

Commissioner's Minutes of November 25, 2008

Public Hearing called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Commissioner Whittington.

Commissioner Rhode presented the 2009 Budget, commenting that the Board had now reviewed it several times highlighting the reductions of expense and the increase to some revenues. Commissioner Rhode then made point that this budget was a balanced budget with no money being transferred from the unallocated fund. With no questions or comments from the Board or Public, Commissioner Rhode made motion to come out of the Public Hearing into regular session. Motion supported by Commissioner Hoag. Ayes carried, motion passed.

Regular session.

Commissioner Whittington called for a recess at 8:35 a.m. Recalled to order by Chairman Whittington at 9:00 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call found all Commissioners present.

Agenda - Chairman Whittington noted that Katie Becker would be added to the agenda.

The minutes of November 10, 2008 were then reviewed. Commissioner Posey made comment that she had been asked by the Treasurer to correct the wording on page four from expected the same raise, to that the Board reconsider that the Elected Officials receive the same raise given. Commissioner Carl also had changes to the minutes that he had forwarded correct wording to the Clerk. County Clerk Laura Brandon noted that she did have that wording the was submitted and the changes would be made. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Hoag, to approve the minutes as corrected.

The semi-monthly Finance Report totaling \$ _____ was then considered. Motion by Commissioner Reid, supported by Commissioner Posey, to approve for payment as presented. Ayes carried, motion passed.

Public Comments:

Frank Starkweather came before the Board with an EDC update and progress report. A Grant application had been given to Bruce Guy for an opportunity for the Library for review and completion. Mr. Starkweather also reviewed with the Board on the conference he recently attending in Midland. Commissioner Hoag questioned what was going on with the Dura project. Commissioner Posey asked Mr. Starkweather what he believed the EDC is doing for Beaverton, and the taking of jobs from Beaverton and moving them to Gladwin. Discussion. Commissioner Posey voiced her concern that phone calls from the Beaverton Township Supervisor were not being returned, and the concern her townships had in the moving of jobs within the County.

Correspondence from Chair –

Resolution from Lenawee county – Walters law enforcement good resolution. PA 203 require each pt police office require to work 503 hours. Sheriff Shea spoke on the good idea to go with this resolution to oppose 520 hour standard for law enforcement. Walters/Carl 7 yes 0 no roll call.

Ottawa County – Reid I did have a chance to talk to Denise Hall. Denise Hall III those people with assessed values will not increase. Opposed to it because the only increase you can see is on the consumers price index. Walters/Reid. 7 yes 0 no roll call

Appointment to the ZBA reappoint Don Kelly. Carl questioned if he is the only name – yes

Denise Hall – copy of revised apportionment report Hay Township Roads pg Bourret Township road and brine motion needed Reid/Rhode. Whittington commented on the letter received 11-20-08 and some commissioners were upset. Ayes carried, motion passed. Carl brought up last meeting with a simple explanation of the proposed increases. Any time you go out to townships with an increase, they deserve an explanation of why. Denise wanted to make sure they understood the function of the office to the new township officers. Most info so they could make a good decision. Whittington wanted to make sure the Board members looked at the letter for approval. Posey county board has proposed a fee increase, not that the services will not be provided. Revenues could be increases in order to preserve the full time appraiser. Walters questioned why the townships could not take place gradually, rather than all at once. Denise concerned about what she will be able to provide with less staff. Discussion. Hoag stated his entities are expecting the letter. Posey asked that if other departments were offered the same option to raise revenue to keep staff. Denise some of the costs are still being carried by the county. Clerk Supervisors motion Carl/Hoag. Ayes carried, motion passed.

Thanks to Circuit Judges for making an appointment to the clerk position – Whittington.

