

Commissioner Minutes of January 27, 2015

The Gladwin County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, January 27, 2015. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Walters. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call found all Commissioners present.

*Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Aultman, to proceed with the agenda as prepared. Ayes carried, **motion passed.***

The **Board minutes from January 13, 2015** were then reviewed. *Motion by Commissioner Aultman, supported by Commissioner Hinman, to approve the minutes as prepared. Ayes carried, **motion passed.***

The **cash balances** were then read by Commissioner Birgel. *General Fund - \$314,160.85. Unallocated has a balance of \$564,785.73. Total General Fund and Tax Unallocated Cash \$878,946.58 before the payment of the bills.*

Sue Fortune, Regional Director – EmCOG, came before the Board with an update on grant funding for local programs. Discussion on the duties of the Local Planning Commission. The Chairman noted that the County is working on an update to their Recreation Plan with Lapham. Discussion with Don Hamilton and Ms. Fortune on the plan and process of the update. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Smith, to support the revision of the Recreation Plan with a one time donation of \$5,000.* Commissioner Smith stated that so far the committee has kept the County out of the loop on the project and that this project is not the County's to fund, and only supported because it is a one time donation. Ayes carried, **motion passed.** Treasurer VanTiem stated that the County has been given the role as fiduciary and all funds that have been donated should be receipted with the County. Discussion.

Public Comments: None at this time.

Laurel Durkin, American Waste, spoke to the Board on *amending the County's solid waste plan*. Ms. Durkin explained that currently American Waste is a depositor in Wexford County, but because the County doesn't have a plan stating that their trash can go there, it is hard to get a competitive bid with the County to handle their trash without paying a depositing fee to other refuse site. The County will be given a list of items they will need to handle in order to change their solid waste plan, with American Waste paying for the revisions to their plan after reviewing the costs.

Bill Mason, GIS Director, asked for the Board's consideration in allowing him to proceed forward with the **aerial imagery project**. The Board discussed the 2010 resolution to preserve GIS funding each year. The Finance committee will review the resolution further with Mr. Mason and make changes as needed before bringing back to the Board. *Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Aultman, to allow Mr. Mason to proceed with the contract for aerial imagery services as requested. Ayes carried, **motion passed.***

Christy VanTiem, County Treasurer, came before the Board with several resolutions for consideration. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Hinman, to adopt the resolution for Depository Designation.* Roll call vote as follows: Hinman – yes, Walters – yes, Aultman – yes, Smith – yes, Birgel – yes. 5 yes, 0 no. Aye carried, **resolution 2015-003 declared adopted.** *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Aultman, to*

adopt the resolution for Authorizing Deposit and Investment of County Funds. Roll call vote as follows: Walters – yes, Aultman –yes, Smith – yes, Birgel – yes, Hinman – yes. 5 yes, 0 no. Ayes carried, **resolution 2015-004 declared adopted.** *Motion by Commissioner Hinman, supported by Commissioner Birgel, to adopt the resolution to Borrow Against Anticipated Delinquent 2014 Real Property Taxes.* Roll call vote as follows: Aultman –yes, Smith – yes, Birgel –yes, Hinman – yes, Walters –yes. 5 yes, 0 no, **resolution 2015-005 declared adopted.** The Treasurer then presented the Board members with a copy of the 2014 Annual Investment Report for their review. Ms. VanTiem then asked the Board for their consideration in re-appointing Justin Schneider to the Land Bank committee with a term date effective through 12-31-2017. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Aultman, to appoint Justin Schneider to the Land Bank committee as requested.* Ayes carried, **motion passed.**

The Board then took a recess from 10:15-10:30 a.m.

Finance Matters – Commissioner Birgel:

1. *The new employee in the Veterans Department has been established as a Unit #6 employee. In July, when she goes to full time, she will be acknowledged under the Unit 7 contract at the Veterans Director. This is only a clarification to the November minutes that did not address the issue. Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Hinman, to accept the new employee under the contracts as outlined.* Ayes carried, **motion passed.**
2. John Nielson, Court Officer, presented a bid for a **new card swipe system in the amount of \$2,046.62.** The current system is still functioning, but cannot be updated and is unable to produce any new swipe cards for employees. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Aultman, to approve the new system is needed, with the funding to come from the 245 fund.* Ayes carried, **motion passed.**
3. **Debbie Primeau, Circuit Court Secretary, has requested payment for 35 unused vacation hours** per the Court’s non-union policy. A total of \$751.80 to be paid from 101-131-704.000 once approved. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Hinman, to approve the payment of unused hours as requested.* Ayes carried, **motion passed.**
4. The quote for the **camera system in the Courthouse needs to be amended by \$1,920.00 in order to accommodate the “travel cord” for the wiring of the elevator camera.** This additional cost may be covered under the grant by 50%, but a motion will be needed to proceed with the project noting the costs may not be reimbursed. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Smith, to allow for the additional funding to the project as outlined.* Ayes carried, **motion passed.**
5. **Charles Peters, Dispatcher, has requested payment of 80 hours of accrued PTO time.** *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Smith, to allow for the payment of \$1,334.40 from 101-422-704.000 as requested.* Ayes carried, **motion passed.**
6. **Ginny Grant, Veteran Affairs, has requested payment for 56 hours of unused vacation time** per her Unit #7 contract. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Smith, to allow for the payment of \$1,076.32 from 101-682-703.000 as outlined.* Ayes carried, **motion passed.**
7. Laura Maveal, County Clerk, will be attending the UCOA conference this week in Lansing. **Ms. Maveal has requested to be reimbursed for mileage costs for Sunday and Wednesday (January 25th and 28th) as she will not be staying the 3 nights at the resort.** This payment can be paid from travel line 101-215-860.000 once approved. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Aultman, to make payment for the travel costs as requested.* Ayes carried, **motion passed.**

Commissioner Birgel stated that the Board has received confirmation from the Seebeck Foundation on the acknowledgement that they will now be responsible for the entire utility billing at the Lodge since the backup EOC will not longer be located there.

