

Commissioner Minutes of July 11, 2017

The Gladwin County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, July 11, 2017. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Walters. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a short prayer was given. A moment of silence was given in tribute to past Commissioner Adolph Presidio who has passed away. Roll call found all Commissioners present. Chairman Walters commented that the secretary's mother is in the hospital and the Board's thoughts are with her at this time.

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

The **cash balances** were then read by Commissioner Aultman. *General Fund - \$16,238.49 before the payment of any bills with an advancement of \$600,000 from other funds.*

The minutes of June 27, 2017 and the Committee of the Whole minutes of June 30, 2017 were then reviewed. *Motion by Commissioner Aultman, supported by Commissioner Smith, to approve the minutes as prepared. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

Public Comments:

George Striker, Clement Township resident, spoke on the land sale process. Lisa Kelly, daughter of Mr. Striker, spoke on their interest to purchase the property in question and asked why they were not given a similar opportunity that the neighbor was given. Treasurer Van Tiem spoke on the tax sale process with the family. Ms. Van Tiem stated that she will research their options with the Prosecutor to see if the property can be pulled back from contract and placed for sale through the land sale process. Discussion. Ms. Van Tiem will send the Building Official for the County out to assess the home.

Candace Yardley, Mid Michigan Community Action Agency, came before the Board to speak on two programs that are available to community residents. The first is a "food qualifying program" that is a free service that is income based. This program is readily available and requires only a basic application. The second program is the "summer heating fuel program". This is available until August 31st and many types of fuel are available with a qualifying income. Discussion with the Board. The Board thanked Candace for her time and presentation.

Doug Welton, Auditor with Anderson, Tackman & Company, gave a brief audit presentation to the Board. The Board made comment and had discussion with Mr. Welton and commented that they were pleased with the presentation and thanked him for his time.

Marianne Hill, Emergency Management Director, gave an update on the "ride around" with FEMA and various elected officials on July 6, 2017. Ms. Hill explained the process of qualifying for section 19 funds. The formal report is being written by FEMA based on their assessment in Gladwin County in coordination with maps and damage assessment reports prepared locally. Ms. Hill explained that because of the flood incident, she is behind in her homeland security grants, but will be catching those up by the end of the week. Discussion on the insurance coverages in Beaverton City that can

assist with damages there and the probable crop damage to farmers and what they can expect for assistance.

Finance Matters – Commissioner Aultman:

1. Kim Halis, Equalization Director, has submitted a proposal to the committee to have an individual handle the field study work for the department. The committee reviewed proposals from three individuals, with option #3 to be the lowest at \$25.00 / parcel. This employee would be a 1099 contractual employee at an estimated cost of \$7,725.00. Motion by Commissioner Aultman, supported by Commissioner Hinman, to allow Ms. Halis to hire the individual as discussed from 101-225-802.000. Ayes carried, motion passed. Discussion on GIS mapping.
2. Court Administrator, Nick Madaj, has furnished four quotes for a new computer for Judge Mienk's secretary. Omega Computers - \$954.00, IT Right - \$1,014.00, Quill - \$1,189.97 and Genesis Computer - \$949.99. Motion by Commissioner Aultman, supported by Commissioner Birgel, to allow for the purchase from Omega Computers in the amount of \$954.00 as provided from line item 101-131-983.001. Ayes carried, motion passed.
3. Karen Moore, Court Administrator/Magistrate, has requested payment for the LARA license renewal within her department. The annual fee is \$500.00 and would require the use of the County's credit card. Motion by Commissioner Aultman, supported by Commissioner Birgel, to approve the purchase and to allow the Clerk to process with the credit card as requested from line item 101-136-801.000. Ayes carried, motion passed.
4. Upon review of the Auditor's recommendation, the \$6,300 advance to drain revolving funds can be moved back to the general fund. Motion by Commissioner Aultman, supported by Commissioner Birgel, to allow the Treasurer to handle the transfer out as outlined. Ayes carried, motion passed.
5. Treasurer Christy VanTiem and Commissioner Birgel spoke to the committee on the MSHDA CDBG loan to a property on White Feather for \$24,000. The property is now for sale and the loan cannot be satisfied with the proceeds of the sale. Discussion. Motion by Commissioner Aultman, supported by Commissioner Birgel, to allow the Treasurer to sign the discharge paperwork for the sale of the property, with the County receiving \$19,002.53 after the sale. Ayes carried, motion passed.
6. Undersheriff Ray Hartwell has provided the committee with information on a painting project required in the Jail by the Department of Corrections. Lake Painting has submitted a quote in the amount of \$700.00 for the project and will be paid from 101-351-930.000 if approved. Motion by Commissioner Aultman, supported by Commissioner Birgel, to allow the Undersheriff to proceed with the project as requested. Ayes carried, motion passed.

