

## Commissioner Minutes of March 8, 2016

*The Gladwin County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, March 8, 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 for Commissioner Aultman who had been excused.*

The **Board minutes from February 23, 2016** were then reviewed. *Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Hinman, to approve the minutes as prepared with the discussed corrections. Ayes carried, **motion passed.***

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

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

Sheriff Michael Shea came before the Board with a presentation of the “Sheriff Medal of Honor” for three law enforcement officers who came to the aid of a citizen during a house fire on January 29<sup>th</sup>. Sheriff Shea gave a brief statement on the incident and commended the three gentlemen for the risk to their own lives to save another. The awards were then presented to Sergeant Chad Smith from the Gladwin County Sheriff’s Office, Officer Rodney Foster, formally Gladwin City Police Department, now Gladwin County Sheriff’s Office and Trooper Bobby Lee of the Michigan State Police. The Board thanked the officers for their dedication and commitment to their community.

The **cash balances** were then read by Commissioner Birgel. *General Fund - \$111,857.64. Unallocated has a balance of \$357,995.44. Total General Fund and Tax Unallocated Cash \$469,853.08 before the payment of the bills.*

*Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Hinman, to go into an Executive Session to speak with their attorney on a civil matter. Ayes carried, **motion passed.***

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION 9:10 a.m. – 9:20 a.m.**

*Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Hinman, to return to Regular Session. Ayes carried, **motion passed.***

### **Finance Matters – Commissioner Birgel:**

1. Rick Ghent, Maintenance Supervisor, has obtained quotes to have the stair treads replaced on the west side stairs of the Courthouse. The breakdown of the repairs is as follows: 10 rubber treads and labor - \$2500.00 from Dana Carpet. Strip and wax all stairs - \$400.00 Rau’s. Total of \$2900.00 to be paid from 101-265-930.000 once approved. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Hinman, to allow for the project as quoted. Ayes carried, **motion passed.***
2. Undersheriff Hartwell has requested permission to handle the registration and lodging for the Sheriff to attend the Michigan Sheriff’s Association 2016 Summer Professional Development Conference. Cost of the conference is \$275.00 for registration to be paid from 285-000-804.000 and \$139.00/night lodging at three nights from 101-301-804.000. Both the registration and the lodging require online registration by credit card. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Smith, to allow the Sheriff to attend the conference as outlined and to allow the Clerk authorization to use the County’s credit card to handle the payments. Ayes carried, **motion passed.***

Chairman Walters then asked the Board to review the budget for the Child Care fund as provided by Judge Marcy Klaus. Discussion. Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Hinman to approve the budget as presented and to allow the Chairman to sign. Ayes carried, motion passed.

### **Commissioner Reports by District –**

#### **Commissioner Birgel reported:**

- That he attended the Grout Township meeting last night where there was lively discussion on the Headlee proposal, noting several areas of objections by some in attendance. Commissioner Birgel commented on the challenges of educating the public. Discussion.
- On attending various Headlee presentations in the County.

#### **Commissioner Hinman reported:**

- On attending the Town Hall meeting for the Headlee restoration on March 3, 2016.
- That he was a Judge for the Souper Challenge Fundraiser on Saturday, noting he had a great time.

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

- On attending the Council of Local Government meeting on February 29, 2016, noting she gave a report on the needed Headlee Restoration vote. Larry Grell of Billings Township offered a challenge to all Township, City and County Boards to collect donations to be given to the Gladwin County Historical Society for building and participant needs to keep the building open. Bob Balzer gave information about advertising on Pure Michigan website about business needs. Mr. Balzer urged all restaurants to sign up for the free advertising service on this site.
- That she attended the DATA meeting on March 2, 2016. The Board has been given the minutes from the meeting. Currently, there are urgent phone issues that are being caused by CMC and AT&T.
- On the Town Hall meeting on March 3<sup>rd</sup> on the need for the Headlee Restoration.
- That she had a great time being a Judge at the Souper Challenge on Saturday night, noting it was a great first time experience.
- On the February 2016 Circulation Report from the Library, commenting that there were 4002 patrons, 1603 computer users and 4706 individuals that used the Wi-Fi with their own devices.

#### **Comments from the Chairman:**

- That is has been hectic with all the phone issues.
- On attending the Pipeline Safety meeting.
- On the Headlee meeting on March 3, 2016.
- That he was unable to attend the Gladwin City meeting last night due to a conflict.
- On receiving a thank you letter from Yvette Keast.
- That the County is still working on the flood damage repairs.

#### **Veterans Lost -**

Emmet J. Witt, Hay Township – WWII  
Paul Pemberton, Beaverton City – Vietnam  
Terry Alfieri, Butman Township – Gulf War Era  
Norman Rybkowski, Billings Township – Post Korea

Thomas Ficek, Billings Township – Vietnam  
Dennis Perry, Hay Township – Korea

**Public Comments** – Stephanie Buffman, Gladwin County Record, spoke on the death of Pete Mattice, military serviceman, who passed away this weekend leaving a wife and two small children.

Chairman Walters commented on the death of Nancy Reagan and that he will make sure the flag is lowered.

Commissioner Smith stated that the next Legislative Breakfast is this Friday at the KC Hall at 7:00 a.m. Joel Johnson will be one of the speakers.

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

*Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Hinamn, to adjourn. Ayes carried, **motion passed.** Meeting adjourned at 9:39 a.m. until the regularly scheduled Board meeting on March 22, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.*

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Laura Brandon-Maveal  
County Clerk

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Terry Walters  
Chairman