

## Commissioner Minutes of January 14, 2010

*The Gladwin County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session January 14, 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.*

**Agenda** – *Commissioner Smith requested that the addition of the “Adoption of the Board Rules” be added after Commissioner Reid’s resolution was adopted. The item was added to the agenda.*

**The Regular minutes of December 22, 2009 and the Organizational minutes of January 4, 2010** were then considered. Commissioner Reid then asked to make a statement in regards to the minutes of the December 22, 2009 meeting. The statement for the record as follows: *“I would like to clear up any concern about my statements at the end of the last Board meeting. I was interrupted twice and never had the opportunity to finish. Clearly I respect all the employees we have, and respect their jobs and interest in the County. I have concerns when we see staff attending our Board meetings. My comments were that I saw no problem if they were invited by the Board, or on the agenda, and at that point I was cut off. I additionally don’t have a problem with the Elected Officials and some of the Department Heads attending. I mentioned that I encouraged employees to attend Board meetings and that it was equally important to them as it is anyone to know what the County is doing. I just felt that “employees” not Elected Officials, or Department Heads, should not charge the County for being here. I have had the opportunity to talk to many of you, the employees and staff, over the last two weeks. It has come to my attention that there was some concern about me feeling that all County employees are taking advantage of our taxpayers and that I generally feel that they are lazy. I have never said that, insisted that, or mentioned it. I clearly over the years have even brought recognition to many employees for their work. I would encourage anyone with concerns to contact me and we will talk about those concerns. The Board has been advised of several inconsistencies in regard to accountability over the last few years and last January we talked about this, and in February we decided to wait a year and see if anything could be resolved by the Department Heads. We still have concerns about accountability and that is why we are looking into time clocks.” Motion by Commissioner Carl, supported by Commissioner Walters, to approve the minutes with Commissioner Reid’s statement included. Ayes carried, **motion passed.***

**The semi-monthly Finance report totaling \$171,283.30** was then considered for payment. *Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Walters, to approve the bills for payment as presented. Ayes carried, **motion passed.***

### **Public Comments –**

**Bev Przystas**, MSU Extension, *introduced her new Office Manager, Randy Walker.* Ms. Przystas commented that Mr. Walker has been a great asset to the office and has a lot of computer experience. The Board welcomed Mr. Walker.

**Dennis Perry**, Hay Township Supervisor, spoke to the Board on his thoughts of the *“time clock issue”* commenting that he was surprised to learn that the County did not already have them in place. Mr. Perry commented that Commissioner Reid is doing a fine job and is addressing concerns as they come to him. Mr. Perry thanked Commissioner Reid for his work.

The **cash balances** for the General Fund and the Judicial Management Fund were then read. *General Fund - \$341,359.29 231 Fund - \$55,613.63.*

***Resolutions from Consideration –***

Commissioner Reid presented a **resolution under MCL 46.3** that states the *Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Board of Commissioners be elected for (1) one year terms commencing January 2011. Motion by Commissioner Reid, supported by Commissioner Walters, to adopt the resolution as presented.* Roll call vote as follows: Walters – yes, Carl – yes, Rhode – no, Reid – yes, Posey – yes, Smith – yes, Whittington – no. 5 ye, 2 no. Aye carried, **resolution 2010-001 declared adopted.**

*Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Posey, to adopt the Board Rules as corrected at the Organizational meeting.* Commissioner Carl asked that an addition be made that states “letters and correspondence will only be placed under receive and file if the person’s name and return address are included. Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Posey, to adopt the Board Rules with the addition as outlined by Commissioner Carl. Roll call vote as follows: Carl – yes, Rhode – yes, Reid – yes, Posey – yes, Smith – yes, Whittington – no, Walters – yes. 6 yes, 1 no. Ayes carried, **motion passed.**

**Correspondence from the Chairman –**

- On the resignation letter received from Dorothy McMahon from her services with NMSAS.
- On the donation to the Animal Shelter from the 8th grade Gladwin Pride Class.

