

## Commissioner Minutes of March 13, 2018

*Public Hearing  
Bike / Walk Trail Application  
8:45 a.m.*

The public hearing was called to order by Chairman Walters at 8:45 a.m. *Motion by Commissioner Hinman, supported by Commissioner Smith, to open the public hearing to accept public comment on the Michigan Natural Trust Fund Application for the purpose of a Gladwin to Beaverton Trail. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

**Public Comments:** Gladwin City Administrator, Bob Moffit stated that he is the chairman of the Recreation Authority and with the resources that the County provides, approximately .5 million was generated in local revenue this past season. Mr. Moffit commented on some of the benefits the program would provide residents and asked that the Board approve the grant application for submission.

Chairman Walters thanked Mr. Moffit for being here and confirmed that the \$89,700 fund matching dollars would be through the Recreation Authority. Discussion.

No other public discussion or questions. The Board then took a recess at 8:53 until the start of their regular scheduled Board meeting.

*Recess 8:53 – 9:00 a.m.*

*The Gladwin County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, March 13, 2018. 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.*

The Board reviewed the agenda. Commissioner Smith inquired on the appointments to the Animal Control committee. Chairman Walters commented that he would like to put the letters of the interested persons in front of a committee for a recommendation. *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 Aultman. *General Fund - \$26,927.70 before the payment of any bills.*

*The regular minutes of the February 27, 2018 meeting were then reviewed. Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Aultman, to approve the minutes as prepared. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

**Public Comments:** *none at this time.*

### **New Business:**

1. Mike Kruchkow, Soil Conservation, spoke to the Board on the Gypsy Moth spray program for 2018. Mr. Kruchkow reviewed the process to notify the property owners and the steps for publication. Discussion. Mr. Kruchkow will bring a

spray contract back to the Board for their review and consideration at a later meeting date.

2. The Board has been provided with a resolution to authorize the Board of Commissioners to join with the Gladwin County Trails Recreation Authority to submit a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant application for the construction of a trailhead. Don Hamilton stated that Gladwin and Beaverton Cities are beginning their work on the project. *Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Birgel, to adopt the resolution in support of the bike/walk trail project.* Roll call vote as follows: Hinman – yes, Walters – yes, Aultman – yes, Smith -yes, Birgel -yes. 5 yes, 0 no. Ayes carried, **resolution 2018-005 declared adopted.**
3. The Road Commission has made application with USDA for a construction loan. This application needs to be signed by the Chairman as the authorized representative. *Motion by Commissioner Aultman, supported by Commissioner Birgel, to authorize the Chairman to sign the grant application as presented and prepared.* Ayes carried, **motion passed.**
4. Don Zackett, Board Member of the Wixom Lake Association, addressed the Board on an issue with FERC that requires the Board's attention. Mr. Zackett spoke on the deadline to request intervene status on the revocation of license for the Edenville, Michigan hydroelectric project. The Wixom Lake Association has already filed their status and would like the County to consider doing the same to ensure that they have a voice in these proceedings. By filing a motion to intervene, the Board will receive all correspondence regarding the project and allow them to respond. Dave Rothman, Wixom Lake Board member, also spoke on his willingness to assist the Board in filing their electronic request to receive intervene status, noting the steps to file are very simplistic. Discussion that revocation of this license will not include the removal of the dam. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Aultman, to seek intervene status on the revocation of the license for Edenville, Michigan Hydroelectric Project.* Ayes carried, **motion passed.**
5. Commissioner Smith spoke on the new FEMA maps and flood plains that have been established. Commissioner Smith wanted to ensure that as long as the building permits are administered under the FEMA regulations then mortgage insurance can be made available to the property owners. Discussion with Building Official Justin Schneider on the process that would need correction by August 1, 2018. Commissioner Smith stated there needs to be no action taken today, but would like to see the action placed on the table until which time Mr. Schneider and the County's Attorney have the opportunity to review the proposed changes. *Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Birgel, to table the action until a later date.* Ayes carried, **motion passed.**

#### **Finance Matters – Commissioner Aultman:**

1. Matthew McGourty, Jail Administrator, has completed the bidding process for Inmate Food Services. Mr. McGourty has asked the Board to review the contract amendment for CBM food services, who currently handles this service and competitively received the lowest bid. *Motion by Commissioner Aultman, supported by Commissioner Birgel, to allow the Chairman to sign the contract amendment as presented.* Ayes carried, **motion passed.**
2. Laura Brandon-Maveal, County Clerk, has provided the committee with the information for her to attend the UCOA Spring Conference in Lansing, Michigan April 22-25<sup>th</sup>. Registration cost is \$175.00, plus mileage and meals. Total expense can be taken from 101-215-860.000 once approved. *Motion by Commissioner Aultman, supported by Commissioner Birgel, to approve the conference expenses as outlined.* Ayes carried, **motion passed.**

