

Commissioner Minutes of October 13, 2015

The Gladwin County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, October 13, 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 consent agenda as prepared. Ayes carried, **motion passed.***

The cash balances were then read by Commissioner Birgel. *General Fund – \$670,174.34. Unallocated has a balance of \$28,189.72. Total General Fund and Tax Unallocated Cash \$698,364.06. An advance of \$400,000 has been made from the Unallocated Fund, and \$300,000 from the 280 fund, to the General fund for payment of bills.*

Public Comments:

Yvette Keast, Director – Chamber of Commerce, came before the Board with program updates as listed:

- The ORV event was a success with 13 of the 15 townships visited in over 90 miles. There were 230 participants and 117 machines used.
- On the sustainable energy seminar at the Riverwalk with over 50 attendees.
- She is involved in the Gladwin County Leadership program, where they recently took a tour of Gladwin County.
- Legislative Breakfast dates are January 8, February 12, March 11 and April 8th. Mrs. Keast invited the Board to speak at the April meeting.

Upcoming events:

- Color Run event with United Way to celebrate life and health. This event to be held at the new cross country track in Beaverton on Calhoun Road.
- Constant Contact seminar on January 12, 2016.
- 6-week Constant Contact seminar – dates to be determined.
- She will be working on getting out to Township meetings.

Pat Pallas and Dave Wellman, ESGR Representatives, spoke to the Board on their involvement in the program. Mr. Pallas explained that he is a volunteer from the Department of Defense – Reserve Affairs, and discussed the employer's role in supporting those employees that are members of the Guard or National Reserve. Mr. Pallas then presented Krystal Peck, Veterans Director, to her role in the reserve; thanking her for her service. Mr. Pallas then gave each of the Board members an award in appreciation in hiring reserve members. Mr. Wellman spoke on the Business Patriot Award and what it stands for. The Board was informed on the opportunity to attend various training sites to see what the soldiers are responsible for. Mr. Pallas and Wellman thanked the Board for their time and stated that they are always looking for volunteers to help with presentations.

Commissioner Birgel presented a **resolution for consideration for the change in meeting dates to the Zoning Ordinance.** Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Hinman, to adopt the resolution as prepared.* Roll call vote as follows: Hinman –yes, Walters –yes, Aultman – yes, Smith – yes, Birgel –yes. 5 yes, 0 no. Ayes carried, **resolution 2015-26 declared adopted.**

The Boyce Hydro resolution was then discussed. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Aultman, to adopt the resolution as prepared.* Discussion. Board members

voiced their concerns on the exclusion of energy use from Beaverton City. **Motion and support were withdrawn and the matter will be tabled until the resolution is amended to include Beaverton City.**

Finance Matters – Commissioner Birgel:

