

Commissioner Minutes of August 25, 2009

The Gladwin County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on August 25, 2009. Chairman Whittington called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call found all Commissioners present.

Agenda – there were no corrections or additions.

The **minutes of August 11, 2009** were then considered. Motion by Commissioner Posey, support by Commissioner Carl, to approve the minutes as presented. Ayes carried, motion passed.

Commission Rhode then read cash balances for Board information - General Fund \$459,262.48, 231 Court Fund \$8463.61.

The **semi-monthly Finance report totaling \$38,899.15** was then considered for payment. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Reid, to approve for payment as presented. Ayes carried, motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Marietta Sprott, Heart of Michigan Animal Rescue, commented on the adoption of cats and requested that the Board take action to waive the adoption fees on cats.

Tom Hindman, Gladwin City Council and Chair of the City Safety Committee, commented on the recent Hazardous Waste collection held in the City. Mr. Hindman asked that the County consider some type of contribution towards future collections. Discussion. Commissioner Carl commented *“that he had received a call from a constituent in Butman Township yesterday in regards to the County Hazardous Waste pick up on the 22nd. It seems that some folks from Butman Township went to the drop off center and were asked which township they were from when they stated Butman they were told that (he) Dennis had voted against funding for the program so they couldn't drop any thin off, without an explanation. Well I did vote against funding for this program as did 4 other commissioners for a couple of reasons. First for what ever reason it wasn't budgeted for and second because of the Countys financial crisis. The county has lost tremendous amount of revenue from the state as well as our own programs because of the economy, we are trying to make up a shortage of nearly a million dollars. Basically the only places left for us to make up the shortage is in non mandated programs or laying people off. One of our goals is to not lay anyone off if at all possible. We would all like to see the Hazardous Waste Program continue and will work towards that goal. Turning people away from programs which in part are government funded is not the answer or we might lose that money as well. We need to continue working with our townships and others to seek a resolution.”*

Beaverton City Mayor Nila Frei reported on upcoming dam repairs, the Beaverton Car Show and that the City Council has reconsidered support for the EDC.

Jan Steward commented on the Hazardous Waste Collection program.

Chairman Whittington then presented resolutions before the Board for consideration:

- **EDC Resolution** Motion by Commissioner Rhodes, supported by Commissioner Reid, to adopt as presented. Roll call vote as follows: Commissioner Walters-yes, Carl-yes, Rhode-yes, Reid-yes, Posey-yes, Smith-yes and Whittington-yes. Ayes carried, **Resolution #2009-23** declared adopted. (Resolution attached)
- **Local Governing Body Resolution** – recognizing Gladwin Cooperative Nursery, Inc. as a nonprofit organization operating in the community for the purpose of obtaining charitable gaming licenses. Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Carl, to adopt as presented. Roll call vote as follows: Commissioner Carl-yes, Rhode-yes, Reid-yes, Posey-yes, Smith-yes, Whittington-yes and Walters-yes. Ayes carried, **Resolution #2009-24** declared adopted. (Resolution attached)
- **MERS Resolution for changing MERS Benefits** along with the accompanying Definition of Day of Work or Hours per Month. Deputy Clerk Laura Flach explained that these documents were necessary to implement benefits granted by the Board to the Deputies unit to be effective July 1, 2009. Motion by Commissioner Carl, supported by Commissioner Reid, to adopt as presented. Roll call vote as follows: Commissioner Rhode-yes, Reid-yes, Posey-yes, Smith-yes, Whittington-yes, Walters-yes and Carl. Ayes carried, **Resolution #2009-25** declared adopted. (Resolution attached)

Chairman Whittington then reviewed the proposed contract **for Mental Health Services for Jail Inmates with Community Mental Health for Central Michigan**. Motion by Commissioner Reid to approve the contract and authorize signing by the Chair, supported by Commissioner Smith. Ayes carried, motion passed. (Commissioner Posey voting no)

Sue Fortune of East Michigan Council of Government came before the Board with updates on EMCOG – future projects and activities. Ms. Fortune noted that the 2010 dues would be less than in the past and also informed the Board that the County's Recreation plan would need updating to qualify for future grants.

