

Commissioner's Minutes of April 22, 2008

The County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, April 22, 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 except Commissioner Carl who was excused.

The **minutes of April 8, 2008** along with Executive Session minutes of the same date were then reviewed. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Hoag, to approve as presented. Ayes carried, motion passed.

The **semi-monthly Finance Report** totaling \$ 97,431.00. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Walters, to authorize payment as presented. Ayes carried, motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jan Stewart, commented on the recycling trailer for collection of newspapers and phone books – noting that the trailer will be here until Sept. 27 and that recycling will begin on Saturday the April 26th

County Road Commission Director, Mark Sohlden, spoke on the **extra 2 mills voted for roads** – noting that the millage expired with the 2007 levy. The Road Commission is asking that the Board authorize placing the question on the August ballot. Discussion. Motion by Commissioner Reid, supported by Commissioner Walters, **to authorize placing the question on the August ballot**. Roll call vote as follows: Commissioner Walters-yes, Carl-absent, Rhode-yes, Reid-yes, Posey-yes, Hoag-yes and Whittington-yes. Ayes carried, motion passed.

Chairman Whittington reported:

- On **appointments needed for the Solid Waste Committee** and with the Boards consent would re-appoint Jan Stewart for another 2 year term to Solid Waste, term to expire May 9, 2010. Nancy Buzzell, Tom Tucholski, and Linda Ellis would also be appointed for 1 year terms to expire 4/25/ 2009. Board members concurred with this action.
- On communication from Emmanuel Baptist Church requesting to hold a prayer gathering at the Courthouse flagpole on May 1, 2008 (National Day of Prayer) from 12 noon to 1 p.m.. Motion by Commissioner Hoag, supported by Commissioner Rhode, to allow the gathering as requested. Ayes carried, motion passed
- On communication received from Risk Management.

Chairman Whittington continued reporting:

- On notice from the DNR on the upcoming Oil and Gas Lease Auction scheduled for May 1, 2008.
- On communication from Community Mental Health on celebrating May as Mental Health Month.
- On the County IT Policy and the reminder that will be sent for Dept. Heads on use of county equipment. Motion by Commissioner Posey, supported by Commissioner Hoag, that the Chairman sign reminders to be sent. Ayes carried, motion passed.
- On the Agreement with the State Dept. of Human Services for the FOC Incentive payments. Motion by Commissioner Hoag, supported by Commissioner Posey, to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement. Ayes carried, motion passed.

Commissioner Reid reported:

- That he attended the Hay Township meeting on April 10th.
- On April 11 he had court depositions.
- On April 16 he attended the Secord Township Board meeting.
- On April 17th he attended Public Safety and Building and Grounds committee meetings.
 - Discussion was had on location of the generator secured through Homeland Security. The committee will look into further and bring back a recommendation.
 - Discussion was also had on maintenance on the County tower – the County has been picking up the whole tab and the committee is looking at splitting those costs with users, and is recommending that a letter be sent to those entities that will be affected. Motion by Commissioner Posey, supported by Commissioner Hoag, that communication be sent as recommended. Ayes carried, motion passed.
 - It was noted that the Waste Management contract was re-negotiated and the price brought down.
 - Public Safety met with the Sheriff who questioned information obtained through his FOIA requests, the ongoing law suit and costs to the county. Discussion was had on working through this situation as opposed to court action.

Chairman Whittington commented that it is only the County's intent to get the vehicles back, and that has not happened – he then asked for input on what direction the Board wished to go, and do they want the cars back?

Commissioner Hoag commented that as long as the Detective is driving the care back and forth to St. Helen each night- he thinks the Board should continue with the law suit. He (Hoag) has no problem with the Undersheriff driving his care home here in the City.

Commissioner Reid related that the Sheriff has stated that he cannot give up the cars now as they are short on cars. That Detective Eaton has had the car now for some time and that past practice has been established.

Commissioner Rhode commented that the Board simply wants the return of County owned property.

Commissioner Walters noted that the cars are assigned by the Sheriff – so the two employees are “caught between a rock and a hard place” – that he feels ultimately the problem lies with the Sheriff.

Commissioner Reid stated that he feels negotiations should be pursued to settle the matter outside of court – but the suit cannot be dropped until a resolution is reached.

