

Commissioner Minutes of December 12, 2017

The Gladwin County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, December 12, 2017. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Walters. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and roll call found all Commissioners present, except Commissioner Aultman who had been excused.

The cash balances were then read by Commissioner Birgel. *General Fund - \$804,235.58.*

Finance Matters:

1. Rick Ghent, Maintenance Supervisor, has received a quote for the **annual garbage bag order** in the amount of \$1,527.00. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Hinman, to allow Mr. Ghent to make the purchase in 2018 from departments 265, 351, 422 and 426. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
2. Mr. Ghent has also provided three (3) contract proposals for **fire suppression services through Vanguard**. Courthouse contract - \$2,002.00 from 101-265-933.000, Health Department contract - \$1,464.50 from 101-265-933.002 and Sheriff Department contract - \$3,486.98 from 101-351-930.000. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Hinman, to allow Mr. Ghent to sign all three contracts as presented. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
3. The County Clerk has requested that the Board take actions regarding the year-end process:
 - a. Purchase the required tax forms for employee W2's, 1099's and 1094's.
 - b. Approve the bills calendar for 2018.
 - c. Hold open the revenues and expenditures until the end of February 2018 for the purpose of accruals.
 - d. Allow for the payment of all 2017 outstanding bills on December 30th without being presented to the Finance Committee for consideration. The Clerk will provide the Board a listing of all bills via email for their review.*Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Hinman, to approve the requests as outlined. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
4. The Clerk is requesting authorization for two training sessions for her office staff. The first is a quarterly meeting in Atlanta, Michigan on December 15th. There are no registration costs for this meeting, only mileage and a meal that will be paid from the 263 fund. The second training is to send Lindsie Dillon to the MACC conference in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan on January 18-19. The registration fee is \$50.00 plus mileage and meals to be paid from 101-215-860.000 once approved. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Smith, to approve the training as outlined. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
5. The **2018 Salary Schedule** has been prepared for review and approval. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Smith, to approve the salary schedule as outlined. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
6. Shari Spoelman, MSU Extension, presented the **Agreement for Extension Services in 2018**, noting there were no changes from the 2017 contract. Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Hinman, to allow the Chairman to sign the agreement as presented. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
7. Undersheriff Hartwell has prepared a request outlining the needs for an additional Court Security Officer. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Smith, to allow the Undersheriff to hire to replace the vacancy. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
8. The Sheriff's Department was given a 1986 van for posse member use. It has been towed to Supreme Auto and has remained there where it continues to rot. The Sheriff has suggested to sign over the title to Supreme Auto so that the vehicle can be properly disposed of. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Hinman, to allow the Clerk to sign the title as discussed. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
9. James Maveal, Animal Control Officer, has requested that his 2017 vacation time of 86.5 hours be carried over to 2018 since he was not able to utilize vacation time this year. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Smith, to approve the request as discussed. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
10. Janine Marchington, Equalization, has requested to donate 14 hours to an employee in the Maintenance Department who is off on medical leave. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Hinman, to allow the Clerk to make the adjustment to the hours as requested. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

11. Stacey DeMoines, Treasurer's Office, has requested to be paid out for 14.25 hours of unused vacation time in the amount of \$239.26 from 101-253-705.000. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Smith, to approve the payment as requested. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
12. Ann Clayton, Registrar of Deeds, has informed the Board that her part time employee will be resigning at the end of the year. Mrs. Clayton is asking permission to replace her employee with another 28 hour/week employee. Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Smith, to allow for the posting and hiring of the position as requested. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
13. Smith and Johnson Law Firm has prepared a proposal for retainer on the Opioid Litigation. After discussion, the Board decided to let their civil counsel review the proposal before allowing the Chairman to enter into the agreement. *Motion by Commissioner Hinman, supported by Commissioner Smith, to table the action to allow for review of the document. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
14. JP Communications has completed their work on the phone project. A revised contract invoice has been submitted in the amount of \$8,460.00. Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Hinman, to pay the submitted invoice as approved by the DATA committee. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
15. The final stages of the 2018 budget process are being completed and a notice will need to be set for a public hearing to adopt the general and special fund budgets. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Smith to allow the Clerk to publish the public hearing for the adoption of the budget for December 26, 2017 at 8:45 a.m. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

There were no changes or additions to the agenda. *Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Hinman, to approve of the minutes of the November 28, 2017 regular meeting and the December 5, 2017 Committee of the Whole meeting. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

Public Comments: Don Zackett gave an update on Boyce Hydro operations and regulations placed on them by FERC. Discussion.

The Board then reviewed the ongoing legal fees for the Drain Office and had discussion on the matter.

Chairman Walters then asked the Board for consideration on hiring an attorney to act as their civil counsel. *Motion by Commissioner Hinman, supported by Commissioner Smith, to hire Tara Hovey as their attorney. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

Commissioner Reports by District –

Commissioner Hinman reported:

- That he has been part of several union negotiations with Commissioner Birgel, noting they have a tentative agreement with the Dispatcher group.
- The personnel committee will be negotiating tomorrow with the Deputies group and on Friday with Units 6 & 7 and the Corrections group.
- That his Township meetings begin tomorrow.
- On the action needed to put the Animal Control employees back to work full time with an effective date in 2018. Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Hinman, supported by Commissioner Smith, to make the full time effective date of the Animal Control Officers January 1, 2018. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

Commissioner Smith reported:

- That today her grandson is celebrating his 25th birthday.