Carol Brubaker of City/County Transit came before the Board with the following:

- **Proposed contract and resolution for a dialysis vehicle and roof repairs**. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Carl, to approve the contract and adopt the resolution as presented. Roll call vote as follows: Commissioner Reid-yes, Posey-yes, Smith-yes, Whittington-yes, Walters-yes, Carl-yes, and Rhode-yes. Ayes carried, **Resolution #2009-26** declared adopted. (Resolution attached)
- **Proposed purchase of 3 – 30 ft. buses with lifts and resolution** approving purchase. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Posey, to approve purchase and adopt the resolution as presented. Roll call vote as follows: Commissioner Posey-yes, Smith-yes, Whittington-yes, Walters-yes, Carl-yes, Rhode-yes and Reid-yes. Ayes carried, **Resolution #2009-27** declared adopted. (Resolution attached)

Chairman Whittington then commented on communication from Scott Govitz regarding a vacancy on the EDC Board, with recommendation that **Mandy Loar** be appointed to that Board. With the Board's agreement, Chairman Whittington appointed Mandy Loar as recommended.

Commissioner Smith reported:

1. Attended County Affairs Meeting on Aug. 11, 2009.
Chairman Terry Walters will give that report.
2. Attended Beaverton City Council meeting on Monday, August 17, 2009.
 - a. Loans and grants approved for repairs on Dam.
 - b. Bid process is beginning as soon as possible and repairs will begin shortly.
 - c. Ross Lake will be lowered completely and must be back to normal level by Nov. 1, 2009 to protect the turtles and frogs.
 - d. New backhoe has arrived.
 - e. Work is progressing on elimination of Wards in City
 - f. City Council will revisit paying membership in Gladwin County EDC.
3. Attended ceremony for awarding of loans and grants to Beaverton City and Beaverton Rural Schools on Friday, August 21, 2009.
4. Enjoyed the Beaverton celebration of Good Old Days this past weekend.
5. Attended Council of elected government on Monday, August 24, 2009. Very informative worthwhile meeting.
6. Commissioners are urged to be participants in Leadership of Gladwin County program.

Commissioner Posey reported:

- On attending the County Affairs meeting on August 11th.
- That on August 21st she attended the USDA Loan and Grant Ceremony
- On attending the Council of Local Government meeting on August 24th.

Commissioner Walters reported:

- On the August 11th County Affairs committee meeting with representatives from soil conversation regarding soil erosion permits.
- On the August 88th Fair Board meeting.
- On attending the Sage Township meeting on August 13 and the Sherman Township meeting on August 18th and concerns of those townships.
- On attending the lake board meetings for Pratt Lake, Wiggins Lake and Lake Contos.
- That on August 22 he assisted with the Hazardous Waste Collection.
- On August 22 he briefly attended the Beaverton Car Show.
- Today he would be attending the Veterans Affairs meeting as well as the Mental Health Board meeting.

Commissioner Walters continued reporting on the recommended **Bid Process Policy** developed by the County Affairs committee. Discussion. Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Posey, to adopt the policy as recommended. Ayes carried, motion passed. (copy of policy attached)

Chairman Whittington then asked Board members to consider the **Tower agreement between the County of Gladwin and Beaverton Rural School District**. Motion by Commissioner Reid, support by Commissioner Smith, to approve the agreement and authorize signing by the Chair. Ayes carried, motion passed.

Commissioner Carl reported:

- That he attended the Bourret Twp. meeting on August 11th, the Clement Twp. meeting on August 12th, the Butman Twp. meeting on August 13th and the Gladwin Twp. meeting on August 19th.
- On attending the Personnel committee meeting on August 14th.
- On the Buildings and Grounds meeting on August 20th.
- On the August 21st Finance committee meeting.
- That he had also attended the Council on Local Government meeting on August 24th.

Commissioner Reid reported:

- That he had attended the following meetings:
 - EDC on August 12th
 - Airport meeting on August 13th
 - The Secord Twp. meeting
 - The August 20th Building and Grounds meeting as well as the Public Safety meeting.
 - The USDA Grant Ceremony on August 21st.
- On Bids for marine boats as advertised. The sealed bids were passed from the Clerk to Commissioner Reid and opened—with bids as follows:

Billy Asch	\$650.00 for Boat without motor \$750.00 for Boat with motor
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Ron Brown	\$500.00 for MC3146 PB-08 \$600.00 for MC2889 PB-11
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Motion by Commissioner Reid, supported by Commissioner Smith, to award the bids to the highest bidder – Mr. Asch. Ayes carried, motion passed.

