on discussions had in executive session, Chairman Whittington be authorized to address this matter with the appropriate authorities, including BS&A. Motion supported by Commissioner Rhode. Roll call vote as follows: Commissioner Rhode-yes, Reid-yes, Posey-yes, Hoag-no, Whittington-yes, Hargrave-yes and Carl-yes.

Commissioner Rhode reported:

- On attending the July 25th Health Department meeting and discussions had regarding chicken pox which often appears in adults as shingles, which are very painful. Report was also had on the proposed Health Department Budget for the coming year – which contains a 2% increase in County appropriations. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, to approve the Health Department Budget as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Carl. Ayes carried, motion passed.
- On attending the July 27th meeting regarding house numbering – commenting on procedures and the gathering of information which will be consolidated at the next meeting scheduled in two weeks.
- On attending the August 8th Economic Development meeting.
- That he attended the August 9th Finance committee meeting.
- On matters before Finance as follows:
 1. That **Bob Duby, Emergency Management Director**, has requested to attend his **conference** with his assistant Terry Walters, 3 nights lodging (2 rooms) for a total of \$425.10 to be paid from 101-426-860.000. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, seconded by Commissioner Reid, to approve attendance as requested. Ayes carried, motion passed. Commissioners Posey and Hargrave voting no.
 2. That the **County Treasurer** has asked permission to create a **Fund 803 – Storm Water Management Fund**, at the request of the Drain Commissioner. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, seconded by Commissioner Posey, to approve creation of the Fund as requested. Ayes carried, motion passed.
 3. That **Ray Hartwell, Undersheriff**, has requested to purchase the **annual ammunition supply order**. Total cost of \$1,134.00 plus shipping to be paid from 101-301-728.000. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, seconded by Commissioner Reid. Ayes carried, motion passed.
 4. That the Finance committee has been working on the 2008 budget and is requesting authorization to **create a Judicial Operations Fund #231** to be used for all court budgeting purposes. Discussion. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, seconded by Commissioner Reid, to establish the fund as requested. Ayes carried, motion passed.

Commissioner Rhode then commented on the 2008 budget process, noting that many of the State dollars are being cut – pushing the burden back on the County to fund various programs. Discussion was had with Financial Coordinator Laura Brandon on the 2007 revenues and how the 2007 budget was looking. Ms. Brandon anticipates a fund balance at the end of the year, and answered questions regarding funding matters. It was explained that tax revenue, in the past, has been available in January, but new laws have changed that, and the bulk of our tax revenue now comes in with the summer tax collection. This change has led to “lean times” for the first part of the year, but with the income of the summer tax revenue our 2007 budget is right on track. Further discussion on budgeting and funding matters.

Commissioner Rhode also called Board members attention to the Quill Savings Report, which showed a total savings of over \$102,000.00 since the County began the “bulk” purchasing program.

Commissioner Hargrave reported:

- On the August 9th Solid Waste Committee meeting, noting that Jan Stewart had been appointed to head the committee.
- On the August 10th Airport Commission meeting, and issues with management regarding budget expenses and purchasing. Reporting that the Airport is now over-budget, but that matters are being addressed and he will keep the Board up-to-date as matters progress. Discussion regarding various airport issues. .
- On Veterans’ Department activities and the assistance given to the County’s 3223 veterans. It was also mentioned that donations are being sought to put up a flag pole in front of Annex Bldg. where the Veterans Office is located.

Commissioner Carl reported:

- On attending the Planning meeting on August 2nd.
- On Personnel committee meetings of August 2 and August 9th.
- On attending the Clement Township meeting and plans to open up Drummond Road.
- On the Butman Township meeting and issues being addressed there.
- That on August 4th he had occasion to attend a Clare County fundraiser, and had lengthy discussion with Andy Dillon on the bills seeking to transfer Twp. duties to the County.

Gina Conrad, Gypsy Moth Coordinator, reported on the possibility of receiving Federal reimbursement for the recent spray program and also reported on GIS activities.

Commissioner Reid reported:

- That on July 25th he attended the Buckeye Township meeting.
- That he missed the last data committee meeting.
- On attending the finance meeting of August 9th.
- That he will be attending the Secord Township meeting on August 15th.

Commissioner Posey reported:

- That she attended the July 25th Department head meeting. 8/6 Grout Twp.
- On the Data committee meeting of August 7th.
- On attending the August 9th Organizational meeting for Solid Waste.

Commissioner Hoag reported:

- On attending the August 13th Tobacco Township meeting and on activities and discussions had at that meeting. It was noted that the township has adopted a “noxious weed ordinance”.
- That he attended the August 7th Data Committee meeting. It was recommended that Bob Frei be allowed to purchase compute upgrades when they go on sale – up to \$1200.00 plus shipping and handling. Motion by Commissioner Hoag, supported by Commissioner Reid, to allow purchase as recommended. Ayes carried, motion passed. Commissioner Hoag also noted that the part-time helper for Mr. Frei seems to be working out well.

PUBLIC COMMENTS –none

Commissioner Hargrave commented on the passing of Pat Weaver and his various activities in the County, noting that he will certainly be missed.

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

Commissioner Hoag then moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Carl. Ayes carried, meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m. until August 28, 2007 unless otherwise ordered.

Laura Flach
Clerk

Terry Whittington
Chairman