3. The County Clerk has requested review of her annual maintenance contract with JAVS which handles the maintenance of support of the Circuit Court recording equipment. Total cost is \$4,220.00 and can be paid from 101-131-933.000. *Motion by Commissioner Aultman, supported by Commissioner Birgel, to authorize the Court Administrator to sign the contract as presented. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
4. The County Clerk is also requesting lodging for employee Krystal Govitz on March 15, 2018 in Lansing, Michigan due to her CEO exam being held the next morning at 8:00 a.m. The cost of the room is \$128.35, plus mileage and meals due to Ms. Govitz upon return of receipts from line item 101-215-860.000. *Motion by Commissioner Aultman, supported by Commissioner Birgel, to approve the training expenses as outlined. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
5. Nicholas Madaj, Deputy Court Administrator, has requested the use of the county's credit card to register Kara Pruyt, FOC Caseworker, for her CEO training course. The cost of the course is \$140.00 and will be paid from 101-141-802.000. *Motion by Commissioner Aultman, supported by Commissioner Hinman, to allow the Clerk to use the credit card for the registration as requested. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
6. Patrick Sheehan, Corrections Officer, has made a request to be paid out for 50 hours of unused PTO time per his union contract. Total payment of \$975.50 will be paid from 101-351-702.002 upon approval. *Motion by Commissioner Aultman, supported by Commissioner Birgel, to allow the Clerk to make the disbursement as requested. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
7. Undersheriff Hartwell has presented to the committee a quote for a new washer and dryer in the jail. Total expense for both is \$10,995.00 from A&B Equipment and Sons, Inc. The purchase will be paid 50/50 using Securus and Jail Commissary Funds once approved. *Motion by Commissioner Aultman, supported by Commissioner Birgel, to allow for the purchase of the equipment as outlined. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

Beaverton Township Supervisor, Tim Mickler, spoke on the need to revise the language in the County ordinance to "mirror" the Township's language so that enforcement is similar and it will not create a legal action. Discussion on the new business in Beaverton Township and the creation of new jobs. Tom Reif spoke on the topic noting that he has spoken to the Zoning Administrator and he will present those options to the Planning Commission. Discussion.

*Motion by Commissioner Hinman, supported by Commissioner Smith, to go into executive session to discuss negotiation strategy and terms of contract for the Courts. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION 9:58 – 10:15 a.m.**

*Motion by Commissioner Hinman, supported by Commissioner Smith, to return to regular session. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

#### **REGULAR SESSION**

*Motion by Commissioner Hinman, supported by Commissioner Smith, to hold a special meeting on March 16, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. in order to meet and interview Masud Labor Law Firm for the purpose of possible employment for contract services. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

#### **Commissioner Reports by District –**

**Commissioner Birgel reported:**

- On attending the Airport meeting, noting a positive report given by the manager. The assistant manager is due for a scheduled raise and the utility bills have gone up.
- That Beaverton Township is still working through their medical marijuana ordinances.
- That he will be attending the Grout Township meeting tonight.
- On the Sports Complex meeting that will also be held tonight and the need to have the lease agreement signed.

**Commissioner Aultman reported:**

- That she attended the EmCOG meeting in Mt. Pleasant where they were placed in lock down due to the shooting at CMU. It was a short meeting and they reviewed projects that were submitted by other counties.
- On attending the Mental Health meeting also in Mt. Pleasant on the 27<sup>th</sup>, noting they reviewed service options and how to help.
- That she went to the CMDHD meeting on February 28<sup>th</sup>, commenting that they are working on their strategic plan. They also received a good report from Dr. Morse on an increase in HIV and Hep C in surrounding counties and an update on new vaccine options for shingles.
- On attending the DATA meeting on March 7<sup>th</sup> with Commissioner Hinman.
- On the Finance meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup>.
- That she participated in “Mock Interviews” on March 9<sup>th</sup>.
- On the Bentley Township meeting last night where they had questions regarding kennel licenses, noting she will speak with Animal Control on their concerns. Bentley Township also conveyed that they were not pleased with Equalization, noting when asking for information they received 2016 data from GIS.
- That she also attended the Billings Township meeting last night, where they also voiced complaints on the Equalization Department’s cooperation with their Township Assessor. The Township will be hosting their Easter Egg Hunt on March 31<sup>st</sup> and their fishing tournament on June 9-10, 2018.
- On her desire to pursue better security for this building after the event in Mt. Pleasant.
- That she will be working on a resolution for the “Point of Service” inspection options through CMDHD. Discussion.