1. Darrell Schlese, Circuit Court Administrator, spoke to the committee on the **appropriations for the 292 child care fund**. Mr. Schlese noted circumstances that caused the fund to be overspent. The costs for care and counseling for one individual are done, which will lower the County's monthly costs significantly. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Hinman, to authorize the Treasurer to transfer an additional \$25,000 in appropriations, as needed, to the 292 fund to pay for expenses for the balance of the year.* Ayes carried, **motion passed**.
2. The Prosecutor's Office has requested a transfer of \$500.00 from 101-229-706.001 to 101-229-727.000. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Hinman, to allow the Clerk to make the budget amendment as requested.* Ayes carried, **motion passed**.
3. Paul Graveline, Recovery Court Administrator, has requested that all revenue collected through 9-30-15 for the recovery court fees be transmitted to Clare County. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Smith, to allow \$1425.00 to be paid to Clare County from 101-137-715.000.* Ayes carried, **motion passed**.
4. Deputy Eaton and Sgt. Cuddie from the Sheriff's Department have requested payment of unused PTO time. Deputy Eaton is requesting 80 hours totaling \$1668.00 and Sgt Cuddie 154 hours totaling \$3451.14. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Smith, to allow the Clerk to pay the balance of PTO hours as requested.* Ayes carried, **motion passed**.
5. The County Clerk has requested to attend her fall conference in Lansing, Michigan. There will be no registration or lodging costs, only mileage. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Hinman to allow the Clerk to attend with mileage reimbursement.* Ayes carried, **motion passed**.
6. Mike Brubaker, 911 Director, has requested authorization to attend the following three trainings:
 - a. Charles Peters to "A Dispatcher's Life" \$259.00 for registration to Success Communication, plus lodging and mileage expenses.
 - b. Kari Barlow and Mike Brubaker to Leadership IV in Howell. \$718.00 for registration to Success Communications, plus mileage. There is no lodging for this class.
 - c. Kari Barlow and Mike Brubaker to Leadership V in Howell. \$718.00 for registration to Success Communications, plus mileage. There is no lodging for this class.*Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Hinman, to allow for the class registration, travel costs and to allow the Clerk to use the County Credit card for the lodging reservations.* Ayes carried, **motion passed**.
7. Pricing has been obtained for the cabling and wireless module in the EOC. The costs will be approximately \$353.00 and will be paid from 101-422-933.000 once approved. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Hinman, to approve the project as outlined.* Ayes carried, **motion passed**.
8. Undersheriff Hartwell has requested the purchase of two new computers in the amount of \$1500.00. If approved, the purchase will be paid from 101-301-983.000. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Aultman, to authorize the purchase of two new computers as requested.* Ayes carried, **motion passed**.
9. Christy VanTiem, County Treasurer, has also requested the purchase of two new computers in the amount of \$1500.00 plus Microsoft Office modules if needed. If approved, the purchase will be paid from Tax Reversion funds. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Smith, to authorize the purchase of two new computers as outlined.* Ayes carried, **motion passed**.
10. The Treasurer has requested permission to hire a temporary employee for her office while one of her staff is out on medical leave. This employee will begin her employment as part time, but be moved to full time with benefits as deemed appropriate by the Treasurer. Discussion on the availability of benefits to temporary employees. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Hinman, to allow the Treasurer permission to hire under the terms that have been outlined.* Ayes carried, **motion passed**

11. The contract with MERIT has been negotiated with the DATA committee and referred to the Finance committee for funding. It is the recommendation of the DATA committee to enter into a 5 year contact with MERIT for 40.0 Mbps of bandwidth service in the amount of \$4,842.00/year. The County will receive a letter of obligation from the sales rep from MERIT to enable the County to increase their coverage to 50Mbps without contract changes or fees, only the cost of the 50 Mbps service, if needed. Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Hinman, supported by Commissioner Smith, to allow the Chairman to enter into a 5 year contract with MERIT as outlined.* Ayes carried, **motion passed.**
12. The committee has considered the renewal of Mr. Borushko's contract for 2016 and 2017. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Hinman, to authorize the Chairman to sign the two year contract as presented.* Ayes carried, **motion passed.**
13. IT Right has submitted a quote to update the server racks in the County. Total costs for the upgrade is \$3419.50 and will be paid from 101-258-815.001 if approved. Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Smith, to upgrade the server racks as quoted.* Ayes carried, **motion passed.**
14. District Court has been experiences printing issues between their new software and printer. It has been concluded that there needs to be an additional printer given to District Court for the purpose of preparing checks from their new financial system. Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Hinman, to allow the DATA committee to research the issue and move forward to resolve the matter without additional Board action.* Ayes carried, **motion passed.**
15. Jim Maveal, Animal Control Supervisor, has authorized movement of \$6,000 from his contributions line to the General Fund to support his department. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Hinman, to allow the Treasurer to move the funds in the amount of \$6,000 from 701-000-364.430 to 101-000-671.000 as requested.* Ayes carried, **motion passed.**
16. To better identify the deposit of revenue, the Prosecutor's Office has recommended the change of revenue descriptions. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Hinman, to allow the Treasurer to change the title of two revenue accounts as follows: 101-000-522.000 from Prosecutor – Child Support to 4D Prosecutor and 101-000-562.000 from CRP Prosecutor 34% to 4E CRP-Prosecutor.* Ayes carried, **motion passed.**
17. Ann Manning, Registrar of Deeds, has requested a budget amendment within her ROD Technology Fund. Transfer of \$6800 from 256-000-933.000 to 256-000-805.000. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Smith, to allow the Treasurer to move the funds as outlined.* Ayes carried, **motion passed.**
18. IT Right has provided a quote for a new monitor for the Research Attorney in the amount of \$160.00. If approved, the purchase will come from 101-131-727.000. Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Hinman, to allow for the purchase as requested.* Ayes carried, **motion passed.**

Commissioner Reports by District –

Commissioner Birgel reported:

- That he attended the Special meeting at the Airport for the purchase of a tractor and brush hog.
- On the CMDHD meeting.
- That Grout Township has hired a blight enforcement officer. The individual is working for three other townships and is a retired Detroit Police Officer. They are very pleased with his services.
- On attending the Beaverton Township meeting, noting things are going well there.
- On the Zoning and Planning Board meetings where they authorized a special use permit for a taxidermist on Bard Road.
- That he has been handling a lot of union work and negotiations with Commissioners Hinman and Walters.

