

Commissioner Minutes of July 12, 2016

The Gladwin County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, July 12, 2016. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Walters. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a moment of silence was given for the Officers in Dallas and the Bailiffs in Berrien County. Roll call found all Commissioners present.

*Motion by Commissioner Aultman, supported by Commissioner Smith, to proceed with the agenda with the addition of the approval of the Committee of the Whole minutes from July 7, 2016. Ayes carried, **motion passed.***

Public Comments: Don Zackett, Wixom Lake Association, thanked the Gladwin County Sheriff's Office for their response to the event on Wixom Lake over the 4th of July. Mr. Zackett then commented on the FEMA flood plain roll out process, noting he has asked Gladwin County to release the GIS based map for online access by the public. Discussion. Mr. Zackett gave the website (bit.do/gladwin) for those interested in view the flood maps by township and discussed the 2nd layer of the map that projects the "100 year flood" levels.

Jason Wentworth, Candidate for the 97th House, stopped in to say hello to the Board and noted he would be out "knocking doors" today in Gladwin County.

Christy VanTiem, County Treasurer, spoke on issues with her computers last evening and the difficulty in reaching IT or BS&A. Discussion on replacement of servers and current issues.

The **cash balances** were then read by Commissioner Birgel. *General Fund - \$34,159.82. The Treasurer has made an advance of \$200,000 from the 516 fund and \$400,000 from the 210 fund for the payment of bills. Both of the advances will be paid back prior to December 1, 2016.*

Finance Matters – Commissioner Birgel:

1. Lt. Troy Rabidue has requested **registration and lodging for two employees to attend the LERMA conference** in Frankenmuth on September 14th and 15th. Total registration is \$150.00 and lodging is \$238.00 plus mileage and meals if required. Expenses will be paid from 101-301-804.000 and 101-301-860.000 once approved. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Aultman, to approve the training as outlined. Ayes carried, **motion passed.***
2. Mike Greer, District Court Magistrate, has noticed the Board of the need to **renew their LARA Health Facilities License in the amount of \$500.00**. This is an online process that will require the use of the County's credit card. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Hinman, to renew the license from 101-136-801.000 and to allow the Clerk to use the credit card. Ayes carried, **motion passed.***
3. MERS has sent their invitation for the annual conference to be held September 28-29 at the Grand Traverse Resort in Acme, Michigan. Due to the costs associated with the conference. The Finance Committee has made the recommendation to not send a delegate this year to the event.
4. County Treasurer, Christy VanTiem, has informed the committee that **the last two townships will be going on the BS&A tax program**. The total cost for the program conversion will be

\$5,000 and can be paid from Unallocated or Tax Reversion funds. Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Hinman, to authorize the payment of the conversion as requested.* Ayes carried, **motion passed.**

5. Josh Reid, City- County Transit, has **requested Board authorization for the use of remaining funds in project #127672** be utilized as follows: remaining funds from the total P/10 contract (830 line) to offset the costs in the telecommunication contract P/2 and P/5. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Hinman, to accept the request for use of funds and to authorize the Chairman to sign the documents as presented.* Ayes carried, **motion passed.**
6. The pricing in the **vending machine will be changed to reflect new pricing of all items.** Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Smith, to move the pricing from \$0.50 and \$0.75 to \$0.75 and \$1.00.* Ayes carried, **motion passed.**

Commissioner Birgel spoke on the need for County representation on the Gladwin Housing Commission Board. Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Aultman, to appoint Chairman Walters to replace Bill Rhode on the committee effective today.* Ayes carried, **motion passed.**

Commissioner Reports by District –

Commissioner Birgel reported:

- On attending both the Beaverton and Grout Township meetings last night. Grout Township will see a major change in the Board after the election, noting the Supervisor and Treasurer are both retiring. Beaverton Township discussed the road work on Bard Road.

Commissioner Hinman reported:

- On quotes received from **IT Right for the BS&A server, the firewall and the exchange server.** Last meeting the Board authorized expenses up to \$15,000.00 on one project, but with the bundle of all 3 projects, will need to add an additional \$7,000.00. Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Hinman, supported by Commissioner Smith, to add \$7,000 to the project and to allow for the installation to begin.* Ayes carried, **motion passed.**
- That he will be starting his township meetings tomorrow night, noting Butman Township has the largest amount of contested races of his townships.

Commissioner Smith reported:

- On attending the DATA meeting on July 6th, where discussion established the prompting of new passwords every 90 days for all county computers.
- That she attended the Finance meeting on July 7th.
- On the Committee of the Whole meeting to review the Personnel Policy also on the 7th of July.
- That she participated in the Department Head meeting on July 7th.
- On attending the Tobacco Township meeting on July 11th. Through an agreement with the City of Beaverton for property exchange, St. Gobain will be able to expand, providing for approximately 200 additional jobs.
- Beaverton's 4th of July parade was well attended and the entire celebration was a success. A block party is being planned for the third weekend in August.

- The June Library statistics are as follows: 10,536 items in circulation, 5,019 patrons used the Library, 1,772 used the computers, 4,113 used the wireless service, 1,237 attended the children's programs and 71 programs were presented. The renewal language for the Library millage will be on the August 2nd ballot. This millage has nothing to do with the headlee restoration, please help in clarifying that misconception.

Commissioner Aultman reported:

- On attending the Mental Health meeting in Big Rapids on June 28th.
- That she participated in the Finance meeting on July 7th.
- That she was unable to attend the EmCOG meeting on July 8th, due to the funeral of her son in law. Commissioner Smith stated her condolences for Commissioner Aultman and her family.
- On attending both the Billings and Bentley Township meetings last night.
- That she had communication with Mike Hargrave, Airport Manager, on the exchange of the used patrol vehicle. Mr. Hargrave stated that he is willing to exchange a vehicle for a credit toward the Airport appropriation due.
- That the majority of her meetings will get started next week.

Commissioner Birgel commented on the shooting incident in Berrien County and that the Board should continue their efforts to secure the building. Discussion.

Comments from the Chairman:

- That the cooling coil for the Circuit Courtroom as been repaired.
- On the promotion of Krystal Peck, Veterans Director, to the rank of E-7.
- On attending the Finance meeting.
- That his Township meetings are coming up.
- On his request for departments to watch their spending due to cash flow concerns.
- That Lauren Essenmacher will host a retirement event on July 21st from 2-6 p.m. at the Riverwalk.
- On the letter of support written on behalf of the Gladwin County Soil Conservation District in support of financial assistance for the Education and Demonstration Project.
- Susan Fitzpatrick will be retiring on July 29, 2016 after 19 years in Dispatch.

County Treasurer, Christy Van Tiem, inquired of the **tower rent payments from Endless Journey** and the intent of the Board for the use of that revenue. Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Hinman, supported by Commissioner Smith, to establish a new fund for the collection of revenue, and that any collected rent payments from 2016 be transferred into the newly created fund. Ayes carried, **motion passed.***

Commissioner Birgel spoke on the liability associated with the balances of PTO, Vacation, Sick and Personal hours by employees. Commissioner Birgel commented that there is no special fund for the "set aside" of these payments and that the Board is handling the requests from the General Fund upon retirement. Discussion.

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 Hinman, supported by Commissioner Smith, to adjourn. Ayes carried, **motion passed.** Meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m., until the next regular Board meeting on July 26, 2016 at 9:00 a.m., unless otherwise ordered.*

Laura Brandon-Maveal
County Clerk

Terry Walters
Chairman