Chairman Whittington then went through the events of Sunday and thanked those involved with the clean up, noting the testing results came back negative for asbestos. Commissioner Posey thanked the IT Director for all of his hours he had put into the project. Bob Frei then gave an update on the phone system and computer installation issues.

**Lauren Essenmacher, City County Transit**, then came before the Board with their *2010/11 budget and a resolution for consideration* for a Financial Assistance Application. Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Carl, supported by Commissioner Rhode, to accept the proposed budget as presented.* Roll call vote as follows: Rhode – yes, Reid – yes, Posey – yes, Smith – yes, Whittington – yes, Walters – yes, Carl – yes. 7 yes, 0 no. Ayes carried, motion passed. Commissioner Smith congratulated Ms. Essenmacher on her election as President of the Michigan Association of Housing Directors. Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Walters, to adopt the resolution of intent for Financial Assistance Application.* Roll call vote as follows: Reid – yes, Posey – yes, Smith – Whittington, Walters – yes, Carl – yes, Rhode – yes. 7 yes, 0 no. **Resolution 2010-002 declared adopted.**

**Christy VanTiem, County Treasurer**, came before the Board with a **Resolution to Borrow against Anticipated Delinquent 2009 Real Property Taxes.** *Motion by*

*Commissioner Posey, supported by Commissioner Smith, to adopt the resolution as presented by the Treasurer. Discussion. Roll call vote as follows: Posey – yes, Smith – yes, Whittington – yes, Walters – yes, Carl – yes, Rhode – yes, Reid – yes. 7 yes, 0 no. Ayes carried, resolution 2010-003 declared adopted.*

### **Commission Reports by District**

#### **Commissioner Smith reported:**

- On attending the Organizational meeting on January 4<sup>th</sup>.
- On the Data meeting on January 5<sup>th</sup>, noting Commissioner Posey will give a full report.
- That she came to the Courthouse on Sunday the 10<sup>th</sup> to observe the water damage.
- On attending the Tobacco Township meeting on January 11<sup>th</sup>.
- On the Committee of the Whole meeting on January 13<sup>th</sup>, noting that she found the meeting interesting and informative.
- On attending the Beaverton City Council meeting on January 13<sup>th</sup>.

*Commissioner Smith then thanked everyone who has been “keeping tabs” on her husband’s health issues, noting she appreciates everyone’s concern.*

#### **Commissioner Posey reported:**

- On attending the Organizational meeting on January 4<sup>th</sup>.
- On the Grout Township meeting the evening of the 4<sup>th</sup>.
- On attending the Department Head meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup>.
- On the Committee of the Whole meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup>.
- On the Data meeting held on January 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **Data Matters:**

The Committee accomplished a lot. Bob Frei put together a list of future projects and a cost list for the committee to review in detail. The committee met with the Clerk to go over budget items for these projects. Mr. Frei is also exploring the central copy/print options for the future. The committee looked at the opportunity for grant funds through MERIT. The committee has invited a group of community members to a meeting on January 19<sup>th</sup> to discuss grant options.

The Board then reviewed a **telephone proposal** for the replacement of the phone system that was damaged in the flood. Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Posey, supported by Commissioner Reid, to approve the purchase, allow the Clerk and Treasurer to prepare the deposit and final check, contingent upon MMRMA approval for the expense.* Ayes carried, **motion passed.**

#### **Commissioner Walters reported:**

- On attending the Committee of the Whole meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup>.
- On the Sage Township meeting on the evening of the 13<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Commissioner Carl reported:**

- On attending the Planning meeting on January 6<sup>th</sup>.
- On the January 7<sup>th</sup> Finance meeting.

