

Commissioner's Minutes of March 27, 2007

The Gladwin County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, March 27, 2007 in regular session. 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.

The **minutes of March 13, 2007** were then reviewed. Motion by Commissioner Reid, supported by Commissioner Carl to approve as presented. Commissioner Hargrave stated that he had comments on the minutes – specifically the second to last page and the recorded comment by himself questioning the Clerk's hiring of someone who was pregnant.

Commissioner Hargrave stated that he had not made that comment – that he had questioned the “hiring practices” of the Clerk and further that he meant to address the nepotism in hiring, but was cut off by the Clerk with her “whining”.

Clerk Laura Flach replied that she only sought to clarify the questions raised by Commissioner Hargrave and did not see her reply as whining.

Commissioner Hargrave then asked that the Clerk be directed to correct the minutes and destroy the unapproved copies.

Mrs. Flach noted the approved procedure for correcting the minutes was to clearly state the matter as originally recorded and then the correction to be made in the same manner.

Chairman Whittington asked the clerk to read back the portion to be corrected and the correction as requested by Commissioner Hargrave.

Clerk Laura Flach replied that the original statement as recorded was “Commissioner Hargrave questioned the hiring of someone who was pregnant.” and the correction requested by Commissioner Hargrave was “Commissioner Hargrave questioned the hiring practices of the Clerk.”

Ayes carried, minutes approved as corrected.

The **semi-monthly Finance totaling \$163,048.97** was reviewed. Motion by Commissioner Carl, supported by Commissioner Reid, to approve for payment as presented. Ayes carried, motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Marietta Sprott commented on the number of animals saved since they began working with Mr. Taylor at Animal Control.

Kable Thurlow invited everyone to the farm show on Thursday March 29th. Kable commented on this years show and expectations of a great event.

Chairman Whittington reported:

- On the donation of food and supplies to the Animal Shelter by Junior Girl Scout Troop 1004 and the Certificate of Appreciation that will be sent.
- On meeting with a new insurance company seeking to provide the same coverage as MMRMA.
- On National Telecommunications Week –and commented on Dispatchers seeking donations. Sheriff Shea commented on the special proclamation by President Clinton.

Commissioner Reid commented that he is all for the recognition but has had several calls regarding the solicitations of donations.

Commissioner Hargrave commented that 911 is already funded by millage dollars and the perception of employees seeking to further benefit themselves by donations and gifts is not good.

- The 2006 Report from the Gladwin County Department of Human Services.

Prosecuting Attorney Mary Hess came before the Board regarding the staffing situation in her office. Ms. Hess explained that Barb Uhl has left her office to accept the position of Judge Mienk's secretary and that GayLynn Berg submitted her resignation last week, leaving only Jaime Hinman, who is to be married in July and will be leaving the office. Ms. Hess explained that she has posted and is interviewing, but is requesting permission from the Board to have the option to move Ms. Hinman from her current Union #6 position to the Unit #7 position at 100% pay level. Discussion Motion by Commissioner Hargrave, supported by Commissioner Posey **to allow the Prosecutor the option to move Ms. Hinman to the Unit #7 position at 100% pay as requested.** Ayes carried, motion passed. Commissioner Hoag voting no.

Commissioner Hoag reported:

- That on March 19 he attended the Beaverton City Council meeting, and reported on items of discussion.
- The he attended the public safety committee meeting on March 22.
- That he also attended the Insurance Committee meeting on March 22.

Commissioner Hargrave reported:

- That he attended the Airport meeting on March 14th – that the new hangars are all rented and full and that a 2.7% increase had been given the Airport Manager.
- That on March 14th he had attended the Sage Township meeting
- On March 20th he had attended the Sherman Township meeting and on discussions had regarding Grass Lake road issues.
- That on March 21st he had attended the Budget training in Gaylord which he found to be very beneficial.
- That he had attended the Public Safety meeting on March 22.

Commissioner Posey reported:

- That she also had attended the Budget and Finance Workshop on March 21st and found it beneficial.
- On attending the March 22nd Insurance Committee meeting.

Commissioner Carl reported:

- That he had attended the Bourret, Clement and Butman Township meetings noting that Tony Marshall had been appointed as the new Bourret Township Supervisor, due to the resignation of Mr. Lambert.
- That he had attended the Buildings and Grounds committee meeting.
- On attending the Finance committee meeting.
- That he had also attended the Budget and Finance Seminar and found it to be helpful.

Commissioner Reid reported:

- That he had attended the March 14th EDC meeting in Beaverton
- That on March 21st he had attended both Secord and Buckeye Township meetings and on discussions had at each meeting.
- On the March 22nd Building and Grounds committee meeting – noting that the renovations for Judge Mienk's office are well underway.
- On the Public Safety committee meeting and consideration to requests for tires, monitors and training among other issues.

