

Commissioner Minutes of June 14, 2016

The Gladwin County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, June 14, 2016. 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, except Commissioners Smith and Hinman who had been excused.

There were no changes or additions to the agenda. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Aultman, to proceed with the agenda as prepared. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

The **cash balances** were then read by Commissioner Birgel. *General Fund - \$32,791.92, before the payment of the bills.*

Public Comments: Kim Halis, Equalization Director, introduced herself and gave her experience with Clare County. The Board welcomed Kim and stated they look forward to working with her.

Pete Pallas, ESGR, came before the Board to present a special award to Terry Walters. Joined by Krystal Peck of Veteran Affairs, Mr. Pallas presented **Chairman Walters with the Department of Defense – Patriotic Employer Award** for contributing to National Security and protecting liberty and freedom by supporting employer participation in America's National Guard and Reserve Force. Mr. Pallas thanked Chairman Walters for supporting Krystal Peck in her position and explained why it makes sense for employers to hire reserves. Discussion.

County Clerk, Laura Brandon-Maveal, then presented **Judith Ford, County Canvasser with her 10 year award**. Mrs. Ford serves for the Republican Party and is the Chairman to the Board of Canvassers. Laura thanked Judie for her service, commenting that she is a leader and performs her duties with pride. The Board congratulated Judie on her award.

The Board then reviewed the **lease agreement with Endless Journey** for tower use. Commissioner Birgel stated that the contract has been reviewed by legal counsel and is for a term of two years. Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Aultman, to allow the Chairman to sign the contract as presented. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

Mike Hargrave, Airport Manager, came before the Board with the **2016-17 budget for the Airport**. Mr. Hargrave commented that the Airport Commission has already approved the budget. Federal funding was discussed and the fly in was noted a success. Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Aultman, supported by Commissioner Birgel, to approve the 2016-17 budget as reviewed. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

Finance Matters – Commissioner Birgel:

1. Bob Evans, Drain Commissioner, has hired Sherry Kerley as his part time employee. Ms. Kerley will be paid \$13.17/hour and work 21 hours per week and no more than 10 full time days per month. Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Aultman, to approve the hiring of Ms. Kerley as outlined. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
2. John Shaffer, EMS, met with the Finance committee to review his proposed budget for 2017, noting this budget has already been approved by the hospital. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel,*

- supported by Commissioner Aultman, to approve the EMS budget as presented. Ayes carried, **motion passed.***
3. The millage wording for EMS services was reviewed by the committee with Mr. Shaffer. After discussion, the millage language for the November 2016 ballot was recommended for approval. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Aultman, to approve the millage language for the November 2016 ballot as discussed. Ayes carried, **motion passed.***
 4. Rick Ghent and Marianne Hill have obtained quotes for the movement of the generator from the Parks and Rec area to the Annex Building. The Finance committee is recommending using the quote supplied by Master Electric in the amount of \$27,050. This quote was complete as to all terms of services needed for the project and will be “turn key” ready once installed. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Aultman, to allow Mr. Ghent to proceed with the project from 245 funds as provided for in the quote. Ayes carried, **motion passed.***
 5. Rick Ghent, Maintenance Supervisor, has also received a quote to remove and replace the entrance door for MSU that is rotting. Project is estimated at \$1,740.00 and will be paid from 101-265-930.000 once approved. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Aultman, to proceed with the project as outlined. Ayes carried, **motion passed.***
 6. The jail roof has several areas that require repair. Mr. Ghent has received a quote in the amount of \$5,940.00 from Valley Roofing to repair the large area. Once approved, the project will be paid from 101-351-930.000. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Aultman, to approved the project as presented. Ayes carried, **motion passed.***
 7. Marianne Hill, Emergency Management, has requested the purchase of two printer ribbons for the Fire Tracks system from Business Solutions. A total of \$350.00 will be paid from 101-426-727.000 once approved. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Aultman, to allow for the purchase as requested. Ayes carried, **motion passed.***
 8. Undersheriff Hartwell updated the committee on the Verizon mobile data project. The connectivity has been paid for through the grant up until this point. There is an outstanding bill of \$564.28 due from 101-301-933.000. Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Aultman, to allow for the payment of the bill and to allow the Undersheriff to suspend service on the program if deemed appropriate. Ayes carried, **motion passed.***
 9. The Undersheriff has also requested use of the credit card to purchase cardboard target backers from “Action Target” online. Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Aultman, to allow the Clerk to purchase the target and backers with the credit card as requested from 101-301-804.000. Ayes carried, **motion passed.***
 10. The Marine Grant has been funded with State funds in the amount of \$7,900.00. Attached is the pay scale for Marine employees for the 2016 season. Training instructors will make \$12.50/hour and patrol officers will make \$10.00/hour. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Aultman, to authorize the wage scale as outlined. Ayes carried, **motion passed.***
 11. Ann Manning, Registrar of Deeds, has requested to keep the county’s credit card on file for the annual payment of her domain name with “GoDaddy”. The cost is \$19.99 annually and will be paid from 256-000-805.000 as billed. Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Aultman, to allow the Clerk to establish annual payment with the credit card through GoDaddy. Ayes carried, **motion passed.***
 12. Lynn Peden from the Friend of the Court office has requested to donate 7 hours of sick time to an employee in the Prosecutor’s Office who is undergoing medical treatments. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Aultman, to approve the transfer of hours as requested. Ayes carried, **motion passed.***
 13. Deputy Goss has requested payout of 12 hours of unused PTO hours per his union contract. Total payment of \$255.24 to be paid from 101-316-705.000 once approved. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Aultman, to allow the Clerk to payout the unused hours as requested. Ayes carried, **motion passed.***