Commissioner Posey commented that only the attorneys are winning – and would support Commissioner Reid’s position that the matter should be resolved outside of court.

Commissioner Reid then moved to drop the law suit against Ray Hartwell & Larry Eaton, and negotiate with the parties for resolution, supported by Commissioner Posey.

Commissioner Walters noted that the matter should be negotiated before dropping law suit.

Commissioner Rhode commented that that if the lawsuit is dropped now it’s like admitting the County was wrong, and the County is only trying to get back its property.

Roll call vote on the motion was as follows: Commissioner Carl-absent, Rhode-no, Reid-yes, Posey-yes, Hoag-no, Whittington-no and Walters-no. 2 yes and 4 no, motion fails.

Commissioner Reid then noted that he feels the Board should sit down with parties and negotiate the matter. Commissioner Hoag noted that many hours have already been spent in negotiations and feels that further negotiation will be useless but he would support Commissioner Reid’s position. **Chairman Whittington then directed the matter to the Personnel Committee to proceed with discussions and negotiations.**

Commissioner Reid commented on the **proposed Zoning Fee increases** and noted that he is concerned with raising those fees. Noting that he had voiced his opinions at previous meeting, he feels that in light of economic times –any increases now, are not acceptable.

Zoning Administrator Sandy Walling, commented on the proposed fee increases as recommended by the Zoning Committee, noting that with regards to variances the cost of the required ad is more than the fee. Discussion. Motion by Commissioner Hoag, supported by Commissioner Posey, to approve the fee increases as presented. Ayes carried, motion passed.

Denise Hall Equalization Director, presented the annual 2008 Equalization Report, and reviewed the same for the Board's benefit. Motion by Commissioner Walters, supported by Commissioner Hoag, to accept and adopt the report as presented. Ayes carried, motion passed.

Commissioner Hoag then moved to allow Ms. Hall to represent the County at State Equalization, if necessary. Motion supported by Commissioner Walters. Ayes carried, motion passed.

Commissioner Hoag then moved to authorize the Chairman and Clerk to sign the L-4044s as required. Motion supported by Commissioner Walters. Ayes carried, motion passed.

Commissioner Hoag then moved to go into Public Hearing, as published regarding establishment of a Brownfield Redevelopment Authority. Motion supported by Commissioner Posey. Ayes carried, motion passed.

PUBLIC HEARING

Frank Starkweather and Consultant Jim Linton both spoke on the purpose and advantages of having a Brownfield Redevelopment.

Discussion was had on operations of the Authority and the benefit to purchasers of qualified properties under the Brownfield Redevelopment.

Gladwin City Administrator, Bob Moffit spoke on the benefit of having a Brownfield Redevelopment and that the city has sites that are currently in need of clean-up.

Mr. Starkweather noted that he will be working with the DEQ on identifying contaminated properties.

Commissioner Rhode then moved to close the public hearing and return to regular session. Motion supported by Commissioner Hoag. Ayes carried, motion passed.

Commissioner Reid then moved to adopt the resolution **creating a Brownfield Redevelopment for Gladwin County**. Motion supported by Commissioner Posey. Roll call vote as follows: Commissioner Rhode-yes, Reid-yes, Posey-yes, Hoag-yes, Whittington-yes, Walters-yes and Carl-absent. Ayes carried, Resolution # 2008-16 declared adopted. (resolution attached)

Commissioner Reid excused from the meeting.

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

Commissioner Hoag then moved to adopt the **resolution approving Bylaws of the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority**. Motion supported by Commissioner Posey. Roll call vote as follows: Commissioner Reid-absent, Posey-yes, Hoag-yes, Whittington-yes, Walters-yes, Carl-absent and Rhode-yes. Ayes carried, Resolution #2008-17 declared adopted. (resolution attached)

Commissioner Posey reported:

- That she attended the Land Bank presentation on April 9 and feels that it would be beneficial for Gladwin County and would like the Treasurer to proceed in gathering information for a presentation to the whole Board. Motion by Commissioner Posey, supported by Commissioner Hoag, that the Treasurer gather information for presentation. Ayes carried, motion passed.
- That on April 11 she attended the Court depositions.
- On attending the quarterly meeting of Gypsy Moth and preparations underway for this year's spray.
- That on April 15 she attended the Human Services Coordinating body meeting.
- On the benefit held at Knights of Columbus on April 18th.

