

Commissioners Minutes of November 27, 2007

The Gladwin County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, November 27, 2007. 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- the addition of Bob Duby Emergency Management Coordinator.

The **minutes of the Nov. 13, 2007** were then reviewed. Motion by Commissioner Reid, supported by Commissioner Hoag, to approve the minutes as presented. Ayes carried, motion passed.

The **semi-monthly Finance Report** totaling \$ 57,511.13 was then considered. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Carl, to approve for payment as presented. Ayes carried, motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: none

Bob Duby, Emergency Management Coordinator, reported on the Homeland Security Planning Board meeting and activities and discussions of that Board. Mr. Duby questioned if the primary location for EOC could be changed from Sheriff's Dept. to Sage Twp. and commented on the reasons for doing this. Discussion. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Reid, **to move the primary location for EOC to Sage Township** as requested. Ayes carried, motion passed. Discussion was had with Mr. Duby on other Emergency Management matters.

Circuit Court Judge Tom Evans came before the Board asked to go into executive session for discussion of Court Negotiations. Motion by Commissioner Hoag, supported by Commissioner Hargrave, to go into Executive Session for consideration of court negotiations. Ayes carried, motion passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Hoag moved to return to regular session, supported by Commissioner Carl. Ayes carried, motion passed.

Commissioner Hoag then moved to have the vote **on funding of the court contract** as presented by Judge Evans. Motion supported by Commissioner Carl. Clerk Laura Flach asked for clarification of the motion – asking if a yes vote would be to fund and a no vote would be not to fund. All Commissioners noted that that was their understanding of the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Hargrave-no, Carl-no, Rhode-no, Reid-no, Posey-no, Hoag-no and Whittington-no. **7 no votes, motion fails-- the County does not agree to fund the Court contract.**

Chairman Whittington reported:

- That the term of Sam Bagnieski on the Region VII Advisory Council will expire as of 12/31/2007 and with the Boards agreement, he would re-appoint Mr. Bagnieski for a new term 1/1/2008 – 12/31/2009. All agreed.
- On the MMRMA Report that had been received.

Commissioner Hargrave then commented on the vote on the Court contract for benefit of those present. He stated that a lot of people have worked really hard in formulating a county budget with wage increases and no major reductions or layoffs. Commissioner Hargrave continued noting that while everyone wants big raises and improved benefits--sometimes it just can't happen and that the vote on the court contract was not a vote against court employees—but rather a vote based on economic issues before the Board and efforts to protect and stabilize the County's financial state.

Chairman Whittington continued reporting:

- On recent discussion with City Administrator Bob Moffit and that Mr. Moffit would like the Commissioner's input on services the Board would like to see come into the City.

Drain Commissioner Sherry Augustine came before the Board with a proposed Resolution to extend the Bond for Chappel.Dam with an increase in interest rate from 4.14% to 4.29%. Discussion was had with Ms. Augustine regarding Chappel Dam issues and the impact of the delay caused by the appeal. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Reid, to approve and adopt the resolution as presented. Roll call vote as follows: Commissioner Carl-yes, Rhode-yes, Reid-yes, Posey-yes, Hoag-yes, Whittington-yes and Hargrave-yes. Ayes carried, Resolution #2007-25 declared adopted. (Resolution #2007-25 attached)

Vern Volmering, Construction Code Department, came before the Board to appeal the reduction in hours of one of his staff for 2008 (one clerk cut from full time to 7 months @ fulltime and 5 months @ part time – 5 hr. a day/5 days a week). Motion by Commissioner Hargrave to reinstate the clerk to full time for 2008. Justin Schneider commented that the Board has no idea of how much work the Soil Erosion program “piles” onto their office – noting that the busiest time for soil erosion activity is the time that building activity is slow. Motion failed for lack of support.