14. Lt. Troy Rabadue has also requested a payment of unused PTO hours. Total payment for 120 hours in the amount of \$2,948.48 will be paid from 101-301-704.001 once approved. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Aultman, to allow the Clerk to make the payment as outlined.* Ayes carried, **motion passed.**

15. Justin Schneider, Building Official, has requested the following budget amendment:

101-371-801.000	-\$700.00	
101-371-932.000		+\$700.00
101-371-850.000	-\$800.00	
101-371-932.000		+\$800.00

Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Aultman, to allow the Clerk to perform the budget amendment as outlined. Ayes carried, **motion passed.**

16. The County Clerk has submitted her registration form to attend her 2016 summer conference. Total expense of \$250.00 can be paid from 101-215-860.000 once approved. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Aultman, to approve the payment of the registration and mileage to the conference.* Ayes carried, **motion passed.**

Commissioner Reports by District –

Commissioner Birgel reported:

- That he met with the Auditors, noting our MERS funding level is at 67%. Discussion.
- On attending all of his Township meetings, noting all is well.
- That the Sports Complex meeting is tonight.

Commissioner Aultman reported:

- On attending the Mental Health meeting on May 24th, noting that members had attended a conference and gave a report on their findings.
- That she went to the District Health meeting on May 26th where Dr. Morse gave a presentation on the overuse of antibiotics. Their proposed budget is available for review.
- On the Michigan Works meeting held on May 27th, where the employees were given a 3% COLA raise.
- That she attended the EDC meeting on June 8th. The ORV Fun Run will be held on August 20th. The Group continues to work on outreach of growth for Gladwin County. Harmony Nowlin, Consumers Energy, spoke on the closing of seven coal plants in Michigan.
- On attending the Wixom Lake Board meeting on June 8th, noting the renewal of assessment for the special assessment district will be held on July 23rd.
- That she attended the Airport and Finance meetings on June 9th.
- On last night's meetings in Billings and Bentley Townships. Bentley Township asked if the County was considering countywide mosquito control.

Comments from the Chairman:

- That he will be scheduling a department head meeting soon.
- That the phone system is running better.
- His meetings will begin next week.
- The Field Trial Area 100 year anniversary program will be held this weekend.

Commissioner Birgel stated that he will be starting negotiations with the unions at the Health Department and spoke on the changes in the appropriations given to the Health Department by the County as part of the budget. Discussion.

Public Comments –

Mike Hargrave, Airport Manager, spoke on the “wild hog” issue in the County, noting that the hogs would be shot and darted and transported to MSU for research.

Yvette Yeast, Chamber of Commerce, spoke on the **PALM (Peddle Across Lower Michigan) event** that is coming to Gladwin County on June 22nd. Yvette commented that this event is great for the community and that she is working closely with GBPA on the event. Mrs. Yeast stated that the Chamber teamed with United Way to host the 1st Annual 5k “Unite Counties Campaign”. There were 83 participants and it was a great day.

Marianne Hill, Emergency Management, addressed the Board on the **First Responders/Emergency Services Dinner** that will be held on September 24th. This is a free event to those individuals and table sponsors will be paying for the cost of the event. Thank you to Dee Jungman for helping with the planning.

Don Zackett, Wixom Lake Association, spoke on the maps received by FEMA and the need to respond during the appeal period. Discussion. Mr. Zackett also spoke on the need to publish the “layer maps” as prepared by Bill Mason from last July as the County’s maps. The County will schedule a meeting with the FEMA Task Force for review.

The Board then honored a moment of silence for the victims in Orlando and their families.

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

*Motion by Commissioner Aultman, supported by Commissioner Birgel, to adjourn. Ayes carried, **motion passed.** Meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m., until the next regular Board meeting on June 28, 2016 at 9:00 a.m., unless otherwise ordered.*

Laura Brandon-Maveal
County Clerk

Terry Walters
Chairman