Commissioner Aultman reported:

- On attending the special Airport meeting regarding the purchase of new equipment, noting the Airport will use it to clear property as required by the FAA.
- That she participated in the ride along on the 23rd with the Road Commission.
- On the Health Department meeting on September 23rd. Dr. Morris gave a report on the health in Michigan schools. They hired a Nurse Practitioner and signed a three year contract with the Coordinator.
- On attending the Mid Michigan Action Group meeting on September 24th.
- That the Michigan Works had their meeting on the 25th, noting they are still working on maintaining their 7B group.
- That she attended the Energy Seminar at the Riverwalk. Commissioner Aultman commented that they presented facts on solar energy use and that it was an excellent program.
- On attending the regular Airport meeting on October 8th. The “Fly-In” on October 3rd was a success. The committee noted that the Airport owns 516 acres, of which half are cleared. They will be working on clearing additional acres as required by FAA.
- That she attended the Bentley and Billings Township meetings last night.
- On October 9th she attended the Beaverton High Schools Homecoming assembly where she watched her granddaughter, Samantha Perras, be crowned Freshman Representative for Homecoming Court.
- That she would like to attend the Budget Workshop in Frankenmuth sponsored by MAC. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Hinman, to allow Commissioner Aultman to attend and for the registration fee of \$79.00 to be paid.* Ayes carried, **motion passed**
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Commissioner Hinman reported:

- On attending the Data “follow up” meeting on the 22nd.
- On the Personnel meeting on the 28th.
- That he participated in union negotiations with the Deputies, Dispatchers and Command groups on September 29th, 30th and October 1st.
- That he will be attending the Insurance meeting tomorrow morning after he finishes at the Butman Township meeting.
- All of his Township meetings begin tomorrow.

Commissioner Smith reported:

- That she attended the Data meeting on September 22nd.
- That she had a great time on the Road Commission “Ride Along” on September 23rd, noting they provided a great lunch upon return.
- On the Buckeye Township meeting on the 23rd.
- On attending the Committee of the Whole meeting on September 28th, noting the discussion on the need for an EOC.
- That DATA held a regular meeting on October 7th, where there was discussion on the phone system and it was noted that Gladwin County has 48 phone lines.
- That she participated in the EOC meeting where there was discussion on what was needed to develop the center. The County will need at least an additional 17 phone lines for the EOC.

- On the committee meeting for the entertainment program for the new Beaverton Activity Center held on October 7th. This committee will be setting up concerts and performances beginning monthly in December 2015 and continuing into 2016.
- That she was unable to attend the Hay Township meeting on October 8th, but sent her report to the Board.
- On attending the Tobacco Township meeting last night, noting things are going well.

Comments from the Chairman:

- That Mondays are working well for “General Operation”.
- On the loss of community member Craig Smith, noting that he worked for the DNR and City for many year. A moment of silence was given in his memory.
- On attending the Gladwin City meeting on October 5th, noting things are well there.
- That he participated in the DATA meeting for Commissioner Hinman on October 7th.
- On the EOC meeting on October 7th.
- That he attended the Finance meeting on the 8th.
- That he went to Lansing on October 8th with Ed Salisbury and Krystal Peck to attend the 50 year anniversary program for the Vietnam War.
- On the month of October being breast cancer awareness month.

Veterans Lost:

Robert George	WWII	Billings Township
Robert Lay	Vietnam	Butman Township
John Erion Jr.		Secord Township
Roger Johnson	Korea	Tobacco Township
Louis Menendez	WWII	Secord Township
Harry Gasiewski	WWII	Beaverton Township

Public Comments – none at this time.

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

*Motion by Commissioner Aultman, supported by Commissioner Smith, to adjourn. Ayes carried, **motion passed.** Meeting adjourned at 10:21 a.m. until the regularly scheduled Board meeting on October 27, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.*

Laura Brandon-Maveal
County Clerk

Terry Walters
Chairman