

## Commissioner Minutes of July 28, 2009

*The Gladwin County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session July 28, 2009. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Whittington. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call found all Commissioners present.*

**Agenda** – There were no corrections or additions to the agenda.

The **Regular minutes July 14, 2009** were then considered. *Motion by Commissioner Carl, supported by Commissioner Walters, to approve the minutes as presented. Ayes carried, **motion passed.*** Commissioner Carl noted that the Clerk would be bringing General Ledger balances to each Board meeting so that the Board know what the cash balances are before making any voting decisions to spend money.

Commissioner Carl then made comment that he believes there needs to be a reading of the **General Ledger Cash Balances** at the beginning of each meeting. Commissioner Carl believes that this information would serve as beneficial to the Board before spending money, or approving purchases, at each Board meeting. Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Carl, supported by Commissioner Posey, to have the Clerk read the General Ledger cash balances, for the record, at the beginning of each Board meeting. Ayes carried, **motion passed.***

The **semi-monthly Finance report totaling \$71,439.35** was then considered for payment. *Motion by Commissioner Reid, supported by Commissioner Posey, to approve the bills for payment as presented. Ayes carried, **motion passed.***

### **Public Comments –**

Lt. Partridge, State Police – Homeland Security Division, came before the Board to express his condolences in the passing of Bob DUBY. Lt. Partridge then asked the Board to be expedient in the filling of their Emergency Management Director, and offered his assistance in the hiring process, and in the interim work process. Discussion. Lt. Partridge voiced his concern to get the most qualified person under Act 390. Discussion. Commissioner Carl asked if PA 390 was the guideline by which the State would hire an Emergency Management Director. Lt. Partridge stated that PA 390 is not a requirement to hire, but a great guideline.

Frank Starkweather, EDC, came before the Board with a brief update of EDC activities. Mr. Starkweather thanked the Board for appointing Bev Przystas and Bruce Guy to the committee, stating that they hold great promise. Mr. Starkweather commented that the next issue of bullets will be out in the next week.

Lt. Partridge then passed out copies of ACT 390 for the review of the Board. Discussion on hiring, assigning a wage, and what fringes would be available to the applicants. The Board decided to review the wage and fringe options for the Director's position at the Committee of the Whole meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Jan Stewart, Solid Waste, expressed her disappointment to the Board in their unwillingness to participate in, and contribute to, the collection of Household Hazardous Waste items with the City of Gladwin. Discussion.

Nila Frei, Beaverton City Mayor, spoke on the grant approval from USDA for Dam repairs.

**Laura Flach, County Clerk's Office**, made a presentation on the **MERS proposal for handling of post employment health benefits as required under GASB** and reported in our 2008 audit. MERS will handle the accounting and investments at a cost of 46/100 of \$1.00 to the County. The County has the options on when and how much to set aside into this fund. Options for funding were discussed. Mrs. Flach then presented the Board with a resolution for consideration to establish the fund with MERS. *Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Walters, to accept the resolution by MERS to establish the fund for compliancy under GASB requirements.* Roll call vote as follows: Walters – yes, Carl – yes, Rhode – yes, Reid- yes, Posey – yes, Smith – no, Whittington – yes. 6 yes, 1 no. (Commissioner Smith voting no because she wished to have time to read the resolution before voting.) **Ayes carried, resolution 2009-022 declared adopted.**

*Chairman Whittington noted that because of time constraints he would not be reviewing each piece of his correspondence, and that each Board member had a copy for their review.*

### ***Committee Reports –***

#### **Commissioner Smith reported:**

- On attending a special Library Board meeting July 13, 2009 where renovation of Arena building was approved. Renovation work has started.
- That she attended Tobacco Township meeting on July 13, 2009.
- That a report was sent in her absence to Beaverton City regular meeting on Monday, July 20, 2009.
  - a. Reports were received from Mike Hargrave about the airport and Karen Blatt about the leadership program that begins September 4, 2009.
  - b. There will also be a junior leadership program offered this year.
  - c. The Council denied the request from the Gladwin County EDC for \$500.00 and this included a letter of explanation to the EDC Director.
  - d. Thanks were given to the Boy Scouts for cleaning up Ross Lake Park after the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration.
  - e. Revisited the Fire Board purchase of property on M-18 from Dave Lang for the construction of a new fire hall. Motion made and Council approved the purchase.

- f. There is a new Council member from Ward 2, Doreen Ullom.
- g. The City is grateful for the support of Sgt. Timothy David in his “return home.”

Commissioner Smith noted that she had an excellent time while shooting in Minnesota and had set another record.

**Commissioner Walters reported:**

- On attending the Lake Improvement Board meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- On Veteran Affairs, noting that Ginny Grant was working with the family of Tim David and the Department of Defense. The Forgotten Eagles would be at the Memorial on August 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. The County lost two more Veterans: Keith Gilbert, Gladwin City – WWII and Larry Parsons, Tobacco Township – Korean War.
- That he was unable to make his Township meetings because he has been busy with Emergency Management. Commissioner Walters has communicated this with his Townships, noting that they have been very understanding.

**Commissioner Carl reported:**

- On attending the Bourret Township meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup>.
- On the Gladwin Township meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup>.
- On attending the Building and Grounds meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup>.
- On the Finance meetings on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.

*Commissioner Carl then excused himself from the meeting.*

**Commissioner Posey** had no report due to the fact she had no scheduled meetings in the past two weeks.

**Commissioner Reid reported:**

- On attending the Secord Township meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup>, noting that a proposed noise ordinance was reviewed.
- On attending and being a part of Bob Duby’s funeral on the 16<sup>th</sup>, commenting that Bob had a great ability in the way he ran the program.
- On attending the Public Safety meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Discussion on grant prospects to fund ORV education, ORV contact for questions, and providing service to Secord Township to assist with their noise ordinance.
- On the Buckeye Township meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, noting that mosquito spraying was discussed.