Commissioner Reports by District –

Commissioner Smith reported:

- That she held a County Affairs meeting on January 20th, where they met with Prosecuting Attorney Miller to discuss the duties of the County Attorney. Mr. Miller stated that by

statute he is the legal counsel for the County and would be willing to work with Attorney Jacobson, at no cost, over the next couple months so that he is advised of all current projects. Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Birgel, to place Attorney Jacobson on notice and that effective January 27, 2015 Mr. Miller will be used as the County's Legal Counsel. Mr. Miller will work with Attorney Jacobson until March 1, 2015 and Mr. Borushko will continue to handle the labor contracts.* Ayes carried, **motion passed.**

- On attending the Human Services Council meeting on January 20, 2015 where they spoke about the following topics:
 - The Big Brothers/Big Sisters Art Auction will be held March 11th at the Doherty Hotel from 5-7 p.m.
 - That lunch buddies are continuing to be matched for Beaverton and Gladwin schools.
 - The next legislative breakfast will be on February 13th at 7 a.m. at K of C hall on M-18. Senator Jim Stamas will be the featured speaker and waffles and strawberries will be served.
 - The Gladwin County endowment holds it's Souper Challenge on March 7th at the KC hall in Gladwin.
 - The United Way building is undergoing renovations, with some office changes.
 - The Gladwin County Leadership is moving ahead with a new Leadership Board. The program started in January and includes five high school students from Beaverton and five from Gladwin.
 - Shelterhouse announced that April is Sexual Assault Awareness month and that a new child therapist and housing advocate is with the program.
- That she attended the Library Board meeting on January 20th, noting 4165 people used the library and 1854 used the computers.
- On attending the Land Bank meeting and the discussion held on the house that is being constructed through MMCC and the trade students from Beaverton and Gladwin schools.
- That she had the distinct honor of attending the retirement of Senior MSgt Charles F. Fetterolf after his 25+ years of service with the United States Air Force. This ceremony was held at Fort Belvoir, Virginia and she and her husband were honored to be included.

Commissioner Hinman reported:

- That he attended the Clement Township meeting on January 14th.
- On the County Affairs meeting held on January 20th.
- That he went to the Sherman Township meeting also on January 20th.
- On the Gladwin Township meeting on January 21st.

Commissioner Birgel reported:

- On spending lots of time on the bike/walk project.
- That he was involved with the hiring of the new secretary.
- On working with Dirk Presidio on the implementation of a policy for retiree health care.
- That he has a Health Department meeting today.
- That he will be attending the Community Mental Health meeting tomorrow.
- On his upcoming shoulder replacement surgery, noting he leaves for Beaumont hospital on Sunday.

Commissioner Aultman reported:

- That she attended the meetings of Grim and Bourret Township on the 13th, noting all it going well.
- On the EDC meeting on January 14th where Harmony Nowlin from Consumers Energy gave a very nice presentation. Commissioner Aultman stated that Ms. Nowlin is willing to give the same presentation to the Board if they are interested.
- On the Airport meeting where they gave a project report with Community Block Grant Funds.
- On the upcoming Legislative Breakfast on the 13th at the KC Hall.
- That the annual Souper Challenge is scheduled for March 7th.
- On attending the Secord Township meeting on January 21st where the County received their check for the sale of the cascade system. Secord Township was also happy to hear about the potential for at least limited Marine Patrol this year.
- That she will be on a cruise February 1st – 7th.

Comments from the Chairman:

- That he has been busy organizing with the new Secretary.
- On attending the Veterans meeting on January 13th.
- On the Department Head meeting held on January 15th where the EOC Courthouse Plan was discussed.
- On discussions with Soil Conservation to handle the Gypsy Moth program and Soil Erosion. This will be a considerable savings to the Gypsy Moth funds that are left. The agreement for services is being drafted and they will meet again on January 29th.
- That he attended the Fair Board meeting on the 20th, noting many programs are going on right now.
- On phone conversations with Sue Fortune to ensure all is settled with the County Recreation Program, noting Ms. Fortune is a great wealth of knowledge.
- That the County has received from Secord Township for the trailer and the new card system will be purchased with a portion of the funding.
- That County Maintenance has been busy.
- The Midstate Health Network will meet on February 19th to go over the agreement.

Public Comments – Undersheriff Hartwell asked permission to **sell two older department vehicles**. *Motion by Commissioner Walters, supported by Commissioner Hinman to sell a 2011 Crown Victoria and a 2003 Taurus by sealed bid. Ayes carried, **motion passed**.*

Commissioner Smith stated that there will be a DATA meeting on February 4th at 10:00 a.m. Those with concerns should contact the secretary to be placed on the schedule.

Commissioner Aultman congratulated the Gladwin Gladiators hockey team on their District win in Bay City last night, noting that they will play again tonight in Midland.

Commissioner Smith commented that the Beaverton Bleacher Creatures are in first place right now.

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

*Motion by Commissioner Aultman, supported by Commissioner Hinman, to adjourn. Ayes carried, **motion passed.** Meeting adjourned at 11:01 a.m. until the regularly scheduled Board meeting on February 10, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.*

Laura Brandon-Maveal
County Clerk

Terry Walters
Chairman