

Commissioner's Minutes of November 28, 2006

The Gladwin County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, November 28, 2006 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 corrections or additions to the agenda.

The **minutes of the Nov. 14, 2006** meeting along with the Executive Session minutes of the same day of the same day, were then considered.

Commissioner Grimes noted that his motion for Public Hearing was for the “Special Funds Budgets” as opposed to “union negotiations” as stated.

Chairman Whittington commented that while it was not a correction, as the minutes reflected what was stated; it should be noted that the siren testing would take place the last Saturday of each month instead of the 1st Saturday as stated at the last meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Grimes, supported by Commissioner Reid, to approve the minutes as corrected. Ayes carried, motion passed.

The **semi-monthly Finance Report** totaling \$ 40,500.59 was then presented for consideration. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Reid, to approve payment as presented. Ayes carried, motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: none at this time

Chairman Whittington reported:

- * On the letter of support written for the city tennis court project.
- * On the post card received from an animal rights member in Pennsylvania
- * On the meeting he attended regarding the Pamida Foundation, noting that he had some information if anyone were interested.
- * On recent communication from MMRMA
- * On the Office of Emergency Management and that the contract with Sage Twp. will be addressed the first meeting of December. Chairman Whittington noted that he will be meeting with Mr. DUBY regarding funding issues.

Linden Beebe, Solid Waste Coordinator for Clare County, came before the Board and spoke on recycling issues. Mr. Beebe noted the biggest problems with recycling are education and funding. Speaking on the advantages of recycling – Mr. Beebe noted that they are working with Gladwin County’s FORGE in recycling endeavors, and would like to see Commissioners work with FORGE to get the program up and going. Mr. Beebe also noted that he would be willing to work with the County’s Solid Waste Committee. Discussion was had regarding several recycling issues.

Commissioner Hargrave reported:

- * That on Nov. 21st he attended the Sherman Twp. Board meeting and concerns with the dissolution of the Grass Lake Improvement Board.
- * That on Nov. 22nd he attended the Public Safety committee meeting

Commissioner Hoag reported:

- * That he was not able to attend the Beaverton City Council meeting because of a death in the family, and he had no other meetings in the last two weeks.

Commissioner Kalinowski reported:

- * That the Health Board meeting was scheduled for this evening (Nov. 28th)
- * That he had attended the Bourret Township Board meeting and the concerns brought up regarding NIMS testing – noting that they had not been contacted regarding NIMS.

Commissioner Reid reported:

- * That he had attended the Public Safety committee meeting
- * On attending the Bldg. & Grounds committee meeting
- * On the Data committee meeting and the presentation made on the Cherryland Indexing and Imaging system that will be used for County Clerk Vital records, court documents and also District Court filings. Hardware costs of \$15,000 and software costs of \$21,000, would be shared by the Clerk and District Court and be spread over two years. Discussion. Motion by Commissioner Hoag, support by Commissioner Hargrave, to proceed with the project. Ayes carried, motion passed.
- * That new computers have been requested for the new Assistant 911 Director and Sue Walker. Discussion. The request will be further addressed by committee.

Commissioner Grimes reported:

- * On attending the Finance committee meeting.
- * That he had attended the Expenditure Review meeting in Mt. Pleasant
- * On the Emergency Management meeting and discussion of NIMS
- * On matters addressed at the Bldg. & Grounds committee meeting:
 1. That Mr. Ghent had obtained bids for a **drinking fountain at the jail.**
Foor's \$ 783.75
Triple A \$ 1226.23
Motion by Commissioner Grimes, supported by Commissioner Reid, to purchase the drinking fountain from Foor's with funds to come from 101-265-930.001. Ayes carried, motion passed.
 2. That bids are being obtained for repair of a stainless toilet at jail, and will be addressed at a later time.
 3. That Mr. Seebeck had come before the committee voicing objection to the cost split on Chappel Dam costs, and requesting adjustment to the Special Assessment District. Mr. Seebeck requested that a "Benefit Analysis" be done, with costs of the study to be born by the Wiggins Lake property owners.

Chairman Whittington stated that he felt this matter was all settled and at past meetings the property owners seemed to be OK with things as they are. Such a study would be very costly and there were concerns expressed as to the actual wishes of the property owners who have already spent a great deal of money on court fees and litigation.

During discussion questions were brought up as to if the request was by wishes of the majority of property owners or only a certain few. It was suggested that no action be taken until determined by a majority vote of the property owners, exactly what their desires are regarding a "Benefit Analysis" study. . Communication will be sent to the property owners association voicing the board's position.

