

Commissioner Minutes of June 27, 2017

Public Hearing 8:30 a.m. Increasing Property Taxes

The public hearing was called to order with Equalization Director, Kim Halis.

The Board had several questions to the filing of the L-4029 and the lateness of the report. Chairman Walters questioned why the L-4029 was dated May 28, 2017 but the Board is just now reviewing it for approval. Ms. Halis explained that May 28th was the date she prepared and signed the form, but because of notices not being posted with the appropriate language, this is the first time she is able to present to the Board for their approval.

Commissioner Aultman stated she feels that this form is quite late and the many Township Treasurers are very upset as tax bills have to be in the mail no later than July 1st. Ms. Halis explained that she had to wait for the tax adjustment rates from Department of Treasury and she did not receive that until May. Discussion. Ms. Halis explained that there will not be a delay in holding the meeting next year as long as the budget posting includes the proper wording for the proposed tax millage rate information.

Commissioner Smith commented on her meeting with Hay Township officials and their concern of the deadline. Discussion on the bills going out past July 1st and the inability to assess a 3% penalty.

Christy Van Tiem, Treasurer, spoke on the preparation of the bills stating that they will be on time and that her office is helping with the folding and stuffing. Discussion. Chairman Walters apologized to the Townships for their inconvenience and stated that it will not happen next year. Commissioner Smith asked the Board's Secretary to keep a list of deadlines for the tax billing process in the Board's records so that they can closely monitor it. Commissioner Hinman clarified with the Equalization Director that she understands her duties and that this won't happen again. Further discussion.

Public meeting recessed at 8:52 a.m. until the regularly scheduled Board meeting.

RECESS

The Gladwin County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, June 27, 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. Roll call found all Commissioners present.

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 - \$36,580.03 before the payment of any bills with an advancement of \$500,000 from other funds.*

The minutes of June 13, 2017 were then reviewed. *Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Hinman, to approve the minutes as prepared. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

Lisa Ashley, Recovery Court Director, spoke on her appointment to the Mid State Health Network Advisory Board, thanking the Board for her appointment. Ms. Ashley gave a brief report on Mid State Health matters. Discussion on PA 2 funding. Judge Farrell joined Ms. Ashley and spoke on the Recovery Court program and the financial support given by both counties. Judge Farrell asked the Board to consider funding the program at the \$5,000 as requested in the budget. Commissioner Smith spoke on the possibility of funding that could be used from the Veterans program to assist those that are being served in Recovery Court. Discussion.

Public Comments:

State Representative, Jason Wentworth, spoke to the Board on some of the projects he has been working on in his first year in office. Mr. Wentworth commented on the efforts of the Recovery Court program, noting it is a good program for the County to be involved in. Discussion and questions.

Kim Halis, Equalization Director, then came before the Board with her request for the Board to approve the values on the L-4029. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Smith, to accept the values as presented on the L-4029 and to approve the resolution as presented.* Discussion on the calculation of the rates. Roll call vote as follows: Hinman – yes, Walters – yes, Aultman – yes, Smith – yes, Birgel –yes. 5 yes, 0 no. Ayes carried, **resolution 2017-011 declared adopted.**

Marianne Hill, Emergency Management Director, informed the Board that a local declaration will be submitted this morning; attaching to the Isabella and Midland Counties declaration. Ms. Hill spoke on the damage assessments that have been conducted and the \$322,834 in damages to local roads, noting several homes will need specialized teams to come in and remove mold damage. Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Hinman, to allow the Chairman to sign the local declaration for submission. Ayes carried, motion passed.* *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Aultman, to allow Ms. Hill to submit for a federal declaration and to collect the Chairman's signature if needed. Ayes carried, motion passed.* Ms. Hill commented that she has two volunteers that have been working and she will be paying for their food and mileage from her budget.

