

Commissioner's Minutes of January 22, 2008

The Gladwin County Board of Commissioner's met in regular session on Tuesday, January 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.

Agenda - Bev Przystas rescheduled the Master Gardner Report because of weather conditions

The **minutes of January 8, 2008** were then considered. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Hoag, to approve as presented. Ayes carried, motion passed.

The **semi-monthly finance report** totaling \$76,545.45 was then reviewed. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Hoag, to authorize payment as presented. Ayes carried, motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Karen Eighmy questioned if a Library Board appointment would be made.

Chairman Whittington noted that an appointment would be made later in the meeting.

Chairman Whittington reported:

- On the need to adopt Board Rules for 2008, as has been done in past years. (Copy was presented to each Board member) Motion by Commissioner Hoag, supported by Commissioner Carl, to adopt the rules as presented. Ayes carried, motion passed.
- On discussions with Attorney Doug Jacobson – noting that the Remonumentation paperwork had been sent to State as required.
- On communication received from the Department of Human Services regarding office space assessments being undertaken, which could lead to a decision to close the Gladwin office.
- On notice from Region VII Area Agency on Aging informing of the expiration the term of Adolph Presidio. Noting that Mr. Presidio is willing to continue in that position, the Chair would re-appoint him to another term. Motion by Commissioner Carl, supported by Commissioner Posey, to approve the re-appointment of Mr. Presidio. Ayes carried, motion passed.
- On recent E-Mail communication from Delta County with regards to a Ren-Zone.

Chairman Whittington continued reporting:

- On the need to make an appointment to the Library Board and noted that he would like to appoint Sharron Smith to that position, noting that Ms. Smith had served on the Board in the past. Motion by Commissioner Hargrave, supported by Commissioner Hoag, to approve appoint of Sharron Smith to the Library Board. Ayes carried, motion passed. Commissioner Rhode opposed.

Bill Knight, CCT, came before the Board with several matters for consideration.

First a proposed resolution that Lauren Essenmacher, Executive Director and he (William Knight, Transportation Director) be authorized to sign any future contracts, applications or project authorizations from the State of Michigan. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Reid, to adopt the Resolution as presented. Roll call as follows: Commissioner Hargrave-yes, Carl-yes, Rhode-yes, Reid-yes, Posey-yes, Hoag-yes and Whittington-yes. Ayes carried, **Resolution #2008-02** declared adopted. (Resolution attached)

A second proposed resolution to approve the proposed Financial Assistance Application for fiscal year 2008-2009. Motion by Commissioner Carl, supported by Commissioner Reid, to adopt the Resolution as presented. Roll call as follows: Commissioner Carl-yes, Rhode-yes, Reid-yes, Posey-yes, Hoag-yes, Whittington-yes and Hargrave-yes. Ayes carried, **Resolution #2008-03** declared adopted. (Resolution attached)

The **City County Transit Operating Budget for FY 08/09** was then reviewed. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Reid, to approve the budget as presented. Ayes carried, motion passed.

Chairman Whittington then noted that the appointment made at the last meeting to the Construction Code Board of Appeals should be listed as a 2 year term and not as a 3 year term.

Sandy Walling, Zoning Administrator commented on the work done on the new zoning ordinance, noting that all the necessary steps have been taken and the Board was now being asked to approve the **zoning ordinance to be effective Feb. 1, 2008**. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Carl, to approve and adopt as presented. Roll call vote as follows: Commissioner Rhode-yes, Reid-yes, Posey-yes, Hoag-yes, Whittington-yes, Hargrave-yes and Carl-yes. Ayes carried, motion passed.

Commissioner Hargrave reported:

- That he did not have a lot to report – just that he was spending a lot of time on Airport matters.

Commissioner Whittington noted that the Airport Manager had resigned and that the airport committee is overseeing management until Jan. 28 at 4 p.m. when it is expected that a new appointment will be made.

Commissioner Hoag reported:

- That he had attended the Tobacco Township meeting on Jan. 14 – noting that the board had voted to move forward with weed control.
- On attending the Jan. 21st Beaverton City Council meeting and the tax abatement granted to Advanced Engineering, which should bring in new jobs to the area

Commissioner Posey reported:

- On attending the Jan. 17th Solid Waste Committee meeting and time spend in establishing goals and the “game-plan” for 2008

Commissioner Carl reported:

- That he attended the Clement Township meeting on January 9th.
- On attending the Butman Township meeting on January 10th.
- That he attended the Gladwin Township Board meeting on January 16th.
- On January 17th he attended the Personnel committee meeting and Unit #6 negotiations.

Commissioner Reid reported:

- On the January 9th EDC meeting and the procedures for establishing a Brownfield Development Authority.
- That on January 16th he attended the Secord Township meeting.
- That he was not able to attend the January 17th Hay Township meeting because of a fire call.
- That on January 18th he attended the Finance committee meeting.
- On the clean-up and remodeling at the Extension office as well as the remodeling at the Prosecuting Attorneys office and thanked the maintenance crew for their efforts.
- That the air quality testing at the Extension offices came back clear, and that the tests are now being conducted in the Probate offices. Also reported Air reports at MSU came back clear. Probate is now being tested and will report back on that matter.
- On the recent fire/rescue which made the news and the sequence of events which resulted in the saving of lives.