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

Commissioner Reid reported:

- That he attended the Secord Township meeting on Nov. 21.
- That he will be getting with Mr. Ghent regarding remodeling in the Prosecuting Attorney's office.
- On the need for a cell phone for the Building Inspector and moved to approve acquiring such for Mr. Schneider. Motion supported by Commissioner Posey. Ayes carried, motion passed.

Commissioner Posey reported:

- That on Nov. 21 she attended the Finance committee meeting.
- That she had nothing further to report –but hoped that all enjoyed a good Thanksgiving Holiday.

Commissioner Hoag reported:

- That on Nov. 11th he sat in on the Finance committee meeting.
- That he attended the Beaverton City Council meeting on Nov. 19th.

Commissioner Hargrave reported:

- On attending the Nov. 14th Sage Township meeting.
- That on Nov. 20th he attended the Sherman Township meeting.
- On recycling issues – noting that both Sage and Sherman Townships were real receptive to the matter.

Commissioner Carl reported:

- That he had attended the Bourret Township meeting on Nov. 13th.
- That on 11/19 he attended the Personnel Committee meeting.
- On attending the Gladwin Township board meeting on Nov. 21. .

Commissioner Rhode reported:

- That on Nov. 13th he attended the C. Mi. District Health Finance meeting in Mt. Pleasant.
- On the Nov. 13th Housing Commission meeting.
- That on Nov. 19th he attended the Personnel committee meeting in the morning, in the afternoon an Emergency Management meeting and in the evening the Gladwin City Council meeting.
- On attending the Fair Board meeting.
- On attending the Personnel committee meeting of Nov. 21st.
- On Library activity – noting that they are looking at expansion in their present location and other projects underway. Bruce Guy Library Director was also present to answer any questions Board members would have regarding the Library.
- That Animal Control recently purchased a new freezer and has now received the rebate of \$65.00. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Carl, to receipt the rebate back into the Animal Control supply line. Ayes carried, motion passed.
- On matters before finance as follows:

1. That Prosecutor Mary Hess has requested budget amendments as follows:

101-229-933.000		\$500.00
101-229-831.001	\$500.00	
101-229-850.000		\$200.00
101-229-860.000	\$200.00	

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

2. On receipt of a bill from Amalgam LLC for GIS training for Equalization, Gypsy Moth and County Treasurer’s Departments. The total payment of \$1,162.50 to be broken down from payment from the respective department lines. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Posey, to approve payment as requested. Ayes carried, motion passed.
3. That Denise Hall, Equalization Director, has requested authorization to purchase Apex sketching software for her office. The cost of software will be between \$350.00 and \$400.00 and will be paid from 101-225-727.000. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Reid, to approve purchase as requested. Ayes carried, motion passed.
4. On the need to make budget amendments to account for over revenue lines and over expense lines and moved to approve the needed budget amendments (copy attached) Motion supported by Commissioner Hoag. Ayes carried, motion passed.

WORKSHOP ON 2008 SPECIAL FUND BUDGETS

Laura Brandon, Financial Coordinator, explained the special fund budgets, how they are arrived at and how they function. Ms. Brandon noted that if any board member had any questions she would be happy to answer. General Discussion

Commissioner Rhode then moved to hold the required Public Hearing on the Special Fund Budgets immediately following the first regular meeting in December. Motion supported by Commissioner Posey. Ayes carried, motion passed.

Commissioner Reid commented on county general fund budget and while the deficit is considerably lower than in the past he still is concerned about the County's financial future. He also added that steps are being taken to bring the budget in line and every one is doing a good job.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: none

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

Commissioner Hargrave then commented on the parking of county owned vehicles – noting that all have complied, except those employees of the Sheriff's Department and that work is continuing to gain compliance in that area.

Chairman Whittington noted that he has been in contact with the County Attorney and feels that things will be addressed in the next couple of days.

Commissioner Hoag then moved to adjourn, supported by Commissioner Carl. Ayes carried, meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m. until December 11, 2008 unless otherwise ordered.

Laura Flach
Clerk

Terry Whittington
Chairman