Finance Matters – Commissioner Aultman:

1. Rick Ghent, Maintenance Supervisor, provided the committee with a quote to have the water coil replaced on the air handler. Total cost of \$4,325.00 will be paid from 101-265-930.000. *Motion by Commissioner Aultman, supported by Commissioner Birgel, to approve the repair as outlined. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
2. Mr. Ghent also furnished quotes for the repairs to the air conditioning unit in the kitchen of the Jail. Bonham - \$3,681.00 for the installation of a heating pump and \$925.00 for a gravity dumper. Total project in the amount of \$4,606.00 will be paid from 101-351-930.000. *Motion by Commissioner Aultman, supported by Commissioner Birgel, to approve the project as listed. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

3. The committee has re-visited the quotes for a water softener unit in the Jail. The proposals were as follows: Purchase from Culligan in the amount of \$5,969.15. A two-year rental from Culligan in the amount of \$3,600.00/year plus \$171.00 per month for salt and maintenance. Purchase from Owens in the amount of \$14,200.00. Purchase from Eco Water in the amount of \$9,907.50. These quotes were previously tabled to identify a funding source for the project. The committee is proposing the project be paid from 101-351-930.000. *Motion by Commissioner Aultman, supported by Commissioner Smith, to purchase the unit from Culligan in the amount of \$5,969.15. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
4. Undersheriff Hartwell has provided a quote from IT Right in the amount of \$979.00 for a new computer for the Detective. If approved, the purchase can be made from 101-301-983.000. *Motion by Commissioner Aultman, supported by Commissioner Smith, to allow for the purchase as requested. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
5. Undersheriff Hartwell has given notice that John Teer, Corrections Officer, has resigned his employment with the County effective July 2, 2017. With his resignation, Mr. Teer is requesting payout of his 280 PTO hours in the amount of \$4,810.40 from 101-351-703.000. *Motion by Commissioner Aultman, supported by Commissioner Birgel, to allow for the payment of PTO hours to Mr. Teer as requested and to allow for the replacement of the vacancy. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
6. Marianne Hill, Emergency Management Director, has submitted information on two grant projects that she would like permission to write. The first project is for ten (10) MDT units in the amount of \$49,000.00 and the second, is for three (3) multi-unit radio chargers at a cost of \$2,265.00. Both projects are 100% reimbursed by grant funding. *Motion by Commissioner Aultman, supported by Commissioner Birgel, to allow Ms. Hill to proceed with the projects under grant application. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
7. Three vendors have submitted their proposals for their portion of costs for the telephone project. Each vendor will have their own part in the updates and have revised their proposals accordingly. They are as follows: JP Communications - \$8,550.00 to change lines to ISDN prime circuits. Radio North - \$6,400.00 to engineer the system and handle installation services, plus an annual support fee of \$3,200.00. DayStarr Communications - \$5,063.20 for Adtran services. *Motion by Commissioner Aultman, supported by Commissioner Smith, to approve the proposals from the three vendors to continue with the phone project. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
8. Mike Brubaker, 911 Administrator, has obtained two quotes for a generator for the south tower in Beaverton (located on Van Dyke Road). Master Electric - \$5,950.00 and Coleman Electric Service - \$6,975.00. *Motion by Commissioner Aultman, supported by Commissioner Birgel, to allow Mr. Brubaker to proceed with the project, using 282 funds, through Master Electric. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
9. The Clerk has informed the committee that the SAM (System for Award Management) needs updated for 2017. *Motion by Commissioner Aultman, supported by Commissioner Smith, to allow the Clerk to renew the County's status as requested. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

Commissioner Reports by District –

Commissioner Birgel reported:

- That Grout Township will be building a pavilion on their property for a rental. The Township Supervisor is currently working on drawings and bids for the project.
- On review of MISHDA grants.
- That Central Michigan District Health Department will be asking for a per capita assessment for the six counties.
- On attending the Beaverton Activity Center meeting with Representative Wentworth and Lauren Essenmacher. There were approximately 60 attendees there to discuss revenue sharing and the impact on Townships and Counties.
- That the Zoning Commission made a change to Sherman Township ordinance to allow for the building of a barn.
- The Sports Complex Board is still working on challenges to their revenue, and will be selling additional signage at the fields to raise money.

Commissioner Aultman reported:

- That she attended the Grim Township meeting on July 13th, noting conversation on the millage for Animal Control.
- On faxing her report to Bourret Township for their review.
- The EDC meeting was cancelled.
- On attending the Lake Board meeting on June 14th, commenting that Hay Township would like to join the district.
- That she attended the Michigan Works picnic and meeting on June 16th.
- On meeting with the Clare County Commissioners on June 20th.
- On the Finance meeting of June 22nd.
- That she attended the Community Action Agency meeting in Farwell, stating they are looking for support through a block grant. They have given \$400,000 worth of assistance to Gladwin County.
- On attending the Council of Local Government meeting last night.

