

## Commissioners Minutes of December 26, 2006

The Gladwin County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, December 26, 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.

**Agenda:** there were no additions or corrections

**Minutes of Dec. 12, 2006** along with Executive Session minutes of the same day, were then considered. Motion by Commissioner Reid, supported by Commissioner Rhodes, to approve the minutes as presented. Ayes carried, motion carried.

The **semi-monthly Finance Report totaling \$74,441.10**, was then presented. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Grimes, to approve payment as presented. Ayes carried, motion passed.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Marietta Sprott wanted to note a clarification - that animals are not euthanized prior to the holidays – that this report was a misunderstanding.

Ms. Sprott also spoke regarding a free food program for animals at the animal shelter and presented literature regarding the program. Ms. Sprott requested that the Board approve the program.

*Board members felt that the program would be good but felt that the matter should be run by Mr. Taylor. Matter referred to committee.*

Ms. Sprott also informed Board members that a volunteer is willing to come into the shelter on Saturdays – but Mr. Taylor is unwilling to give her a key and access to the building. This matter will also go to committee for further consideration.

### **Chairman Whittington reported:**

- On the revised Quit Claim deed to convey the Beaverton Library facilities to the Gladwin County District Library. Motion by Commissioner Hoag, supported by Commissioner Reid, to authorize signing as presented. Discussion. Motion and support withdrawn. Document to be reviewed by Attorney prior to signing.
- On final report from the State regarding 911 funding and record keeping - all was found to be in order and the County 911 operations were given “favorable” status.

**Chairman Whittington continued reporting:**

- Reviewed a Letter of intent from Mid Michigan Community Action on MSHDA funds for Homeless Grant program funding.. Motion by Commissioner Kalinowski, supported by Commissioner Hargrave, to authorize signing by the Chairman. Ayes carried, motion passed.
- On appointments to be made and appointed Frank Grimes to replace Don Taylor on the Planning Commission. There was no opposition to Mr. Grimes' appointment.
- On the appointment needed to the District Library board and appointed Leonard Zembruski to fill the vacancy. Board members Hoag & Rhode voiced opposition to this appointment. Discussion. Commissioner Kalinowski then moved to support the appointment of Mr. Zembruski, supported by Commissioner Grimes. Roll call vote as follows: Commissioner Hargrave-no, Kalinowski-yes, Rhode-no, Reid-no, Grimes-yes, Hoag-no and Whittington-yes. 3 yes and 4 no, motion fails.
- Chairman Whittington then offered Karen Eighmy's name as appointment to the District Library Board. Motion by Commissioner Hargrave, supported by Commissioner Kalinowski, to support the appointment of Ms. Eighmy. Roll call vote as follows: Commissioner Kalinowski-yes, Rhode-yes, Reid-yes, Grimes-yes, Hoag-yes, Whittington-yes and Hargrave-yes. Ms. Eighmy will serve on the District Library Board.

**Bob Duby, Emergency Management Director**, came before the Board and gave an update on recent conferences attended, activities regarding homeland security and other emergency management matters.

Discussion was had regarding the lowering of the water level at Ross Lake and the Beaverton Dam repair project.

Discussion was also had with Mr. Duby regarding NIMS training and other related issues.

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

**Commissioner Hoag reported:**

- On Beaverton City matters and concerns regarding the dam repair project, which seems to be going quite well. .
- That he had attended the recent DPW meeting

**Commissioner Hargrave reported:**

- On responses received for appointment to the Veterans Committee - noting that this appointment would be made after the first of the year.
- That he had missed several meetings because of sickness.
- That Airport hangar construction is almost complete.
- That he had attended the Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> Sherman Township Meeting and the special hearing to dissolve the Grass Lake Improvement Board.
- On attending the County Christmas Party.

**Commissioner Reid reported:**

- That he attended the Secord Township meeting on Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> and the discussion had regarding recycling.
- On a call received over the weekend regarding a dog running loose, noting that Mr. Taylor was called out on Christmas Eve to take care of the problem.
- That he also had attended the County Christmas Party and the swearing in ceremonies.
- On the Public Safety committee meeting of Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>.
- On discussions had regarding the location of the shooting range. Sheriff Shea noted that shooting takes place about 4 times a year – not on a daily basis.

**Bev Przystas, County Extension Agent**, thanked the Board for their time and invited Board members and the County Clerk to attend the annual extension luncheon to welcome new commissioners on January 9<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Przystas also noted that Commissioners Grimes and Kalinowski were also welcome to attend.

**Commissioner Kalinowski reported:**

- That he had attended the Clement, Butman and Gladwin Township meetings, noting that the only big issue of discussion, was the letter sent to local townships regarding Equalization matters.
- On the good rapport he has had with Board members and thanked all who have helped him and offered assistance over the last two years.

