

Commissioner Minutes of May 25, 2010

The Gladwin County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session May 25, 2010. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Whittington. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Chairman Whittington then welcomed newly appointed Commissioner, Bob Killian. Roll call found all Commissioners present.

Agenda – no correction or additions.

The **Regular minutes of May 11, 2010** were then considered. *Motion by Commissioner Carl, supported by Commissioner Reid, to approve the minutes as presented. Ayes carried, **motion passed.***

The **cash balances** for the General Fund and the Judicial Management Fund were then read. *General Fund - \$35,324.56 231 Fund - \$88,244.26.*

The **semi-monthly Finance report totaling \$146,469.48** was then considered for payment. *Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Carl, to approve the bills for payment as presented. Ayes carried, **motion passed.***

Public Comments – none at this time.

Resolutions for Consideration – none at this time.

Karen Blonde, Gladwin County Housing Commission, came before the Board to present the renewal for the homeowner rehab grant. Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Carl, to allow the Chairman to sign the grant application as presented. Roll call vote as follows: Walters – yes, Carl – yes, Rhode – yes, Reid – yes, Killian – yes, Smith – yes, Whittington – yes. 7 yes, 0 no. Ayes carried, **resolution 2010-10 declared adopted.***

Correspondence from the Chairman:

- The Region VII Area on Aging annual report has been received and is on file for review if any Board member is interested.
- On the Annual report received by MMRMA.
- Sherry Augustine, Drain Commissioner, has submitted her letter of resignation effective May 27th. There will be a retirement party for her tomorrow from 11-3 in her office. Commissioner Whittington wished Sherry all the best in her retirement.

Committee Reports:

Commissioner Smith reported:

- On attending the Beaverton City meeting on May 17th, noting progress is being made on the Dam project and that the completion date is scheduled for June 4, 2010.
- That she attended the Park and Rec meeting on May 20th, stating the meeting was held at the Lodge and the area was toured. Points of interest discussed were:
 - a. \$709.00 was raised by the Mom-to-Mom sale. This is earmarked for playground development and equipment.
 - b. A \$17,000.00 grant from the USDA was received to purchase a snowmobile, groomer, trailer and equipment to groom ski trails in the park next winter. The total package has been ordered and will be delivered in September. This will allow us to have almost four kilometers of groomed cross country trails for use by skiers next winter. The equipment is identical to the grooming equipment used at the Winter Olympics in Canada. Thanks go to Board member Rick Seebeck for all his efforts to write and acquire this grant.

- c. Six (6) miles of mountain bike trails have been completed and plans have been made for mountain bike riding clubs to come to the area and ride. The Michigan Mountain Bike Riders Website lists the trails available in the Park area.
 - d. Points of possible concern are:
 - 1) This grooming equipment will need to be securely stored at the Park area. We wish to continue the use of the building currently used for the old groomer, and wish to furnish the lock to secure that building. The two keys will be held by 2 members of the Park and Rec Committee for security.
 - 2) If possible we would like to have the stored county materials removed from the large storage building and we would use that building instead of the small one. Since the large building was built for the Park the Park should be allowed to use it for our equipment.
 - 3) The insurance question was raised via an e-mail from Carmen, and the committee believes that since committee members are volunteers for the county the county umbrella insurance covers the area. We do not believe additional insurance is required. This needs to be clarified with the carrier of the county insurance.
 - e. No motorcycles are allowed to be ridden in the park, nor on the trails.
 - f. The south side of the park where the logger took the wood from the adjoining property has not been cleaned up of the wood that was fallen on county property.
 - g. A fund raiser will be held at Hunter's Charity Casino on June 16 through 19. We hope you all will attend and urge others to come and have fun while helping raise funds for the restoration of the Gladwin County Park and Rec area.
 - h. We are working on developing the new 5 year plan for Gladwin County Parks and Recreation. We would ask Carmen to send notice to all townships to go over their plan that ended in 09 and update information as soon as possible and get it to the Parks and Recreation committee for inclusion in the updated plan.
- On attending the Personnel Committee meeting May 20th.