Commissioner Smith reported:

- That she attended the HSCB meeting on June 20th where she gave her report and then left for her second meeting.
- On attending the Land Bank meeting on June 20th.
- On the Parks and Recreation meeting on June 20th to review the contract with the Seebeck Family. Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Hinman, to allow the Chairman to sign the contract as drafted. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
- On attending the Library Board meeting on June 20th, noting the library stats were given out at the last meeting, but she would like to give a report from the Genealogy Director. One volunteer donated 267 hours in the month of May entering obituary statistics at her home. Commissioner Smith thanked this individual and all volunteers who assist in keeping the genealogy room open.
- The Friends of the Library earned over \$1,300.00 at their spring book sale. With the additional book donations, the "Friends" ended up with more books after the sale than when they had started.
- The large meeting room at the Gladwin Branch of the Library has been turned into the Veterans' Memorial Room. Bruce Guy will continue to add photos and information about our local veterans.
- On attending a special DATA meeting with John Pung and others covering the costs of continuing negotiations of the County's new phone supplier.

- That she attended the Buckeye Township meeting on June 21st, noting all is well there.
- That she met with Tom Olson and Diane Kludt of Hay Township regarding the truth in taxation and the filing of the L-4029.
- On having a great time at “Friendship”.

Commissioner Hinman reported:

- On attending the DATA meeting.
- That he participated in the Parks and Recreation meeting.
- On the Indigent Defense Counsel meetings, noting he will have more information in July. A policy is being drafted and a program will be put into place for the State to review and potentially approve.
- On attending the Butman, Clement, Sherman and Gladwin Township meetings.

Commissioner Hinman then asked the Board to consider placing the Animal Control millage on the November ballot. Commissioner Hinman stated that the .20 mill proposal would run from 2018-2022, beginning with the December 2017 tax billing, commenting that all four of his Townships are in favor of the millage. *Motion by Commissioner Hinman, supported by Commissioner Smith, to certify the language to be placed on the November ballot as read.* Discussion. Commissioner Birgel stated that in his opinion these small and targeted issues do not correct the overall problem of the County’s finances, stating this is the wrong way to operate the County’s budget. Commissioner Birgel continued to state that there are issues with the HVAC system and other areas of the buildings that need to be resolved through the process of a Headlee election and that he will not support this millage publicly. Commissioner Aultman stated that she agrees with Commissioner Birgel and does not believe that County residents should be forced to pay another millage when they are already strapped in their finances. Commissioner Aultman feels the Animal Control department could be restored if the Board could have time to take a good look at their budget. Commissioner Walters stated that he feels the millage should be up to the vote of the people. Commissioner Smith commented that this decision should not be up to a board of only five, but given to the residents of this community to make the decision. Roll call vote as follows: Walters – yes, Aultman – no, Smith – yes, Birgel – no, Hinman – yes. 3 yes, 2 no. Ayes carried, **motion passed.**

Commissioner Aultman commented that she was hoping that the Drain Commissioner would have returned to the meeting, as she wanted to speak to him regarding pending litigation, FOIA requests and the newest attorney bill for his office.

Chairman Walters informed the Board that Chemical Bank is offering public service projects and the County is able to submit an idea for their consideration.

The Board then discussed the vacancy on the Department of Health and Human Services Board and the need to fill the position.

Comments from the Chairman:

- That the Airport will be hosting a “fly-in” on July 7-9, 2017.
- On the meeting with Clare County on June 20th.
- On attending the Lake Improvement Board meetings on June 21st.
- That he attended the Finance meeting on June 22nd.
- On the Council of Local Government meeting.
- On the progress of the generator project.

- That he attended the Gladwin City meeting where they discussed handicap parking issues in town, snow removal issues and issues with the canoe company on the river that has led to discussion of the City purchasing tubes.
- That Northern Espresso has apartments over their store that will be available to rent in the future.

Commissioner Smith voiced her concern with the Drain Commissioner coming and leaving prior to his agenda time to answer questions, has not yet returned and did not leave a report for the Board's review.

Public Comments –

Lisa Ashley, Recovery Court, asked how to place a millage on the ballot for recovery court program services.

Chairman Walters thanked State Representative Wentworth for attending their Board meeting this morning.