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

Commissioner Grimes continued reporting:

- * On attending the Planning Commission meeting and the site plan review conducted for a building at the golf course for cart storage.
- * Regarding E. C. Mi. Planning & Dev. problems and the debt that is outstanding there. Discussion.

Commissioner Rhodes reported

- * Attending the Nov. 14th Housing Commission meeting.
- * That he attended the Gladwin Township Board meeting on Nov. 15th.
- * That on Nov. 16th he attended the Council on Aging meeting.
- * That he attended the Gladwin City Council meeting on Nov. 20th
- * On attending the meeting between the County Finance committee and the Library Board Finance committee on Nov. 20th. Noting that the Library had an attorney present.
- * On the Nov. 21st Fair Board meeting.
- * On matters before Finance as follows:
 1. In review of the indirect cost billings and meeting with department heads, the Finance committee is recommending that the following funds be waived the 2004 Indirect Costs billed in FY 2006. It should be noted that a portion of these funds are state revenues and not eligible for indirect cost reimbursement:
 - 287 – Project Fresh
 - 285 – Sheriff Training
 - 265- Corrections TrainingMotion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Grimes, to exempt the funds from Indirect Cost billings as cited. Ayes carried, motion passed.
 2. That the City of Gladwin has requested that the County title the automobile that is to be used as the **airport courtesy car**, and pay the transfer fee of \$28.00. The finance committee has concern on the liability of users of this car. Discussion. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Hargrave, to pay the transfer and insure the car. Discussion. Ayes carried, motion passed.

Commissioner Rhode continued reporting on matters before finance:

3. That two employees have asked to **donate accumulated sick time** to two individuals, and approval is needed to allow the clerk to make the appropriate transfer of hours for payroll purposes. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Reid, to allow transfer as requested. Ayes carried, motion passed.
4. On the **semi-annual budget amendments** needed to bring budget lines out of the red and that approval is needed to allow the clerk and Treasurer to make amendments as attached. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Hargrave, to authorize amendments as presented. Ayes carried, motion passed. Financial Coordinator Laura Brandon noted the cooperation by Department heads who were willing to make transfers within their budgets to handle those lines that were overdrawn.
5. That Jail Administrator Justin Eastman, has requested **replacement of the observation cell camera** in the jail at a cost of \$675.00 to be paid from 101-351-930.000. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Grimes, to allow purchase as requested. Ayes carried, motion passed.
6. That Undersheriff Ray Hartwell, has asked to purchase another patrol unit this year as he is down to one vehicle that is dedicated to road patrol. If approved the expense would be paid from 101-900-891.301. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Kalinowski, to allow purchase as requested. Discussion. Commissioner Hargrave voicing concerns with how many vehicles are parked at the Sheriff's Dept and requested that the matter be referred to the public safety committee. Commissioner Kalinowski then withdrew his support. A listing of current vehicles was presented, but it was also requested that the mileage of each vehicle be presented to the committee for consideration.

Chairman Whittington then requested:

- * That any Commissioner who would like to serve on the Wixom Lake Improvement Board to please let him know as he would be leaving that Board.
- * That any Board member or member of the public who would be interested in any of the board appointments for 2007 – please notify the Chairman or the Board office. Board members are urged to make the vacancies known to their constituents.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sandy Aultman, Billings Township Clerk, noted that the ground breaking for the Billings Township sewer project would be December 12 at 2 p.m. on the corner of Estey and Pine.

Commissioner Kalinowski posed questions **regarding the meeting with the Library finance committee** and asked exactly where the county is on this matter. Chairman Whittington commented that the Library had requested the joint meeting of the finance committees with no staff or outside representation. The meeting started, only to find that Attorney Hansen was present to represent the Library. At that point the County finance members felt that they should also have representation and the meeting was adjourned. Chairman Whittington related that an attorney has been contacted and copies of all related documents sent for review, and the Board is waiting to hear further.

Sandy Aultman, Library Board president, stated that the library had spoken to Attorney Hansen prior to the meeting, but she did not realize that he would be there to represent them. Ms. Aultman continued that they (the Library) had come to the table with good intentions – that they simply have a different interpretation of the contract. Ms. Aultman stated that the District Library is not responsible for debts of the County Library; noting that the Library paid Indirect costs in 2005, and further that the library is firm in their decision that they owe no further costs to the County.

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

Motion by Commissioner Hoag to adjourn, supported by Commissioner Grimes. Ayes carried, meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m. until December 12, 2006 unless otherwise ordered.

Laura Flach
Clerk

Terry Whittington
Chairman