Commissioner Walters reported.

- That he had attended both Sage and Sherman Township meetings and both voiced concerns with future financing issues.
- That he had attended the Veterans Affairs Board meeting and reported on dollars received by County veterans this past year.
- On attending the finance committee meeting on April 18th
- That he had attended the County Affairs meeting.

Commissioner Hoag reported:

- That he at also attended the court depositions
- On attending the Tobacco Township meeting on April 14.
- On the Public Safety meeting of April 17th.
- On the Tobacco Twp. Board meeting held on April 14th.
- That he attended the Public Safety Meeting on April 17th.
- On the Beaverton City Council meeting of April 21st.

Commissioner Rhode reported:

- That on April 9th he attended the Economic Development meeting.
- That on April 15 he attended the Health Services Board meeting in the morning and the Housing Commission meeting in the afternoon.
- On attending the Gladwin Township meeting.
- On the finance meeting of April 18th.
- On meeting with Brian Cote from Cadillac Insurance and the options that are available for retirees and the savings being realized by our current HRA plan. It was noted that a meeting will be scheduled for retirees to look at the options which could provide good coverage and save them on costs.
- On matters before finance as follows:
 1. That Zoning Administrator Sandy Walling has presented estimates on **costs for repair on the 1998 Ford F150** used by her department. After review of the cost quotes, Commissioner Hoag moved to have the repairs done Myers at \$811.59. Motion supported by Commissioner Walters. Ayes carried, motion passed.
 2. That the finance committee had met with Mike Brubaker and Ray Hartwell regarding the **\$3050.00 tower repair bill** and after discussion it was agreed that the repair cost would be moved from the Sheriff's line 101-301-933.000 to the 911 department line 101-422-933.000. Motion by Commissioner Rhode to make the change in lines as agreed, supported by Commissioner Hoag. Ayes carried, motion passed.
 3. That Mike Brubaker, 911 Administrator, has requested that the **2008-2009 CAD Maintenance** agreement be renewed for \$12,364.00 to be paid from line 282-000-933.000. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Hoag, to approve the agreement with payment as stated. Ayes carried, motion passed.
 4. That Mr. Brubaker has also requested to send **two dispatchers to "Team Building Class" in Roscommon on May 13-14**. Cost of the training is \$658.00 plus lunch and will be paid from 282-000-860.001 if approved. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Walters, to approve attendance as requested. Ayes carried, motion passed.
 5. Overtime pay **due to General Fund from the 264 Booking Fee Training Fund - that a total of \$1368.53** is due from 264-000-804.000 with \$1271.28 to 101-351-704.000 and \$97.25 to 101-351-720.000. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Hoag, to approve the transfer as outlined. Ayes carried, motion passed.

Commissioner Rhode continued reporting on matters before finance:

6. That the **lease agreement for the Circuit Court copier** is about to expire and needs renewed. The cost per quarter has gone down \$26.00 for the same service and quarterly copies. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Hoag, to renew the lease agreement as stated. Ayes carried, motion passed.

7. That Gina Conrad **Gypsy Moth** Suppression Coordinator has requested the following **transfer**:

239-00-962.0	\$351.79
239-00-802.0	\$351.70

Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Posey, to approve the transfer as requested. Ayes carried, motion passed.

8. That the request from Darrell Schlese, Court Administrator asking for additional Child Care Funds will be reviewed by the Finance committee before coming to the Board for consideration.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Frank Starkweather then gave a brief EDC report on activities and projects. Mr. Starkweather also requested that the **EDC board be appointed as the “Authority Board” for the Brownfield Redevelopment.** Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Walters, that the EDC Board be appointed as the “Authority Board” as requested. Ayes carried, motion passed.

Zoning Administrator Sandy Walling questioned the effective date for the new zoning fees. After discussion it was decided that the new fees will be published and go into effect as of June 1, 2008.

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

Motion by Commissioner Hoag to adjourn, supported by Commissioner Posey. Ayes carried, meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m. until May 13, 2008 unless otherwise ordered.

Laura Flach
Clerk

Terry Whittington
Chairman