Commissioner Rhode reported:

- That he attended the EDC meeting on January 9th.
- On attending the January 15th Housing Commission meeting and the latest statistics on senior meals.
- That on January 16th he attended the Gladwin Township meeting.
- On January 17th he attended the Personnel committee meeting in the morning and the house numbering meeting in the afternoon.
- That on January 18th he attended Finance committee meeting.
- That he attended the Gladwin City Council meeting on January 21st.
- On items before finance as follows:

1. On the **budget amendments** to adjust the wages of Elected Officials and Department Heads to reflect the 1 1/2% raises actually given; down from the flat rate raise which was originally proposed and budgeted.

County Clerk	-\$1,273.00	County Treasurer	-\$1308.00
Registrar	-\$1,308.00	County Sheriff	-\$1,200.00
Prosecutor	-\$ 815.00	Drain Commissioner	-\$1,074.00
Zoning Admin.	-\$ 407.00		

The total of \$7,385.00 to be moved into contingent. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Reid, to make amendments as noted. Ayes carried, motion passed.

2. That the finance committee would like all departments to watch their spending until the middle of the year, saving purchase of all large capital expenses until after June if possible.
3. That **Ron Taylor, Animal Control** officer has requested permission to purchase his annual **supply of cleaner**, totaling \$767.25 to be paid from 101-430-727.000. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Carl, to approve as requested. Ayes carried, motion passed.
4. That **Ron Taylor, Animal Control Officer** has requested **payment for 5 unused vacation days** totaling \$698.25 – as allowed under the Unit #7 contract. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Hargrave, to approve payment as requested. Ayes carried, motion passed. Commissioner Hoag voting no.

Commissioner Rhode continued reporting on matters before finance:

5. That **Vern Volmering, Construction Codes**, has requested payment for **unused vacation and sick time upon his retirement date of Jan. 31, 2008**, as allowed under contract. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Hargrave, to approve payment as requested. Ayes carried, motion passed.
6. That Judge Mienk, hired a **temporary law clerk** from Dec. 24, 2007 to Jan. 11, 2008 and billing has been submitted for 80 hours of work totaling **\$1600.00 to be paid from 231-131-705.000**. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Reid, to approve payment as requested. Ayes carried, motion passed.
7. That the County Treasurer had met with the committee regarding her concerns with the 2006 Indirect Costs as computed. After discussion, the committee agreed to base the Treasurer's Department costs –using only costs associated with the Treasurer and her Deputy. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Posey, to contact Maximus and have the figures re-computed. Ayes carried, motion passed.
8. On communications from **DHS** dated 1/9/08 with regards to additional funding for their **2008 budget** and the possible return of the \$6003.26 remaining funds from 2007 budget which have been returned to the County. Commissioner Rhode noted that it was the committee's recommendation to continue with the 2008 appropriations as budgeted and moved for the same. Motion seconded by Commissioner Reid. Ayes carried, motion passed.
9. That Darrell Schlese, Probate Court has requested an additional \$25,000 **for the 2007 Child Care Fund (292) expenses**. Since \$8500.00 has been received from the State since the request was submitted –it is recommended that only **an additional \$18,000.00** is needed to cover the expenses. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Hargrave, that \$18000.00 be transferred to the 292 fund to cover the outstanding 2007 child care expenses. Ayes carried, motion passed.
Commissioner Posey noted that over \$300,000 has been spent on Child Care in 2007 and yet the court has only budgeted \$120,000 for 2008.
10. That **Gina Conrad, Gypsy Moth**, has requested permission to **purchase a new printer for her office –a Xerox 8560 for \$699.98** to be paid from 239-000-727.000. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Posey, to approve purchase as presented. Ayes carried, motion passed.

Commissioner Rhode continued reporting on matters before finance:

11. That **Debbie Primeau, Circuit Court, has requested payment for 5 unused vacation days.** Discussion that Ms. Primeau is a court employee and does not fall under a union contract which would allow this payment. Commissioner Rhode noted that last year payment had been made with the stipulation that no future payments would be made for un-used vacation time. Commissioner Hargrave moved to make payment as requested. As there was no second to the motion, it **died for lack of support.**

12. That the committee has reviewed the change in IRS mileage rates and is making the recommendation **that the county mileage reimbursement be set at \$.50 per mile for 2008** and then reviewed at the beginning of each year. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, to set the 2008 mileage rate at \$.50, supported by Commissioner Carl. Ayes carried, motion passed.

13. That **Undersheriff Ray Hartwell** has submitted a revised billing totaling \$14,894.16 for vacation, sick and personnel days for the period 2002 – 2006, which the Undersheriff alleges were never given to him. Commissioner Rhode commented that since the Undersheriff worked at the pleasure of the Sheriff and as there were no policies which addressed the Undersheriff's position during the time period cited, he (Commissioner Rhode) would move that the request be denied. Motion supported by Commissioner Posey. *Commissioner Hargrave commented that this request is just now coming at the time there are other issues between members of the Sheriff Dept. and the Board, noting that is just childish to even present something of this nature.* Ayes carried, motion passed.

Commissioner Hargrave then commented on the issue of payment of unused vacation days and that he feels that union and non-union should be treated equally.

Commissioner Posey commented on the decision of last year regarding payment of unused vacation time for Ms. Primeau, noting that efforts are being taken to keep the contracts uniform and institute a "use it or lose it" policy for vacations.

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

Commissioner Hoag then moved to adjourn, supported by Commissioner Hargrave. Ayes carried, meeting adjourned at 9:56 a.m. until February 12, 2008 unless otherwise ordered.

Laura Flach
Clerk

Terry Whittington
Chairman