A letter requesting use of the Courthouse on **July 10th for the Wiggins Lake Improvement Board meeting** was read by Chairman Whittington. Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Carl, supported by Commissioner Smith, to allow the Drain Commissioner permission to hold the meeting at the Courthouse as requested.* Ayes carried, **motion passed.**

Chairman Whittington also noted that he did attend, and speak, at the Legislative Breakfast, noting that it was well attended.

Commissioner Walters reported:

- On attending the Sage Township meeting on the 12th, commenting that Equalization concerns were addressed.
- On the Sherman Township meeting held on the 18th, followed by the Fair Board and weather watch meetings. Commissioner Walters reported that the Fair Board received a grant through the Gerstacker Foundation and is in need of a letter of support from the Board of Commissioners. *Motion by Commissioner Carl, supported by Commissioner Smith, to allow the Chairman to sign a letter of support once drafted.* Ayes carried, **motion passed.**
- The Rodeo is May 29th and 30th.
- On attending the May 19th Wiggins Lake, Pratt Lake, and Lake Contos Improvement meeting.
- On the Grand Opening of the new Sacred Heart Mission on the 22nd, noting that it went very well.
- On the continued work on the Veteran's Memorial, noting the involvement has been great. Two Veterans have passed: Henry Keil, Hay Township – WWII and Herman Wright, Gladwin City – WWII.

Commissioner Killian reported:

- On attending both the Beaverton Township and Grout Township meetings, noting that both Townships had given him full support in running for this position.
- On also attending the Legislative Breakfast, commenting that he felt it was well attended.

Commissioner Carl reported:

- On attending the Bourret Township meeting on the 11th.
- On the Clement Township meeting on the 12th.
- On attending the Butman Township meeting on the 13th.
- On the Gladwin Township meeting on the 19th.
- On attending the Building and Grounds meeting on the 20th.
- On the Central Michigan Health Department meeting on the 25th.

Commissioner Carl then commented that the Clerk did a nice job on the line graph report and asked that balances after transfers be included with any budget amendments on Commissioner Rhodes report. The Clerk commented that she will include balances in the next report. Commissioner Carl stated that in reviewing the Personnel minutes and discussion on the Equalization Director's position that the Board post the position to see what other options they have.

Chairman Whittington stated that a motion had been previously made to contribute **\$2,500 to the Gladwin City solid waste project** and that it was not declared where that funds were being paid from. Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Reid, supported by Commissioner Carl, to transfer \$2,500 from Commissioner Miscellaneous to the 529 Solid Waste department for payment. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

Commissioner Reid reported:

- On the year to date department budgets, commenting that the departments are doing a great job in maintaining, but the County is still having cash flow issues.
- On attending the EDC meeting in Beaverton.
- On the Airport meeting, reporting that the Fuel Farm project is moving forward.
- On attending the Hay Township meeting on the 13th.
- On the EMCOG Energy Grant meeting on the 14th, noting that things are moving along well.
- On attending the Secord Township meeting on the 19th.
- On the Building and Grounds and Public Safety meetings on the 20th.
- On attending Finance on the 21st.

Public Safety Matters: Discussed ORV use on private roads, noting the County has no jurisdiction on private roads. Discussion. There are State ORV ordinance changes in Legislature right now. Commissioner Carl commented that there are good pieces in both and that a combination of the good parts would be beneficial.

Building and Grounds matters: On the use, or give away, of the old light bulbs after the energy grant upgrades have been completed. On the upcoming yard sale to get rid of unused County items. On the need to relocate the law books in the hallway. Discussion. The Judges will be invited to the next Building and Grounds meeting to make a decision on where to re-locate the books. The committee also discussed moving Frank Starkweather to the old Emergency Management office in the Annex building and Bob Frei into the Equalization department. Discussion. Motion by Commissioner Reid, supported by Commissioner Carl, to move the offices as discussed. Ayes carried, motion passed.