**Commissioner Hinman reported:**

- That he attended the EOC training on March 1<sup>st</sup>.
- On the DATA meeting on March 7<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Hinman would like Board approval to send letters out to six vendors to collect pricing on certified line checks. *Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Aultman to allow for the solicitation of bids for the project.* Commissioner Aultman commented that she would like to see this project slowed down so that information can be gathered and appropriate decisions can be made. Discussion. Ayes carried, **motion passed.**
- That his Township meetings begin tomorrow night.

**Commissioner Smith reported:**

- That she attended the “State of the Community” event at MMCC, noting there were interesting presentations from a variety of people from Clare and Gladwin Counties.

- On attending the Hay Township meeting on March 8<sup>th</sup>, commenting that things are going well there.
- On her meeting with the Tobacco Township Supervisor on March 10<sup>th</sup>, commenting that this has already been covered earlier in the meeting, but would like the Board to act well before the August 1<sup>st</sup> deadline.
- That she would like to extend her thanks for everyone's prayers and well wishes for her husband.

**Comments from the Chairman:**

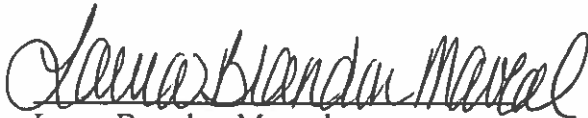
- That he attended the Council of Local Government meeting on February 26<sup>th</sup>.
- On the pipeline safety meeting in Mt. Pleasant on March 8<sup>th</sup>.
- That he participated in the "active shooter" workshop with Emergency Management on March 1<sup>st</sup>.
- On attending the Gladwin City meeting where Bonnie Klein was appointed the new Treasurer and Kim Bruner was appointed the new Clerk.
- That he was not able to make the Sage Township meeting regarding the siren project.
- On attending the Finance meeting on March 8<sup>th</sup>.
- That he participated in the Leadership Education Program on March 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Public Comments** – none at this time.

Commissioner Aultman stated that she has been working on amendments to the personnel policy and will share those changes with the Board.

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

*Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Aultman, to adjourn. Ayes carried, **motion passed.** Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m., until the next regular Board meeting on March 27, 2018 at 9:00 a.m., unless otherwise ordered.*



Laura Brandon-Maveal  
County Clerk



Terry Walters  
Chairman

Resolution  
of  
The Board of Commissioners  
of  
Gladwin County, Michigan

- Whereas, the City of Gladwin, the City of Beaverton, and the Townships of Tobacco, Beaverton, Grout, and Buckeye have prepared Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plans, and the County has prepared a Five-year Recreation Plan with the Gladwin County Trails Recreation Authority that includes the Gladwin to Beaverton Trail and the Cedar River Water Trail; and,
- Whereas, Gladwin County Trails Recreation Authority has been working with the County and the municipalities to put the plans into effect and then to operate and manage the trails once they are constructed; and,
- Whereas, Gladwin County has just received 34 acres of land from the State of Michigan for the purpose of developing the Gladwin to Beaverton Trail and the County and the Authority have prepared plans to create a new trailhead and canoe/kayak access site that would be mid-way on the trail between the City of Gladwin and the City of Beaverton; and,
- Whereas, water trails and pedestrian/bicycle trails would provide substantial recreational, health, and economic benefits to Gladwin County.
- Now, therefore, the Gladwin County Board of Commissioners does hereby join with the Gladwin County Trails Recreation Authority to submit a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant application to construct the trailhead and the Cedar River canoe/kayak access site and commits with the Authority to provide a match of \$89,700 to complete the project.

Upon motion made by Smith, seconded by Birgel.

The above Resolution was adopted:

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I, Laura Brandon-Maveal, Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of the resolution adopted by the Gladwin County Board of Commissioners at its meeting thereof held this 13<sup>th</sup> day of March 2018.

Signature: Laura Brandon-Maveal

Dated: 3.13.2018