- On attending the Beaverton City Tree Lighting, commenting that the Fruchey Family handles the lights and décor in the park and are to be thanked for their community efforts.
- That she participated in the Committee of the Whole meeting on December 5th.
- On the DATA meeting where they addressed the JP Communications bill.
- On attending the Tobacco Township meeting last night where they had a presentation from the mosquito abatement company.
- That she would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas.

Commissioner Birgel reported:

- On continuous work with the union negotiations.
- That he attended the Planning Commission meeting last week where they supported the zoning ordinance revision that was approved. Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Smith, to approve the proposed resolution in support of the zoning ordinance revision as presented to the Board.* Roll call vote as follows: Hinman – yes, Walters -yes, Aultman – excused, Smith -yes, Birgel - yes. 4 yes, 1 excused. Ayes carried, **resolution 2017-026 declared adopted.**

Comments from the Chairman:

- That he has been given the 2018 grant application for the Remonumentation program. Discussion. The Board will have the Attorney review and present at the next Board meeting for consideration.
- On attending the Gladwin City meeting last week.

The Chairman then asked Marianne Hill, Emergency Management Director, to give an update on the section 19 funding. Ms. Hill reported that the County will be receiving \$12,438.89 and Billings and Tobacco Townships will also be receiving funding for the damage to their roads. Discussion. Ms. Hill then updated the Board on the Siren project in Sage Township and the MDT Project for the Sheriff Department.

The Board then took a recess to wait until Judge Evans could arrive to participate in the health insurance discussion for Court employees.

RECESS 9:47 – 10:02 a.m.

Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Hinman, to call the meeting back to session. Ayes carried, **motion passed.**

Judge Farrell spoke on the research that he has done since speaking with the Board at the Committee of the Whole meeting on December 5th. Judge Farrell would like the Board to consider giving the Courts 30-45 days to receive the legal opinion that they have requested without payroll deductions to their employees for the portion of health care costs under PA152. Judge Farrell stated he believes this is fair to both sides to review both opinions before making a decision that could lead to legal actions. Judge Evans then spoke, stating he agrees with Judge Farrell’s position on the matter and feels that the Board should delay their decision to charge the court employees health care costs before the opinion is received. Judge Evans stated that the amount that the Board would be collecting for their employees is minimal compared to the millions it will cost to defend and actions that was only worth “thousands.”

Judge Evans urged the Board to work together to resolve this issue without legal actions. Commissioner Hinman commented that there hasn't been "a PA152 issue" until 2018 due to the plan premiums falling under the State's hard caps. Discussion. It was decided that the Board would draft a letter to the Courts by the end of the day with a decision after consulting with Mr. Borushko.

Public Comments – none at this time.

*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 Hinman, to adjourn. Ayes carried, **motion passed.** Meeting adjourned at 10:22 a.m., until the next regular Board meeting on December 26, 2017 at 9:00 a.m., unless otherwise ordered.*

Laura Brandon-Maveal
County Clerk

Terry Walters
Chairman

RESOLUTION 2017-026
GLADWIN COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE REVISION

WHEREAS, Public Act 110 of 2006, being MCLA 125.3101 through 125.3702 as amended, enables a county board of commissioners to adopt a county zoning ordinance to regulate the use of land, and

WHEREAS, Gladwin County adopted a county zoning ordinance pursuant to Public Act 110 of 2006, and such zoning ordinance becoming effective on February 1, 2008, and

WHEREAS, the Gladwin County Planning Commission reviewed zoning district boundaries established by the zoning ordinance and has initiated a revision to change specific boundaries to allow D1-Dwelling One zoning in certain areas, and

WHEREAS, required notices were published in the *Gladwin County Record*, first class mailings were completed, a public hearing was held by the Gladwin County Planning Commission, and the Planning Commission has presented a summary of the comments received at the public hearing along with its recommendation for revision to the Gladwin County Board of Commissioners,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Gladwin County Board of Commissioners approves the recommended revision to the Gladwin County Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Revise zoning district from Industrial to a D1-Dwelling One zoning district in the following location: Buckeye Township, Section 24, part of the S1/2 of S1/2 of NE1/4 with a common address of 1668 S. M-30 Gladwin MI 48624

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Smith. Upon roll call vote, the following voted "aye":
4 "nay":

8 absent: 1

The Chairperson declared the resolution adopted. Laura Brandon-Maveal
Clerk, Laura Brandon-Maveal

I, Laura Brandon-Maveal, the duly elected and acting Clerk of Gladwin County, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, 2017-026 was adopted by the Gladwin County Board of Commissioners at a regular meeting of said Board held on December 12, 2017, at which meeting a quorum was present, by roll call vote of said members as herein before set forth; and that said resolution was ordered to take effect

December 12, 2017.

Laura Brandon-Maveal
Clerk, Laura Brandon-Maveal

**Gladwin County Planning Commission
Recommendation to Gladwin County Commissioners
December 12, 2017**

The Gladwin County Planning Commission has, at the request of the property owner, Ronald Shumway, reviewed the zoning district at 1668 S. M-30, Gladwin, MI, located in Buckeye Township, Section 24, Part of the S1/2 of S1/2 of NE1/4. The Planning Commission is recommending to the County Commissioners that this property be rezoned from Industrial to a D1-Dwelling One zoning district. The required public hearing was held at the December 6, 2017 regular planning meeting. Required notices were posted, and first class mailings were sent as mandated by state statutes.

Summary of Comments at Public Hearing, December 6, 2017

Zoning Administrator Justin Schneider presented the proposed rezoning amendment to the Planning Commission. Discussion on existing use of surrounding property being mostly residential. Commission member Killian moved to recommend to the Board of Commissioners approval of the rezoning request, supported by member Mahaffy. All ayes, motion carried.