Lauren Essenmacher – Staffing changes. Year end numbers. Meals exceeded budget by 12000 meals. CCT doing the meal delivery in the Bourret area due to no volunteers. 35-40 clients that need meals delivered. Whittington average cost of a meal. Raw food approx \$2.00. Sherman township did not realize that they would have to pay a cost. Overview with each of the budgets and total that was spent last year for Gladwin. Floor plans for the high-rises for each location. Kitchen project update- purchased church not a lot a grants there for stand alone kitchens. Group started developing a community center. Rhode made comment that this could be a good program for Gladwin.

Katie Becker – updates to CBBG sewer projects wrapped up in Billings Township. Improvement to property and area most of those were done with grants. Each project averages \$3000. HIP program 4 major homeowner renovation projects. Transit update. Need of replacement buses. State used to hold contracts that the counties could purchase

buses off of their contract. With staffing cuts, they have lost that process. The local agencies have now been forced to write their own specs and purchase their own. 90K up to now 107K. Emission standards increase for the diesel. Contracts now for 9 replacement busses. Coming back to the board once decision to purchase is made. Congressional monies have been set aside to use. Bids are being reviewed, award process is close. Grant for 11 person passenger van with a lift. Lift in rear of bus, not ideal for loading. State conversion for small cutaway bus. Building renovation complete happy to have those in to look at and visit. Lauren grants from state are for outside operations. Ridership for Year end by 400 rides. Different policy and procedures reviewed. Whittington comment thanking both of you for doing a fine job.

Whittington short recess 9:50.

Call meeting back to order 9:58

Katie Becker – MMAC homeless prevention grant to provide services and division of funds by agency. Contract part time person that supervises. Motion needed Hoag/Posey. Ayes carried, motion passed. To Allow funds too be spread according to handout.

Rhode motion to go into ES to discuss Unit & Hoag.

10:00

motion out of executive session Carl ayes carried motion passed. Hoag/Carl allow signature of contract upon presentation. Ayes carried motion passed.

Hargrave copy of resolution for agreement for a new fuel farm for the airport. Co owners of Gladwin City and the County. Allows bids for that process. Hoag questioned if the money is there to pay for it. Federal pass through funds are available at the state to receive funding. Reid/Rhode Roll call 7 yes, 0 no.

Justin Schneider – adopt an ordinance and resolution Carl/Rhode. Roll Call 7 yes, 0 no.

Letter to library member Marilyn Freidle

John Gillis letter received by board with problems of road commission.

Farm Bureau letter

Financial Report from MMRMA for anyone's inspection is available.

Commissioner Posey-\

13th attended Solid waste no quorum little items discussed.

New Beginnings fundraiser on the 15th over 1200.00

17th attended MSU Ag meeting that will be held 1/4ly for updates

18th Fair Board meeting election of officers still looking for ways to make money

20th public safety

Saturday attending Grout Twp swearing in ceremony

Whittington spoke to Jan Stewart on several different occasions. One member needed, and the alternate is available to go when member is absent.

Commissioner Walters

12th Sage Township meeting money concerns. Jump per parcel letter coming

13th Land bank met and discussed certain sites and contamination Grants discussed

13th attended he County Clerk's Retirement party. Good Time and still looking forward to seeing Laura. Miss her

18th Sherman township per parcel raise

19th Democratic meeting

21st Judge Allen's retirement presentation of plaque. Nice party missed out

Commissioner Hoag

10th Tobacco Twp Discussion on EDC

17th Beaverton City discussion about the EDC and it does sound like they are going to participate any longer. Sounds like unfortunate but Discussion

Commissioner Carl

11th Bourrett Twp r

12th clement

13th Person

13th Butman

17th Person and B&G

19th Person and CMDHD

20th B&G

Whittington Letter from Mr. Gillis this is a road commission issue and not ours.