Chairman Whittington then presented a Certificates of Appreciation to Commissioner

Kalinowski, in appreciation of his service as a County Commissioner.

**Commissioner Grimes reported:**

- That he had attended the Expenditure Review meeting in Mt. Pleasant on Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>.
- On attending the Personnel Committee meeting on Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>.
- That he had attended the Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> Personnel Committee meeting with District Court regarding the magistrate replacement.
- That he had attended the Health Board meeting at the Doherty Hotel in Clare.
- On attending the Finance committee meeting the morning of December 20<sup>th</sup> and the Public Safety meeting in the afternoon of that same day. The Public Safety Committee had recommended the purchase of one patrol car to replace one recently totaled. Motion by Commissioner Grimes, supported by Commissioner Rhode, to approve purchase as recommended. Ayes carried, motion passed.
- On attending the Buildings and Grounds committee meeting with Wiggins Lake Property Owners Association regarding the estimated cost of having a benefit study done for the Special Assessment District.
- On the recent benefit for County employee Joe Laidlaw. Sheriff Shea reported on the benefit and the monies that were raised. Sheriff Shea noted that Mr. Laidlaw has returned to work and wished to convey his thanks to the Board and all who participated in the benefit.
- On meeting with past Commissioner Adolph Presidio, who also serves on the East Central Michigan Planning and Development Board regarding continued membership with that group.

Commissioner Grimes then thanked the Board for their cooperation over the years noting that this would be his last meeting.

Chairman Whittington then presented a Certificates of Appreciation to Commissioner Grimes, in appreciation of his service as a County Commissioner.

**Commissioner Rhode reported:**

- That he had attended the Personnel meeting of December 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>.
- On attending the Gladwin Township meeting and discussions of Equalization matters.
- That he had attended the Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> Finance committee meeting.

**Commissioner Rhode continued reporting:**

– On matters before finance:

1. Due to the resignation of Magistrate Aaron Miller, the position has been interviewed for and offered to an individual. It has been requested that the position of Magistrate/Court Administrator be given a 3% raise effective January 1, 2007 and that the individual hired be allowed to start at 90% (\$46,818.00), moving to 95% (\$49,419.00) after 6 months and reach 100% (\$52,020.00) after 1 year. Motion by Commissioner Rhode to authorize the raise and hire at 90% as specified. Motion supported by Commissioner Grimes. Ayes carried, motion passed.
  
2. That District Court Magistrate Aaron Miller has requested budget transfers as follows:
 

101-137-727.0		\$1200.00
101-137-703.0	\$1200.00	

 Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Kalinowski, to approve transfer as requested. Ayes carried, motion passed.
  
3. That Darrell Schlese, Circuit Court Administrator, has requested budget transfers as listed:
 

101-131-860.01		\$400.00
101-148-933.01		\$350.00
101-148-860.01		\$100.00
101-131-901.0	\$400.00	
101-148-801.0	\$350.00	
101-148-727.000	\$100.00	

 Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Grimes, to approve the transfers as requested. Ayes carried, motion passed.
  
4. That the minutes of December 12, 2006 show an incorrect 2007 hourly rate for the Board Secretary. The rate was presented as \$16.86 per hour and should have been \$16.78 per hour. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Hargrave, that the Secretary's wage be approved at \$16.78 per hour for 2007. Ayes carried, motion passed.
  
5. That last year the Board took a ½ page ad in the 2006 Annual Chamber of Commerce Directory. If the Board wishes to do the same for 2007, a motion is in order to do so. Discussion. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Reid, to approve taking a ½ page in the 2007 Chamber Directory. Ayes carried, motion passed. Discussion was then had on content of the ad and general consensus that names and phone

numbers of Board members along with various County Departments would be more helpful than pictures

**Commissioner Rhode continued reporting on matters before Finance:**

6. That Magistrate Aaron Miller has requested that Judge Allen be allowed to purchase a set of MCL's at a cost of \$1400.00. If approved the purchase would be made from capital outlay 101-900-970.136. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Reid, to approve the purchase as requested. Ayes carried, motion passed.

Financial Coordinator Laura Brandon then reported meeting with the USDA representatives on Friday December 22 regarding applications for Federal dollars for law enforcement vehicles. It was noted that a public hearing had to be scheduled before proceeding with the grant process. Meeting will be scheduled for January 9<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Hoag then moved that the Chairman be authorized to sign any necessary paperwork for the USDA funding. Motion supported by Commissioner Rhode. Ayes carried, motion passed.

Sheriff Shea expressed his appreciation to Commissioners Grimes and Kalinowski for their efforts and time spent during their Board tenure.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: – none

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

Commissioner Hoag then moved to adjourn, supported by Commissioner Kalinowski. Ayes carried, meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m. Ayes carried, motion passed.

Laura Flach  
Clerk

Terry Whittington  
Chairman