- On the Bourret Township meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup>.
- On attending the Committee of the Whole meeting on January 13<sup>th</sup>.
- On the Clement Township meeting held on the evening of the 13<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Carl then apologized for missing the Organizational meeting, but was at the hospital with his wife, noting that he would like to make one **allowance to the time clock motion**. Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Carl, supported by Commissioner Walters, to exempt the Sheriff's employees and the Courts from the time clock policy due to public safety and other concerns.* Commissioner Reid stated that this was not on the top of the "priority list" but the issue does need to be sent to committee for consideration soon. Ayes carried, **motion passed**.

**Commissioner Reid reported:**

- On attending the Organizational meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup>.

*That he is very impressed with the efforts of the clean up, stating that everyone did a great job Sunday and that after the Courthouse tour on Tuesday is amazed with the improvements. Commissioner Reid then explained that very soon the Board will need to make a decision on restoration of the offices, commenting that he would like to see local contractors receiving the work.*

- On attending the Airport meeting this morning, noting a \$20,000 grant has been awarded from USDA for a plow truck.
- That an ORV informational memo would be sent out to the Townships.
- That he spoke to Kathy Tenwalde from USDA regarding an electrical upgrade grant, noting that things look promising.

**Commissioner Rhode reported:**

- On attending the Finance meeting on the 30<sup>th</sup> to "wrap up" any 2009 bills.
- On the Organizational meeting held on the 4<sup>th</sup>.
- On attending the Data meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup>.
- On the Central Michigan Health meeting in Mt. Pleasant on the 6<sup>th</sup>.
- On the Finance meeting held on January 7<sup>th</sup>.
- On attending the Housing Commission meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Finance Matters:**

1. **Deb Primeau** is requesting to be paid for **5 days of unused vacation time**. This is allowable under union contract. *Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Walters, to make the payment as requested.* Ayes carried, **motion passed**.
2. **Mike Brubaker, 911 Administrator**, is requesting to **renew 2 maintenance agreements**, both to be paid from the 280 fund. Radio North \$25,800.00 and Interact \$12,364.00. *Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Walters, to renew the contracts as presented.* Ayes carried, **motion passed**.
3. The **2010 MiDeal contract** needs to be renewed. Total cost of \$230.00 will be paid from 101-101-810.000. *Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by*

- Commissioner Walters, to renew the MiDeal contract as outlines. Ayes carried, **motion passed.***
4. **Undersheriff Ray Hartwell** is requesting direction on the **pre application with USDA for two patrol units**. Discussion. Commissioner Carl asked where the funds were being paid from for the match portion of the grant. *Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Reid, to allow the Undersheriff to apply for up to two vehicles with the understanding that the County may have to match up to \$20,000 on the grant. Ayes carried, **motion passed.***
  5. *Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Posey, to allow the Clerk and Treasurer to keep the “books” open through the end of February 2010 for 2009 accruals. Ayes carried, **motion passed.***

*Commissioner Rhode then inquired of the Board members of their thoughts on the 2010 budget plan. It is the recommendation of the committee to post the duties internally, to be assigned to one person, with payment up to \$15,000. Discussion. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Carl, to hire one person to perform posted duties at the rate of pay noted. Interested persons must apply by January 22<sup>nd</sup> to the Board Secretary to be reviewed by the Personnel Committee on the 25<sup>th</sup>, for a recommendation of hiring at the Board meeting on January 26<sup>th</sup>. Discussion. Commissioner Carl inquired as to where the funding was coming from for the “county match portion”. Commissioner Rhode stated that there was no funding budgeted for for patrol vehicles in the 2010 budget, and that the Board would have to review their expenses to make funding available for the purchase. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

#### **Public Comments –**

Bev Przystas, MSU, noted that the Youth Leadership Program has gone through graduation and was pictured in the Gladwin County Record this week. Ms. Przystas noted that Beaverton Student Council made a \$500.00 donation to keep the program running.

Chairman Whittington noted that all “flood” and Courthouse updates would be sent to the Commissioners through Carmen.

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

*Motion by Commissioner Carl, supported by Commissioner Posey, to adjourn. Ayes carried, **meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m. until January 26, 2010, unless otherwise ordered.***