

Commissioners Minutes of July 24, 2007

The Gladwin County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, July 25, 2007. Chairman Terry 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 Hargrave who was excused.

Agenda- there were no additions or changes.

The **minutes of July 10, 2007** along with Executive Minutes of the same day were then reviewed. Motion by Commissioner Posey, seconded by Commissioner Reid, to approve minutes as presented. Ayes carried, motion passed.

The **semi-monthly Finance Report** totaling \$64,761.36 was presented for consideration. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, seconded by Commissioner Carl, to approve for payment as presented. Ayes carried, motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mickie Jordan, *commented on recycling matters and the decision of the Soil Conservation to aid in recycling efforts by collecting cell phones & ink cartridges along with a variety of other items. Ms. Jordan noted that a complete list of recyclable items would be provided once it could be prepared. .*

Discussion was had on various recycling issues.

Jan Stewart *commented on the latest paper drive and the amount of paper collected.*

Dan Laur, President of Laur Silicone, *came before the Board and commented on his recent meetings with the Zoning Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals, regarding a rear yard set-back.*

Mr. Laur stated that the Zoning Board of Appeals had erred on 4 of five issues before them, and feels that he would be able to have the matter over-turned in a court action. He feels that the County has a big problem with the actions of this particular Board. and he felt it important that he make his concerns known to the Board.

Dan Knight, City County Transit, came before the Board seeking approval for a proposed contract for three new vehicles (Contract No. 2007-0211, Project No. 100685) Motion by Commissioner Rhode, seconded by Commissioner Hoag, to adopt the resolution presented for approval of the contract. Roll call vote as follows: Commissioner Hargrave-absent, Carl-yes, Rhode-yes, Reid-yes, Posey-yes, Hoag-yes, and Whittington-yes. Ayes carried, Resolution #2007-13 declared adopted. (Resolution attached)

Gina Conrad updated the Board regarding the GIS project – noting that Sherman Township has now “jumped on board”.

Chairman Whittington reported:

- Regarding various notices and correspondence received.
- On receipt of a copy of the 911 Surcharge financial statements.
- On the **Certificate of Appreciation** to be presented to **Commissioner Josh Reid**, in recognition of his valuable contributions to the County’s Economic Development.
- Chairman Whittington then presented the certificate and thanked Commissioner Reid for his work in that area.
- On communication from the Health Department asking for the Boards adoption of a **Resolution to Advocate for Prioritization of Public Health Services When the State’s Share of the Cost is Less Than 50% for the Services**. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, 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-absent. Ayes carried, Resolution #2007-14 is declared adopted. (Resolution attached)
- Commented on disposal of the old DNR tower—noting that the matter will be further addressed in committee.

Commissioner Hoag reported:

- On attending the Beaverton City Council meeting.
- That he had attended the July 12 County Affairs committee meeting regarding a dog issue.

Commissioner Posey reported:

- That she had also attended the July 12th County Affairs committee meeting and commented that while they listened to the concerns, the committee felt that the matter was handled properly.

Commissioner Carl reported:

- That he had attended the Bourret Twp. Meeting on July 10th.
- On attending the Clement Twp. Meeting on July 11th.
- That he had also attended the Bourret Twp. meeting.

Commissioner Carl continued reporting:

- That he had attended a Personnel committee meeting and the Gladwin Township meeting on the same day.
- On attending the Circuit Court hearing on the Chappel Dam matter.
- On meeting with Bob Duby and Butman Twp. regarding the early warning system
- That the townships are concerned with mosquito control, and questioned if Gina Conrad could look into the matter and bring back a report with feasibility of a county program and what it could potentially cost. Discussion. Motion by Commissioner Carl, supported by Commissioner Posey, to have Ms. Conrad look into the matter and report her findings. Ayes carried, motion passed.
- On questions he had regarding GIS costs and asked for a clarification on costs of implementing parcel data for the townships and specifically how Butman would be handled as they have now “opted out” of Equalization services. Discussion.

