

## Commissioner's Minutes of October 24, 2006

The Gladwin County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, October 24, 2006. Chairman Whittington called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call found all Commissioners present.

The **Agenda** was reviewed with no additions or deletions.

The **minutes of October 10, 2006** were then presented. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Reid, to approve as presented. Ayes carried, motion passed.

The **semi-monthly Finance Report totaling \$75,918.59** was then reviewed. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Grimes, to approve payment as presented. Ayes carried, motion passed.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – None

**Chairman Whittington commented regarding the letter to the editor in last week's paper with regard to the library.** Chairman Whittington reviewed actual events and figures and pointed out the error and untruths stated in the letter.

*Commissioner Rhode commented that it was the auditors and the State Treasury Dept. who recommended that the County take over the Library books, do to miss-management at the library.*

*Both Commissioners Reid and Hargrave noted their concerns regarding library actions. Both stated that they had attended meetings and heard explanations regarding indirect costs and that they completely understood that indirect costs would be payable yet for years 2004 and 2005 services, which would be billed in 2006 and 2007.*

**Chairman Whittington reported**

- On communication from **County Clerk Laura Flach, that MCL 551.7 had recently been amended to allow marriages to be solemnized by the county clerk.** Mrs. Flach requested that the board of commissioners set a fee of \$20.00 for performing marriages, which would be deposited into the general fund of the county. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Hoag, **to set the fee for the county clerk to solemnize marriages at \$20.00.** Ayes carried, motion passed.
- On communication received regarding use of dogs for research.

**Chairman Whittington continued reporting:**

- On a letter from **Mid Michigan Visiting Nurse's Association** asking permission to assemble on the Courthouse steps on November 1<sup>st</sup> at noon, in celebration of Hospice Services. Motion by Commissioner Hoag, supported by Commissioner Reid, to allow the assembly as requested. Ayes carried, motion passed.

**Equalization Director Denise Hall** presented the **2006 Apportionment Report** and the proposed resolution for setting the County millage rates. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Hoag, to adopt the resolution setting the millage rates as presented. Roll call vote as follows: Commissioner Hargrave-yes, Kalinowski-yes, Rhode-yes, Reid-yes, Grimes-yes, Hoag-yes and Whittington-yes. Ayes carried, **Resolution #2006-32 declared adopted.** (Resolution attached)

Ms. Hall then reviewed the Apportionment Report for the Board's information. Discussion was had on various millage issues and levies. Commissioner Hargrave moved to accept and adopt the Report as presented. Motion supported by Commissioner Reid. Ayes carried, motion passed.

**Bob Moffit, Gladwin City Manager and Airport Manager Basil Bullard** presented a **proposed resolution to execute the construction contract for airport hangars.** Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Hargrave, to adopt the resolution and execute the contracts. Roll call vote as follows: Commissioner Kalinowski-yes, Rhode-yes, Reid-yes, Grimes-yes, Hoag-yes, Whittington-yes and Hargrave-yes. Ayes carried, **Resolution # 2006-33 declared adopted.** (Resolution attached)

**Chairman Whittington continued reporting:**

- On the **proposed emergency management agreement with Sage Township** – that Sage township now has concerns with the agreement, so no action will be taken at this time.

Marti Miller questioned if she could have a copy of the proposal and what were the concerns of the township. Commissioner Hargrave noted that his discussions with township officials revealed concerns and reluctance to sign agreement at this time. Commissioner Hargrave also stated that a meeting was to have been scheduled, but Mr. Duby has let this thing fall through, and other actions will have to be taken.

- With regards to the Airport Commission Investment Report for the Year ending June 30, 2006.

**Chairman Whittington continued reporting:**

- That Clerk Laura Flach had prepared and presented the **2007 Salary Schedule** for adoption, and thanked her for adding the hourly rates along with the annual rates. Mrs. Flach explained that the Salary Schedule was a listing of currently approved wages, noting that most were at the 2007 level, but those that have not been addressed yet are listed at the 2006 rates. Motion by Commissioner Grimes, supported by Commissioner Rhode, **to accept and approve the 2007 Salary Schedule as presented.** Ayes carried, motion passed.
- On communications from Gladwin County Dept. of Human Services with meeting minutes and agendas.
- On communication from MMRMA regarding election of members to Board of Directors.
- That he had attended a Gypsy Moth meeting last Tuesday and discussions had on acreage for spray next year – noting that no Federal reimbursement is expected. Discussion with Ms. Conrad regarding gypsy moth millage dollars and investments and operational costs.
- On communication from Rehmann Robson consulting services regarding audits.