Commissioner Reid continued reporting:

- That bids received for the 2003 Ford Crown Victoria were to be opened and proceeded to do so. Bids were received as follows:

Frank Grimes	\$625.00
Ben Knierim	\$1653.03

Motion by Commissioner Reid, supported by Commissioner Carl, that the vehicle be sold to the highest bidder Mr. Knierim at \$1653.03. Ayes carried, motion passed.

Commissioner Rhodes reported:

- That he has also attended the March 14 EDC meeting.
- On the March 16th East Central meeting held at the Riverwalk and comments on the fine accommodations for the meeting.
- On the March 19 meeting with Twp. Supervisors and others regarding the issuing of house numbers.
- On March 19th he had attended the Health Board Finance meeting in Mt. Pleasant.
- That he had attended the Finance and Budget meeting in Gaylord and felt it was a good program.
- That he had attended the March 21st Gladwin Twp. Meeting
- On the March 22nd insurance meeting with MMRMA.
- On the March 23rd Finance committee meeting.
- That on March 26th he had attended the Fair Board meeting.
- On matters before Finance as follows:

1. That **Undersheriff Hartwell** has requested to **purchase 20 tires for the patrol cars at a total cost of \$1904.56** to be paid as follows:

\$996.72 from 101-301-932.000

\$453.92 from 101-303-932.000

\$453.92 from 101-316-932.000

Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Reid, to approve purchase as requested. Ayes carried, motion passed.

Commissioner Rhode continued reporting:

2. That **Undersheriff Hartwell** has requested **that Chad Smith be authorized to attend Firearms Training in Grayling** with the total cost of \$50.00 to be paid from 101-301-932.000. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Reid, to authorize attendance as requested. Ayes carried, motion passed.
3. That **Gaylynn Berg** from the Prosecutor's Office has resigned effective 3/22/07 and **is requesting payment for unused and accrued vacation time per the Unit #6 contract**. The total of \$2840.61 to be paid from 101-229-707.000. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Carl, to approve payment per contract as requested. Ayes carried, motion passed.
4. Barb Uhl, **Judge Mienk's secretary**, has **asked the Board to consider a quote for furniture at a cost of \$1696.97**. This quote along with the equipment costs and charges for the new office have been sent to Randy Torronex in Clare for consideration. Clare County's position is that they will only be responsible for ½ of the laptop cost for Judge Mienk—the rest of the office equipment, lines that have been run for phone and internet, monthly phone billings, and furniture will be the responsibility of Gladwin County to purchase. If approved, a transfer would be needed from contingent to accommodate the expense. Discussion. It is the feeling of the Board that Clare should contribute toward the cost of furniture and supplies. Commissioner Posey noted that a less expensive desk could be purchased that would meet the need. There is no committee recommendation in this matter. Chairman Whittington will contact Mr. Torronex to discuss the matter further.
5. That Christy VanTiem County Treasurer had met with the Committee to inform that the County had received the money due from Gladwin City and it would be disbursed to the County entities as due them.
6. That **Denise Hall, Equalization Director** is **requesting a software purchase for the GIS program**, which will allow her office to maintain data and update changes. The quote from ESRI for an ArcInfo Floating License is \$7,120.38 and would be paid from 101-258-815.006 if approved. Employee training will also be required at a cost of \$800.00. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Reid, to approve purchase of the License as requested. Ayes carried, motion passed. Discussion. Chairman Whittington stated that there needs to be some sort of consolidation between Gypsy Moth and Equalization regarding GIS – each seems to be going in their own direction, while looking at the same goal. Matter will be referred to Data Committee.

Commissioner Rhode continued reporting on finance matters:

7. That **Mike Brubaker, 911 Administrator, has requested that two dispatchers be allowed to attend three training sessions.** Chuck Peters to Basic Lein Training in Flint at cost of \$50.00 plus 1 nights lodging. Jan Stoike to Supervision Training in Lansing at cost of \$295.00 plus 2 nights lodging and Chuck Peters to the 40-hour Beginning Dispatch School in Lansing at cost of \$649.00 plus 5 nights of lodging. All training costs to be paid from Wireless Training 282-000-804.001. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Reid, to approve as requested. Ayes carried, motion passed.

Commissioner Rhode then commented on the Workers Compensation Seminar in Bay City and moved to approve attendance by any board member who wished to attend. Motion supported by Commissioner Posey. Ayes carried, motion passed.

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

Commissioner Hargrave moved to adjourn, supported by Commissioner Carl. Ayes carried, meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m. until April 10, 2007, unless otherwise ordered.

Laura Flach
Clerk

Terry Whittington
Chairman