

## Commissioner Minutes of April 27, 2010

*The Gladwin County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session April 27, 2010. The meeting was re-called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Whittington. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call found all Commissioners present, except Commissioner Carl who had been excused.*

**Agenda** – *no correction or additions.*

The **Regular minutes of April 13, 2010** were then considered. *Motion by Commissioner Reid, supported by Commissioner Smith, to approve the minutes as presented. Ayes carried, motion passed.* Chairman Whittington noted that the executive minutes from the April 13<sup>th</sup> meeting will be presented at the next meeting.

The **cash balances** for the General Fund and the Judicial Management Fund were then read. *General Fund - \$50,502.14 231 Fund - \$7,501.97.*

The **semi-monthly Finance report totaling \$53,840.19** was then considered for payment. *Motion by Commissioner Posey, supported by Commissioner Rhode, 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.

**Correspondence from the Chairman** – Chairman Whittington asked if any Board members had questions on any of the correspondence that they received.

**Denise Hall, Equalization Director**, came before the Board for the **Statutory Equalization meeting**. Ms. Hall reviewed the figures from the Equalization report with the Board highlighting increases and decreases in areas. Ms. Hall commented that the decrease in assessments will cause a decrease in revenue for the 2010 tax collection. Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Posey, to adopt the Equalized values for the County. Ayes carried, motion passed.* Ms. Hall requested that the Board allow her to act as a County representative at State Equalization if needed. *Motion by Commissioner Reid, supported by Commissioner Walters, to grant Ms. Hall's request. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

**Committee Reports** –

**Commissioner Walters reported:**

- On attending the Sage Township meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup>, commenting that EDC was discussed, and the Veterans wall proposal was reviewed.
- On the Sherman Township meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> where he also presented the Veterans wall proposal.

- On attending the Fair Board meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> and that they are working on the preparation for the Rodeo.
- On the Wiggins Lake Improvement meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup>, noting graffiti and trespassing has been an issue.
- On attending the Democratic meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup>.
- On the Council of Local Government meeting held in Sherman on the 26<sup>th</sup>.
- On losing John Jarose, Koran War Veteran – Secord Township and Michael Ingram of Monroe on April 17, 2010 while involved in Operation Enduring Freedom.

**Walter Hart** then came before the Board to request that the Courthouse front steps be used for the **National Day of Prayer on May 6, 2010** from 12:00-1:00 p.m. *Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Walters, to grant permission to use the Courthouse grounds as requested.* Ayes carried, **motion passed.**

**Carol Brubaker, City-County Transit**, asked the Board for an extension to the Federal 5311 operating funds in the amount of \$120,584.00. *Motion by Commissioner Reid, supported by Commissioner Posey, to allow the Chairman to sign the contract as requested.* Roll call vote as follows: Walters – yes, Carl – excused, Rhode – yes, Reid – yes, Posey – yes, Smith – yes, Whittington -yes. 6 yes, 1 excused. Ayes carried, **motion passed.**

Chairman Whittington then asked the Board for a motion to sign the **DHS 2010-11 Cooperative Contract for Title IV D services with Maximus.** *Motion by Commissioner Posey, supported by Commissioner Reid, to allow the Chairman to sign the contract for IV D services.* Ayes carried, **motion passed.**

Commissioner Reid then briefed the Board on the possible acquisition process of the DNR tower. Discussion of exclusive HAM use and no revenue potential. The discussion will continue at the 911 meeting on May 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Commissioner Smith reported:**

- On attending the Insurance meeting on April 13<sup>th</sup>, noting Commissioner Rhode will give a complete report.
- On the Personnel Committee on April 16<sup>th</sup>, noting Commissioner Whittington will give a complete report.
- That the Mom to Mom sale was held 4-17-10. It was sponsored by Park and Recreation Committee and was successful for a first time event.
- On attending “A Northern Tradition” on the 18<sup>th</sup>, commenting that the charitable event was a very fun evening, and well worth supporting.
- That she had met with Dennis Priess from NMSAS for an orientation meeting on April 19<sup>th</sup>, stating that it was helpful and informative.
- On attending the Beaverton City meeting on April 19<sup>th</sup>, commenting that plans are being finalized for Community Day.
- That Legislative Breakfast will be with local leaders on Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 a.m. at the Eagles’ Hall in Gladwin.

- On a request from Betty Myers of Tobacco Township that the Drain Commissioner set up a yearly examination of the Nester Drain. Ms. Myers has been in communication with Cathy of the Drain Commission office, noting that Cathy has been very willing to see what can be done about the numerous beaver dams that are plugging this drain. The Myers farmland is being rented and farmed. The lack of clear drainage is creating a problem for the crops that are planted. Ms. Myers has never been able to contact Sherry Augustine and Ms. Myers is very concerned about the water backup, the plugged tiles, and the continued existence of the beaver dams. Commissioner Smith will request that Ms. Augustine contact Ms. Myers and see what can be done to correct this problem.