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

**Chairman Whittington** then commented on the Finance Committee meeting with the County Treasurer and Equalization Director about errors in DDA and dollars owed to the County by the City of Gladwin. Denise Hall commented on how the DDA works and how taxes are computed. Discussion.

**Chairman Whittington then commented on the letter from the Library Board stating that they will not pay the indirect costs as billed.**

*Commissioner Grimes stated that he feels the Library owes this money and should pay.*

*Commissioner Reid stated that he has been in on all the conversations and feels that the Library does owe the monies.*

*Commissioner Hargrave noted that he thinks the whole thing is very clear – the Library does owe the costs, and that the matter should be pursued.*

*Commissioner Kalinowski moved that a second billing be sent to the Library, stating the Boards position -- that the Library does indeed owe these indirect costs and that payment would be expected within 30 days. Motion supported by Commissioner Grimes. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

**Commissioner Hargrave reported:**

- That on Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> he attended the Sage Township Board meeting and on discussions had regarding a proposed “pet cemetery” and the proposed Emergency Management Contract.
- That he attended the Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> Airport Commission meeting and items of discussion.
- On attending the Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> County Affairs committee meeting.
- That on October 17<sup>th</sup> he attended “Meet the Candidate” night at the VFW.
- On the October 18<sup>th</sup> Public Safety meeting.

**Commissioner Hoag reported**

- That he also attended the Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> Airport Commission meeting
- That on October 16<sup>th</sup> he attended the Beaverton City Council meeting.
- On attending the October 13<sup>th</sup> County Affairs committee meeting matters of discussion.

**Commissioner Kalinowski reported:**

- That he had also attended the County Affairs committee meeting.
- That he had attended the Bourret, Clement and Butman Township meetings, and that Clement Township wanted to have more information regarding GIS.

**Commissioner Reid reported:**

- On attending the October 11<sup>th</sup> EDC meeting and discussions had regarding Bio Fuels, budgets and numerous other items. Commissioner Reid noted that Jack Abernathy was taking steps to educate and involve students in EDC process
- That he had attended the Hay Township Board meeting and discussions had regarding sewer project studies.
- That he had attended the Finance committee meetings on the 16<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of October.
- That he also had attended the October 17<sup>th</sup> “Meet the Candidate” night and that he really didn’t have enough time to consolidate his year and ½ in office into the short time allotted.

**Commissioner Grimes reported:**

- That he had attended the Northern MAC meeting.
- That on October 18<sup>th</sup> he had attended the Expenditure Review meeting in Mt. Pleasant and in the afternoon attended the Bldg. & Grounds committee meeting meeting.
- That quotes for **renovation of the parks & rec. kitchen** were reviewed by he and Mr. Ghent as follows:

Hardwood Hills	- \$3030.00 – installation only
Wolfe	- \$6531.35
Dan French	- \$3354.00 – take out old stuff and install new

- Noting that it was the committee recommendation to go with French, Commissioner Grimes moved **that Dan French do the kitchen at cost of \$3354.00**. Motion supported by Commissioner Reid. Ayes carried, motion passed.
- On the Public Safety committee meeting, noting that Mike Brubaker has been appointed as the new 911 Director.
  - That on October 19<sup>th</sup> he attended the ECMP& D meeting and issues addressed regarding the Director and retirement disbursements that had not been made. A special sub-committee has been established to investigate matter.
  - That on October 23<sup>rd</sup> he attending the Health Dept. Personnel and Finance committee meeting.
  - On **bids received for the 1996 Ford F-150 pick-up** and asked that Commissioner Reid open the bids as he had submitted one. Bids were as follows:

Jared Phillips	\$700.00
Maurice L. Jewell	\$400.00
Frank Grimes	\$675.00
William Nash	\$301.00
Dave Austin	\$355.00

Motion by Commissioner Hoag, supported by Commissioner Hargrave, **to accept the bid of Jared Phillips at \$700.00**. Ayes carried, motion passed.

Sheriff Shea reported on meeting with the IT person, and that hours were being worked out.