Commissioner Reid then commented on the bids for the **sale of two marine boats** that was handled at the last Board meeting. Commissioner Reid received a phone call stating that the bids could have been compromised, and that he would like to see them re-

advertised for sale. Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Reid, supported by Commissioner Carl, to re-advertise the two boats for sale.* Ayes carried, **motion passed.**

Commissioner Reid then expressed concern over comments made on the Building and Grounds committee's decision to paint the Animal Shelter. Commissioner Reid commented that donation money was used to pay a large portion of the cost and that if individuals have questions, or concerns, that he would urge them to contact him so that issues can be discussed.

The bids were then opened for **the Bolens lawn tractor that was for sale.** The bids were opened as followed: Walt Kennedy - \$527.00 Albert Hall - \$115.00 John Stenger - \$217.50 G&D Feeds - \$300.00 Linda Chaffee - \$200.02 Chris Shell - \$302.00. *Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Reid, to sell the tractor to Walt Kennedy for \$527.00.* Ayes carried, **motion passed.**

#### **Commissioner Rhode reported:**

- On a **grievance filed by the Corrections Officer unit for retro pay.** Mr. Borousho does not believe that it is an issue, and should be denied based on the timeliness of the grievance. Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Reid, supported by Commissioner Smith, to pay the retro pay as requested in the grievance.* Roll call vote as follows: Carl – absent, Rhode – no, Reid – yes, Posey – yes, Smith – yes, Whittington – no, Walters – no. 3 yes, 3 no. **Tie vote, motion fails.**
- On a matter that came up after the Finance meeting. Commissioner Rhode asked that County Clerk, Laura Brandon-Maveal explain. Mrs. Maveal explained that the Sheriff's Department was asking for a **“Palm Live Scan Device”** that is a Federal requirement and costs \$16,000.00. If purchased by September 15, 2009, 100% of the cost will be reimbursed by the State. Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Reid, to approve the purchase of the “Palm Print Device” as requested.* Ayes carried, **motion passed.**
- On attending the Gladwin Township meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup>.
- On the Public Safety meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup>.
- On attending the East Michigan Counsel of Government meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> and the reduction of 2010 dues by \$550.00.
- On attending the Gladwin City Counsel meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup>, noting that the City is disappointed in the County's non-participation in the hazardous waste collection.
- On the MAC meeting held in Grayling on the 20<sup>th</sup>, noting several topics of discussion.
- On the Gladwin County Health and Human Services Board meeting held on the 21<sup>st</sup>, noting that there are a lot of things going on and brochures are available for the Board to review.
- On the Central Michigan Health Finance meeting in Mt. Pleasant on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- On attending the Finance meetings on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.
- That there will be a Uniform Addressing presentation on the 30<sup>th</sup>.

## **Finance Matters –**

1. Mike Brubaker, 911 Director, has requested that three dispatchers be allowed to attend a “Nix the Negativity” training in Midland. Total cost is \$687.00. There are no lodging costs for this training. If approved cost to be paid from 282-000-804.001. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Reid, to approve the training as requested. Ayes carried, motion passed.
2. Denise Hall, Equalization Director, has requested that a receipting error in her office be corrected by the Treasurer. Transfer from 101-000-636.000 to 101-225-802.000 \$10,619.33. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Walters, to transfer the money as corrected. Ayes carried, motion passed.

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

The Board then continued their discussion on the **Emergency Management position**. Discussion on wages, fringe, and job description, was reviewed for the posting in the paper. The Board put together an **advertisement for the paper** and asked the Clerk to put together three wage and fringe packages for job applicants to consider. Resumes will be due by August 5, 2009 to the Chairman of the Board. *Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Reid, to approve the advertisement to hire for the Emergency Management Director position.* Ayes carried, **motion passed**.

Commissioner Walters then noted that the Clare Veteran’s Clinic is open and handling a lot of cases.

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

*Motion by Commissioner Walters, supported by Commissioner Posey, to adjourn.* Ayes carried, **motion passed**. *Meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. for the Committee of the Whole meeting to discuss the budget.*

## **Committee of the Whole Meeting**

Chairman Whittington called the meeting back to order at 1:00. Commissioner Whittington stated that the purpose of the meeting was to review the first draft of the proposed budget, and that it was strictly a workshop, noting that no final decisions would be made today and there would be no public comments. The meeting was turned over to Commissioner Rhode for discussion of the 2010 budget.

Commissioner Rhode briefed the Board on the collection process of revenues and expenses by each department. Total revenues = \$6,914,285.00 Total Expenses = \$7,333,893.00, leaving a negative balance of \$419,608.00 in General Fund that would need to be balanced by the committee. Commissioner Rhode passed out a list of proposed budget reductions from the budget committee for the Board to review and asked

for the Board to make comment on the list, or to provide the committee with other areas to explore reductions. Many ideas were discussed between the Board and the members of the public in attendance on ways to balance the budget. Chairman Whittington concluded the meeting noting that department head and elected official meetings would be beginning August 4<sup>th</sup> and that the Commissioners' secretary would be scheduling appointments with the budget committee.

Motion by Commissioner Carl, supported by Commissioner Walters, to adjourn. Ayes carried, **motion passed**. *Meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m. until August 11, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. unless otherwise ordered.*

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Laura Brandon-Maveal

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Terry Whittington