Commissioner Reid then continued reporting:

- On County owned properties
- On scheduled dam repairs both at Beaverton and Chappel Dam.
- On the Treasurer's Tax Sale and specifically the Gladwin Manufacturing property. Discussion was had on the feasibility of having the EDC and Landbank look at options for disposal/sale of the property and bring recommendations to the Board. Motion by Commissioner Reid, support by Commissioner Posey to seek options from EDC and the Landbank. Ayes carried, motion passed.
- On the quote from Earl's for a new door at the Jail at cost of \$1590. Motion by Commissioner Reid, support by Commissioner Carl, to approve purchase. Ayes carried, motion passed.

Commissioner Rhode reported:

- On the recent **Corrections grievance** that was deemed "untimely" by the Board. Now request is being submitting asking for a settlement payment of \$300.00. Motion by Commissioner Posey, supported by Commissioner Smith, **to approve payment of \$300.00** as opposed to proceeding to mediation. Ayes carried, motion passed. Commissioners Whittington and Rhode voting no.
- On the request from **Court Administrator Darrell Schlese** for an **additional \$4000.00 for Law Library books**. Discussion was had on resources available "on-line". Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Reid, that the request be **denied** until specifics can be addressed as to what resources are available "on-line" and what "books" are actually necessary. Ayes carried, motion passed.
- On the August 11th Housing Commission meeting and the meal program funding issues.
- On attending the Economic Development meeting on August 12th.
- On the August 14th meeting with the Courts regarding budgeting.
- On attending the August 17th City Council meeting
- That on August 19th he attended the Central Michigan Health Finance meeting as well as the Gladwin Twp. meeting.
- That on August 20th he attended a special C. Mi. Health Finance & Budgeting meeting as well as the Michigan Works meeting.
- On August 24th he also attended the Council of Local Government Meeting.

Commissioner Rhode continued reporting:

- On matters before Finance as follows:
 1. That **Mike Brubaker, 911**, has requested permission **to purchase a new Voice Recorder** system. Total cost is \$19,730.00 and can be paid from the 282 wireless fund if approved. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Carl, to **approve purchase as requested**. Ayes carried, motion carried.

2. That **Gina Conrad, Gypsy Moth**, has requested to **attend the Annual MiCamp Conference**. Lodging costs are \$148.21 with dues of \$25.00. Ms. Conrad is requesting that the entire cost of lodging be paid, because in the past she has shared a room with another county. If approved the cost can be taken from 236-000-860.000. Discussion that the County rate is \$100.00 and Ms. Conrad would have to pay the additional \$48.21 out of pocket. Motion by Commissioner Posey to approve payment of the \$148.21 as requested. Motion died for lack of support.
3. **Undersheriff Hartwell** has requested that **Sgt. Townsend be allowed to attend supervisory training at Delta College in Saginaw September 14 – 18th**. If approved the \$595.00 can be paid from 302 State Training Funds. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, support by Commission Carl, to approve attendance and payment as requested. Ayes carried, motion passed.
4. That **Stacey Gasiciel, District Court Probation Officer**, has requested **payment for 5 unused vacation days per her Court Contract**. Total payment of \$898.88 to be paid from 231-136-706.002. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Carl, to approve payment as requested. Ayes carried, motion passed.
5. That **Sue Walker**, Sheriff Secretary, has requested that the **General Fund be repaid by the 264 training fund** for supervisory training.

From 264-000-804.000	\$1621.11
To 101-351-704.000	\$1505.91
101-351-720.000	\$ 115.20

 Motion by Commissioner Rhodes, support by Commissioner Reid, to allow the Treasurer to move the amounts between funds as requested. Ayes carried, motion passed.
6. That **Barbara Miller, Medical Examiner**, has requested that she be allowed to attend the annual **Medical Examiners conference held October 23-15, 2009**. Dr. Miller has agreed to pay for her own lodging and mileage and is asking that the County pay the **\$285.00 registration fee**. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, support by Commissioner Reid, to approve payment of the registration fee as requested. Ayes carried, motion passed.

Commissioner Rhode then commented on budgeting for 2010 and noted the following scheduled meetings:

- August 26th Department Heads at 9:00 a.m.
- September 1st Committee of the Whole at 10:00 a.m.
- September 3rd meeting with the Courts at 9:00 a.m.
- September 3rd meeting with union reps at 1:00 p.m.

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

Commissioner Reid then moved to adjourn, supported by Commissioner Carl. Ayes carried, meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m. until September 8, 2009 unless otherwise ordered.