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

*Motion by Commissioner Aultman, supported by Commissioner Hinman, to adjourn. Ayes carried, **motion passed.** Meeting adjourned at 10:33 a.m., until the next regular Board meeting on July 11, 2017 at 9:00 a.m., unless otherwise ordered.*



Laura Brandon-Maveal
County Clerk



Terry Walters
Chairman

GLADWIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Resolution 2017-011

WHEREAS, Public Act 2 of 1968 as amended by Public Act 41 of 1995 required the adoption of a Truth in Budgeting Act; and

WHEREAS, the Truth in Budgeting Act requires the approval of all mills of Ad Valorem property Taxes to be levied and the purpose for same; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Gladwin County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the following millage rate for the summer collection with a total of 4.4052 mills

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above millage levy will be spread to support the General Appropriations Act.

Resolution proposed by Hinman

Supported by Smith, and adopted as follows:

Ayes 5

Nays 0

Absent/Abstain 0

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I, Laura Branden-Maveal, Gladwin County Clerk, certify that the above Resolution

was adopted at a meeting of the Gladwin County Board of Commissioners on

10-27, 2017 Laura Branden-Maveal

2017 TAX RATE REQUEST (This form must be completed and submitted on or before September 30, 2017)
MILLAGE REQUEST REPORT TO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

This form is issued under MCL Sections 211.24e, 211.34 and 211.34d. Filing is mandatory. Penalty applies.

County(ies) Where the Local Government Unit Levies Taxes Gladwin	2017 Taxable Value of ALL Properties in the Unit as of 5-22-17 945,729,651
Local Government Unit (County, Township, City, Village, K-12 School District, ISD, CC, or ANY Authority such as District Library, DDA, etc.) Requesting Millage Levy Gladwin County	
For LOCAL School Districts: 2017 Taxable Value excluding Principal Residence, Qualified Ag, Qualified Forest, Industrial Personal and Commercial Personal \$	

This form must be completed for each unit of government for which a property tax is levied. Penalty for non-filing is provided under MCL Sec. 211.119. The following tax rates have been authorized for levy on the 2017 tax roll.

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)
Source	Purpose of Millage	Date of Election	Millage Authorized	2016 Millage Rate	2017 HEADLEE Millage Reduction	2017 Millage Rate	Sec. 211.34 Truth in Assessing or Equalization Millage Rollback	Maximum Allowable Millage Rate*	Millage Requested to be Levied July 1	Millage Requested to be Levied Dec. 1	Expiration Date of Millage Authorized
Allocated	General Operating	8/72	5.7500	4.4052	1.0000	4.4052	1.0000	4.4052	4.4052		
Voted	911	11/8/16	0.7500	0.7500	1.0000	0.7500	1.0000	0.7500	0.7500	0.7500	12-22
Voted	DAR Road & Bridge	8/12	0.5000	0.5000	1.0000	0.5000	1.0000	0.5000	0.5000	0.5000	12-17
Voted	EMS	11/8/16	1.0000	2.0000	1.0000	2.0000	1.0000	2.0000	2.0000	2.0000	12-17
Voted	Seniors	8/12	0.5000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	0.5000	0.5000	12-20
Voted	MSJUE	11/14	0.1100	0.1100	1.0000	0.1100	1.0000	0.1100	0.1100	0.1100	12-17

Prepared by Kimberly K. Hallis	Telephone Number 426-9327
Title Equalization Director	Date 5/28/2017

Certification: As the representatives for the local government unit named above, we certify that these requested tax levy rates have been reduced, if necessary, to comply with the state constitution (Article 9, Section 31), and that the requested levy rates have also been reduced, if necessary, to comply with MCL Sections 211.24e, 211.34, and for LOCAL school districts which levy a Supplemental (Hold Harmless) Millage, MCL 380.1211(3).

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clerk	Signature	Type Name	Date	Total School District Operating Rates to be Levied (Supp/HH and NH Oper ONLY)	Rate
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Secretary	<i>Laura Brandon-Maveal</i>	Laura Brandon-Maveal	6-27-17		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chairperson	Signature	Type Name	Date	For Principal Residence, Qualified Ag, Qualified Forest and Industrial Personal	
<input type="checkbox"/> President	<i>Terry L. Walters</i>	Terry L. Walters	6-27-17	For Commercial Personal	
*Under Truth in Taxation, MCL Section 211.24e, the governing body may decide to levy a rate which will not exceed the maximum authorized rate allowed in column 9. A public hearing and determination is required for an operating levy which is larger than the base tax rate but not larger than the rate in column 9.				For All Other	

**** IMPORTANT:** See instructions on the reverse side for the correct method of calculating the millage rate in column (5).