*Chairman Whittington stated that John Heppner, Maintenance Employee would be retiring this Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup> after more than 35 years with the County. Mr. Whittington noted that a certificate of appreciation would be prepared for Mr. Heppner.*

*Chairman Whittington also noted that Tony Brubaker passed away last evening, and that his condolences go out to the family.*

**Commissioner Posey reported:**

- On attending the Insurance meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup>.
- On the Finance meeting held on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Commissioner Reid reported:**

- On the EDC meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup>, commenting that things are going very well.
- On the Building & Grounds and Public Safety meetings held on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Reid spoke about the RFP process and Ms. Tenwalde attending conference, noting a portion of conference expense may be billed to Gladwin County. Commissioner Reid then asked that the Parks and Recreation committee look at a “call tree” process for those interesting in using the lodge, commenting on a complaint from a Boy Scout leader that was not able to reach anyone. Commissioner Smith stated she will work with the committee on establishing a call tree and that the Park opens May 1<sup>st</sup> for use of the grounds. Commissioner Reid reported on Public Safety matters that included: the possible acquisition of the DNR tower, complaints on a mud bogging issue that is a public safety issue, but is being addressed by Zoning. ORV classes will be starting soon. The Sheriff has requested to write for the CHRP grant to fund 2 officers for 3 years, with the 4<sup>th</sup> year being funded by the County. Discussion. Motion by Commissioner Reid, supported by Commissioner Whittington, to allow the Sheriff to apply for the grant for two officers. Commissioner Posey voiced her concern over the County’s loss of revenue over the next few years and that the County may not be able to fund the 4<sup>th</sup> year. Ayes carried, motion passed. Commissioner Reid then noted that the State-wide smoking policy will begin May 1<sup>st</sup>. The committee discussed the issue and it is their belief that we are in compliance.

### **Commissioner Rhode reported:**

- On the Town Hall style meeting held May 12<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Doherty to discuss the Business and Operating Plan Study that has been conducted by U of M.
- On the insurance plan options for 2011. Commissioner Rhode reviewed the plan option with the Board and asked that they look over the costs and plan to make a recommendation at the next Board meeting. Discussion.
- On the Central Michigan Health Finance meeting in Mt. Pleasant on April 14<sup>th</sup>.
- On attending the Michigan Works meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup>, noting that rates from December 2009 reflected unemployment in Gladwin County to be 18.6%.
- That the MMCC job fair will be held tomorrow.
- On the personnel meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> and the discussion to **replace the part-time Data Clerk in the Treasurer's office**. Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Smith, to allow the Treasurer to hire a Data Clerk for 25 hours per week at union scale and that the wage and fringe budget be moved from the Equalization budget to the Treasurer's budget.* Ayes carried, **motion passed**. Commissioner Rhode then reported that the committee reviewed the options on the preparation of the budget. Discussion. Commissioner Rhode commented that Commissioner Reid was the only Board member to volunteer to serve on a separate "**budget committee**" and that the committee has suggested that the budget be calculated by a Committee of the Whole process. Discussion of days and hours the meetings would be held. *Motion by Commissioner Reid, supported by Commissioner Walters, to have the Finance committee prepare the budget for 2011 as has been done in the past.* Ayes carried, **motion passed**.
- That letters would be sent out to the Union representatives notifying them that the Board is ready to negotiate.
- Communication has been received by MAC on proposed legislation that they are opposing. 1) Counties will only be responsible for 80% of the entire cost of health care and that it will be the responsibility of the employee to pay the other 20%. 2) That all animals in local shelters will be destroyed by injection rather than euthanization.
- That Gladwin City is working on street improvements through grant funds.
- On attending the Health and Human Services Coordinating Body meeting, noting 211 is operating well with 2.8% of the calls coming from Gladwin County.
- On attending the Gladwin Township meeting.

### **Finance Matters –**

1. **John Heppner**, maintenance worker, has requested payment of the balance of hours due to him upon his retirement. Mr. Heppner's last day will be April 30<sup>th</sup>, after working for the County for over 35 years. Payment due to him = 308 vacation hours and 175 sick hours. **Total payment = \$7,505.82.** *Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Walters, to pay Mr. Heppner for the balance of hours as requested.* Ayes carried, **motion passed**.

2. **Sue Walker**, Sheriff Secretary, has requested that **86 hours of Correction Officer overtime be reimbursed to the General Fund from the 264 training fund**. From 264-000-804.000 - \$1,999.86 To 101-351-704.000 - \$1,857.74 and 101-351-720.000 - \$142.12. *Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Walters, to allow the Treasurer to make the transfer as outline.* Ayes carried, **motion passed**.
  
3. **Kim Donn, Zoning Clerk**, came before the committee to request that a **“Medical Marijuana” seminar** be held at the County for land use instruction for Zoning at a cost of **\$750.00**. *Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Reid, to schedule the seminar stating that this is an important issue for zoning.* Ayes carried, **motion passed**.

*Commissioner Reid then commented on attending the Secord Township meeting, and the challenge they are having with adopting their noise ordinance. Discussion.*

Commissioner Rhode then requested that the Treasurer be allowed to **create separate revenue lines in the Economic Gardening budget as needed by the EDC committee**. *Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Smith, to allow the additional lines to be created.* Ayes carried, **motion passed**.

**Public Comments** – none at this time.

*Motion by Commissioner Reid, supported by Commissioner Posey, to receive and file various reports and correspondence.* Ayes carried, **motion passed**.

*Motion by Commissioner Reid, supported by Commissioner Smith, to adjourn.* Ayes carried, **meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m. until May 11, 2010, unless otherwise ordered**.

Laura Brandon-Maveal, Clerk

Terry Whittington, Chairman