**Commissioner Rhodes reported:**

- That he had also attended the October 11<sup>th</sup> EDC meeting
- That he attended the Gladwin City Council meeting on October 16<sup>th</sup>.
- On attending the Fair Board meeting
- That he had also attended “Meet the Candidate” night.
- That he had also attended both finance committee meetings.
- On matter before Finance as follows:
  1. That the **courthouse phone system** has to be replaced because of lightening damage and that cost to replace will be reimbursed by insurance. JP Communications' contract price to replace the system is \$31,282.00. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Kalinowski, to enter into the contract with JP Communications with cost to be paid from 101-297-850.000. Ayes carried, motion passed.
  2. That Undersheriff Hartwell has provided the committee with a **contract for MiDeal** that benefits counties that utilize State purchasing. The annual cost is \$230.00 and would be paid from 101-301-801.000 if approved. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Kalinowski, to approve contract and payment. Ayes carried, motion passed.
  3. That **Darrell Schlese, Court Administrator**, has requested to purchase a **new computer to operate the FTR recording system in Probate Court**. If approved the computer expense will be paid from 101-148-933.000. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Grimes, to allow purchase as requested. Ayes carried, motion passed.
  4. That **Gina Conrad, Gypsy Moth Coordinator**, has requested **cell phone reimbursement** for the 6 months that the state allows as qualifying grant reimbursement. Ms. Conrad would bill \$22.50 per month for the months of September – December and April – May. The federal funds will match \$11.25 per month within the grant reimbursement. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Hargrave, to allow reimbursement as requested. Ayes carried, motion passed.

**Commissioner Rhode continued reporting on financial matters:**

5. That the **Clerk's office** has finished the moving of files from the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor vault to the Health Department. **Additional shelving** if necessary for the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor vault to allow files to be stored from floor to ceiling and accommodate files to be moved from the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor vault. Cost of the shelving is \$840.94 and is approved the following transfer will be necessary to accommodate payment:

101-215-706.004	Part-time Clerk	\$840.00
101-900-970.215	Capital Outlay	\$840.00

Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Hargrave, to approve purchase and transfer as requested. Ayes carried, motion passed.

6. That each year the **jail overtime dedicated to academy training** is **reimbursable to the General Fund** from the booking fee fund. Commissioner Rhode moved to allow the Treasurer to move the funds from Fund 264 to the General Fund as outlined below:

From	264-000-804.000	\$ 9700.00
	264-00-860.0	\$ 2267.04

To	101-351-703.000	\$10503.81
	101-351-706.004	\$ 612.81
	101-351-720.000	\$ 850.42

Motion supported by Commissioner Kalinowski. Ayes carried, motion passed.

7. That **Justin Eastman, Jail Administrator**, has requested the following transfer to allow **purchase of 84 new mattresses** (\$95.00 each) for the jail:

101-351-703.0	\$7980.00
101-900-970.351	\$7980.00

Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Reid, to allow purchase and transfer as outlined. Ayes carried, motion passed.

Commissioner Grimes questioned Sheriff Shea regarding the new firing range. The Sheriff commented on plans to secure the berm area and that cost estimates are being sought.

**Karen Eighmy**, a member of the “**Friends of the Library**” commented on the things that their group has donated to the library and questioned the Board regarding the library “having” to move and other related topics. It was explained that the Library didn’t “have” to move, that they chose to do so on their own. Indirect costs were explained and the fact noted that the Library now pays several thousand dollars more in rent and bookkeeping services, than they were being charged in indirect costs. After discussion of various Library issues, Ms. Eighmy noted that the “Friends of the Library” are getting a completely different story than what she had heard today.

Laura Brandon noted that a meeting is being scheduled with the Library finance board and perhaps the “Friends of the Library” would like to attend that committee meeting.

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

**Marti Miller, candidate for District #1 Commissioner**, thanked those who read her prepared statement at “Meet the Candidates” noting that she had been unable to attend because of a work related meeting.

It was also noted that the Library Board meeting was scheduled for tonight (Tuesday) at the Beaverton Branch Library.

Commissioner Hoag then moved to adjourn, supported by Commissioner Reid. Ayes carried, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m. until November 14, 2006 unless otherwise ordered.

Laura Flach  
Clerk

Terry Whittington  
Chairman