Commissioner Reid reported:

- On attending the Hay Township meeting on July 12th.
- That he had attended Budget and Finance on July 16th & 17th for meetings with Department heads regarding 2008 budget requests.
- On attending the Secord Township meeting on July 18th.
- On the July 19th Public Safety/Buildings and Grounds committee meeting and items of discussion.

On a **Sheriff's Dept. vehicle** needing transmission repair at cost of \$966.12 – noting that it is the intent to keep this vehicle as it could be used in other departments. Motion by Commissioner Reid, seconded by Commissioner Rhode, to proceed with repairs at the price quoted. Ayes carried, motion passed.

That further measures have been taken to insure **Courthouse security** – that all doors have been locked with **access only through the South “main” door**. The “west” basement door will be accessible only with security cards. Motion by Commissioner Reid, seconded by Commissioner Carl, that security cards to issued to Court Bailiffs, Maintenance and Corrections. Ayes carried, motion passed.

- That he also attended the July 20th Finance committee meeting.
- That he had attended the Court hearing on the Wiggins Lake matter—noting that Judge Mienk is expected to issue his ruling on July 31st.

Chairman Whittington commented on the concerns of Mr. Laur that were presented earlier and noted that he will follow up on those, and get back with Mr. Laur on his findings.

Commissioner Rhode reported:

- That on July 10th he attended the Personnel committee meeting as well as the housing commission meeting.
- On the Economic Development meeting held in Beaverton, noting that Mr. Abernathy had resigned and that Scott Govitz would now serve as Chair and he (Mr. Rhode) would service as Vice-Chair.
- That he had attended the health finance meeting in Mt. Pleasant on July 12th.
- On attending the E. C. Mi. P. & D. meeting in Pinconning on July 13th.
- That he had attended the Budget hearings with Department heads on July 16 & 17th.
- On the meeting scheduled for Friday, July 27th with Midland regarding our house numbering project.
- That on July 18th he had attended a Personnel committee meeting as well as the Gladwin Township meeting.
- On attending the July 20th Finance meeting to approve bills and review 2008 budget matters.
- On the July 23rd meeting with the Housing Commission regarding a proposal for the jail inmate meal program.
- On matters before Finance:

1. That recommendation has been received for fee increases for **2008 dog licenses and adoption fees**. If adopted the new fees would be effective for the 2008 license sales that usually begin in November 2007. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, seconded by Commissioner Hoag, to adopt the new fees as presented. Commissioner Posey questioned increasing the adoption fees and what impact that may have on the number of adoptions. Requested roll call as follows: Commissioner Rhode-yes, Reid-yes, Posey-no, Hoag-yes, Whittington-yes, Hargrave-absent, and Carl-no. Four yes and two no – Motion passes. New Fees will be as follows:

Delinquent Licenses	\$40.00
Male and Female Licenses	\$16.00
Unsexed	\$ 8.00
Adoption Fee – Dogs	\$20.00
Adoption Fee – Cats	\$10.00

Commissioner Rhode continued reporting on matters before finance:

2. That Butman Township has chosen to print their own tax bills, but in purchasing their supplies from the County, were charged at the same rate charged to other townships (which rate included printing). The County Treasurer is now asking that she be allowed to reimburse Butman Township \$520.00 for the difference attributable to printing costs. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, seconded by Commissioner Carl, to allow reimbursement as requested. Ayes carried, motion passed.
3. That the County Treasurer has asked to attend her summer conference and will be splitting the cost. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, seconded by Commissioner Carl, to authorize attendance and approve expense of \$162.75 as requested. Ayes carried, motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – none

Motion by Commissioner Hoag, seconded by Commissioner Rhode, to receive and file the various correspondence and reports. Ayes carried, motion passed.

Commissioner Rhode then commented on receipt of a recent mileage survey and what other counties pay.

Commissioner Hoag then moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Carl. Ayes carried, meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m. until August 14, 2007 unless otherwise ordered.

Laura Flach
Clerk

Terry Whittington
Chairman