Commissioner Reports by District –

Commissioner Hinman reported:

- That he attended the court training in Mt. Pleasant on June 29th, noting it was a good program.
- On the DATA meeting on July 5th.

Commissioner Smith reported:

- That she attended the DATA meeting on July 5th where they reviewed reports on the timeline of the telephone project.
- On her enjoyment of the 4th of July festivities in Beaverton, noting the parade, fireworks and general gathering were extraordinary. She wished to extend a big thank you to the volunteers who make this celebration possible.
- That she attended the Tobacco Township meeting last night, commenting on several discussions by the Board.

- On an invitation from Bev Przystas to work with her on a committee to celebrate 100 years of MSU Extension in Gladwin County, noting she happily accepted.
- That she regrets to report the passing of former Commissioner Adolph Presidio. Adolph served 44 years as a public official with 26 of those years as our County Commissioner. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, July 12th from 4-8 p.m. at Hall – Kokotovich in Beaverton with the funeral on July 13th at 11:00 a.m.
- On the volunteer hours and research that has gone into the genealogy room at the Library, commenting that the volunteers are what has made this room great.

Commissioner Birgel reported:

- On the Beaverton Township meeting. It was discussed that the emergency repairs by the Road Commission in Tobacco and other Townships could delay the paving of Dale Road if FEMA funds are not received.
- discussed. Commissioner Birgel also made the Township Board aware of a zoning change request.
- That there is a high tick population this year as discussed at the CMDHD meeting. Discussion.

Commissioner Aultman reported:

- On the CMDHD meeting where they requested a 5% increase to their appropriation from each county. Commissioner Aultman noted she is not in favor of the increase due to finance obligations here at the county. Discussion. Commissioner Aultman would like to see the fully allocated amount for the Health Department included in the 2018 budget. Commissioner Birgel spoke on the fees being imposed to the residents for services because the County is not currently paying the full allocation. Further discussion.
- That she met with the Emergency Management Director and her volunteers regarding the flood issues.
- On the Finance meeting on July 6th.
- That she participated in the “ride-along” with the FEMA team to assess the flood damage of Gladwin County.
- On sending her report to Billings and Bentley Townships for their review.
- That she had fond memories of Adolph Presidio, commenting that she looked at “statesman” and a man who would want to solve the smallest of problems in our community, which she believes to be “quite a quality”.

Comments from the Chairman:

- That he would like to thank the two Lieutenants from the State, the Clerk, Treasurer, CERT volunteers and Marianne Hill for their assistance with the FEMA flood damage assessment.
- On he being out of town for part of last week to attend his son’s wedding.
- The he will be attending the Veterans meeting this afternoon.
- On correspondence from ESGR for supporting the National Guard and Reserve and our young people in the military. Chairman Walters made motion that the Board support this group again this year. Motion supported by Commissioner Aultman. Ayes carried, motion passed.
- That the historical society museum and village are looking for volunteers and donations.
- Region VIIB has sent their contract for the Board’s review. Chairman Walters would like to see a presentation from them prior to voting on this contract. The Board agreed, no action taken.

Commissioner Smith thanked the Airport and its volunteers for the presentation of the B25 plane during the fly in over the past weekend. Commissioner Smith commented to walk through that plane was an amazing experience.

Don Zackett gave an update on Boyce Hydro, noting a compliance directive has been issued with deadlines. Discussion.

Commissioner Aultman asked the Board to consider a final finance request. The Clerk's card printer failed in her office and she was not able to wait for the next finance or DATA meeting to order a new printer due to the importance of the equipment. The cost is \$1,600.00 after a \$200.00 credit and can be paid for using 263 funds. Motion by Commissioner Aultman, supported by Commissioner Hinman, to approve the purchase as requested. Ayes carried, motion passed.

Public Comments – none at this time.

*Motion by Commissioner Hinman, supported by Commissioner Birgel, 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 10:27 a.m., until the next regular Board meeting on July 25, 2017 at 9:00 a.m., unless otherwise ordered.*



Laura Brandon-Maveal
County Clerk

Terry Walters
Chairman