Forward a copy of this letter to them

Commissioner Hoag

Data

Beaverton City EDC Concern not to participate

Commissioner Reid

11th Veterans Memorial Service not as many people appreciate the efforts

Finance issues sit down with courts again was able to pull out another 20k of money that they should not need. District Court may fall short for this year

Commissioner Reid

Public Safety met with Mr. Price not available didn't cover much

B&G CCT tower agreement with Katie Becker take to Board for final approval Mark Sohlden also met go back to Board Mr. Greer from Dist Court and concerns with Probation Door. Window in door - Maintenance Dept. working on that. Rick computers in HD and going through and cleaning up. Save vs. recycle. Shingles on health dept 2100 check from IKO out from bid in the spring. Signs on Annex building pointing people in right direction. Finance talk about time clocks discussed with depts. Have person comm. Look into that and make recommendation back to Board.

Rhode

11th CMHD finance meeting HSGC in evening

12th EDC

11th Personnel meeting with Corrections

14th ECM Board meeting and Regional Board meeting in Pinconning Working on the EDC area

17th Person meeting with unit & Night City Counsel meeting

19th Unit #7

CMHD 19th board meeting discussion on strategic plan good things that have been happening

21st finance meeting

Received from Darrell for a request to sign the CC budget summary so that reimbursement from state Carl support. Ayes carried, motion passed.

Finance matters

#1n – Rhode/Posey Ayes carried motion passed

#2 – Rhode/Reid Ayes carried, motion passed

#3 – Rhode/Carl ayes carried, motion passed

Budget Rhode/Carl 7 yes, 0 no.

Public Comments:

Sheriff Shea congratulations to me. Public hearing at 8:30 recessed 8:33 Shea arrived. Saving money shaving budgets elsewhere then staff can be preserved. 1978 416 grant same amount of deputies. Complaints 1978 to today has doubled and in excess of that no state police post – minimal staff. Gladwin County does need a detective – only one no MSP BC or GC. New RMS system coming into the office. Property room component involved not funding that position crippling effect liability issues. Didn't want to run the Sheriff Dept. 365/24/7 that specific job was picked. Commissioner doesn't know what that job was. Outstanding lawsuit on detective position. Board appropriates funds in that fashion, and the sheriff decides where it is spent. Yesterday 2 deputies on and Lt. 5 people taking accidents. Must fill overtime to get done what needs to be done, and staff is cut. The department is strapped. Concern in sitting through negotiations with command the county is going to save in health care that supervision group and deputies group so that no layoffs. It doesn't make sense. Health care done to save jobs. The Board of Commissioners is considering an ORV for the County. Another mandate, no equipment, no personnel to run ORV. Don't believe the remedy is in his hands. New collections agency, new Health for inmates. New dist judge on community corrections savings on jail meals. Lauren Essenmacher \$2.00 meal, plus prep and travel. 7 to 8 per meal. During 2007 our inmate 168K daily average 79 inmates at 3 meals a day. 237 at 365 days. Cost per meal 1.91 per meal. Feels he is doing his part. Money is being saved. Reid not only one being cut tough all the way around. ORV next to zero complaints in Clare County. Meals no one said that a good job is not being done. Personnel cuts only one. Coming on for a long time, proposed other cuts. Big picture of county debt and where we want to be. Balanced budget. Rhode commented on the drop in revenue and the real problem. Find ways to increase revenues. Only answer to it is to find a way to save money and pay our bills. Heating system in the Courthouse will need to be replaced. No one is being picked on alone. 5-30% Shea other counties staff has increased since 1978, so cuts can be done in other counties. Vehicle and clothing. ORV if we cant enforce something, no enforcement no compliance. We have to respond to crime in our community that is a requirement/duty. Limited traffic enforcement. Posey questioned what he feels is mandated. Co mingle of ORV with marine funds. Walters

concern with Sheriff and Denise and drain. Posey we have a balanced budget concern
Walters and Rhode comment on caution to how much you cut in staff then services are
cut and revenue is lost.

Comment on Bonnie House.

Carl/Hoag receive and file ayes carry, motion passed

Hoag/Walters adjourn 10:55