Commissioner Rhode reported:

- On the Personnel meeting held on the 12th with the Command Unit to discuss contract negotiations.
- On attending the townhall meeting held in Clare on the evening of the 12th, noting there were great discussions.
- On the Regional Economic Development meeting on the 14th.
- On attending the MAC meeting in Grayling on the 17th, briefing the Board on new mandates by legislature.
- On the Health and Human Services meeting on the 18th, noting that the 211 service is still working well and situations are being resolved.
- On attending the Michigan Works meeting on the 20th, commenting there will be a form of a summer work program this summer.
- On the Finance meeting on the 21st and the meeting with John Shaffer, **EMS, to review the 2010-11 budget.** Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Walters, to approve the proposed budget as reviewed.* Commissioner Reid commented that he has reviewed the budget and it looks like they are doing a great job, but would like EMS to sit down with the local Fire Departments to work out a non-emergency EMS assistance call agreement. Discussion. Ayes carried, **motion passed.**
- On the Personnel meeting held on the 21st after Finance. The committee discussed the Equalization Director's contract and the issue with Butman Township. Discussion. Commissioner Carl commented that the position needs to be listed as a part-time position. Commissioner Rhode noted the position needs to be held by a level 3 assessor and the committee is going to meet again to discuss the issue.

Finance Matters:

1. Justin Schneider, Building Official, has requested a transfer of funds. A motion is needed to approve the below listed budget amendments.

101-400-727.01		\$750.00
101-410-702.02	\$750.00	
101-400-727.01		\$250.00
101-410-850.0	\$250.00	

Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Carl, to approve the budget amendment as proposed. Ayes carried, **motion passed.**

Commissioner Rhode continued reporting:

- On the report from Michigan Economic & State Revenue showing the past 10 years in review.
- On the 3% cost increase on the Courts dental program. This will be discussed during union contracts with employees.

Chairman Whittington asked that the Board make motion to regretfully accept the resignation of Drain Commissioner, Sherry Augustine. *Motion by Commissioner Carl, supported by Commissioner Smith, to accept Mrs. Augustine's resignation.* Ayes carried, **motion passed.** Chairman Whittington then asked that Sherry come forward and accept her certificate of appreciation. Mrs. Augustine thanked the Board.

Public Comments-

Frank Starkweather, EDC, came before the Board with an update. Discussion. Commissioner Walters asked about the progress of Roll Right and Young Industries. Discussion. Chairman Whittington commented that the Secretary will be putting Mr. Starkweather on the agenda each month for an update.

Charles Screws, Gladwin County resident, came before the Board with Parks and Rec concerns. The Board members answered Mr. Screw's concerns and encouraged him to continue to be a part of the Parks and Rec meetings.

Sherry Augustine, Drain Commissioner, asked the Board to consider and encourage the appointment of her deputy, Catherine Roehrs, to the Drain Commissioner position.

Commissioner Carl inquired of the Treasurer of the foreclosure rate. Ms. VanTiem commented that there are 97 parcels in tax foreclosure and that she will be using the side lot transfer program for some of the parcels.

Commissioner Smith announced that the Memorial Day parades will be Monday in Gladwin at 11:00 a.m. and Beaverton at 1:30 p.m.

Commissioner Reid then made motion to allow the Clerk and Treasurer to set up a fund and create revenue and expense lines and allow for a transfer to the new fund from unallocated for start up money. Discussion. Ayes carried, motion passed.

*Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Carl, to receive and file various reports with corrections. Ayes carried, **motion passed.***

*Motion by Commissioner Carl, supported by Commissioner Walters, to adjourn. Ayes carried, **motion passed.** Meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m. until June 8, 2010 unless otherwise directed.*

Laura Brandon-Maveal, Clerk

Terry Whittington, Chairman