

Commissioner Minutes of September 11, 2018

The Gladwin County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, September 11, 2018. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Walters. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and two prayers were given. Roll call found all Commissioners present.

Chairman Walters commented that Marianne Hill and her husband, Ron, are continuing to improve and that continued prayers and thoughts are with them.

A moment of silence was held for the victims, survivors and first responders of 9/11.

The Board reviewed the agenda. Commissioner Aultman noted the following items that would need to be added to the agenda for action: Request from Janine Marchington for reimbursement of continuing education costs, a closed session with the Attorney and the approval of the executive session minutes. *Motion by Commissioner Aultman, supported by Commissioner Hinman, to proceed with the consent agenda as amended. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

The cash balances were then read by Commissioner Aultman. *General Fund - \$471,788.24 before the payment of any bills. This balance includes an advance from the 210 EMS Fund of \$1.2 million.*

The regular and executive session minutes of the August 28, 2018 were then reviewed. Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Aultman, to approve the minutes with a correction to the appropriation for the 292 fund of "up to \$12,000". Ayes carried, motion passed.

Public Comments: none at this time.

Motion by Commissioner Aultman, supported by Commissioner Birgel, to go into an Executive Session to discuss trial strategy with Attorney Hovey concerning the Drain Commissioner matter. Ayes carried, motion passed.

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

Rhonda Reppert came before the Board with an update on her Sister-in-Law, Marianne Hill. Mrs. Reppert reported that Marianne is sitting up, moving her extremities, recognizing friends, family and photos. She is not able to speak, but is able to "mouth words" and generate facial expressions. Mrs. Reppert thanked everyone for their continued wishes and prayers for Marianne and her family.

Finance Matters – Commissioner Aultman:

1. Lauren Essenmacher, Council on Aging, has provided revisions to the 2018-19 budget based on the passing of the millage in August. *Motion by Commissioner Aultman, supported by Commissioner Birgel, to accept the budget amendments as presented. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

2. Matthew McGourty, Jail Administrator, has requested the replacement of jail keys for his facility. Total cost of \$757.00 can be paid from 101-351-930.000 once approved. *Motion by Commissioner Aultman, supported by Commissioner Birgel, to allow Mr. McGourty to proceed with the purchase as outlined. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
3. The Registrar and Clerk have both requested permission to attend the annual UCOA conference in Lewiston, Michigan October 21-23. Registration is \$85.00 each with \$89.00/night in lodging, plus applicable taxes and mileage. *Motion by Commissioner Aultman, supported by Commissioner Birgel, to allow the costs as outlined, using the county's credit card if needed. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
4. Undersheriff Hartwell has submitted three quotes for repairs to unit 26-03 that was damaged in a car/deer accident. MMRMA has requested the Board approve the repairs using Triple M Collision in the amount of \$4,088.85 less a \$1,000 deductible. *Motion by Commissioner Aultman, supported by Commissioner Birgel, to approve the repairs as approved by the insurance company. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
5. Janine Marchington has submitted invoices in the amount of \$1,875.00 for continuing education courses. Commissioner Aultman commented that these courses are specific to the work she does for the County and would make a motion to approve the payment of the expenses from 101-225-860.000. Motion supported by Commissioner Birgel. Ayes carried, motion passed.

Chairman Walters presented the Board with the L-4029 for the 2018 tax rate request based on the newly voted millages. *Motion by Commissioner Aultman, supported by Commissioner Birgel, to approve the rates established in the L-4029, granting permission for the Chairman to sign. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

Don Zackett gave an update on FERC and the mission of the 4-Lakes Task Force. Discussion.

Commissioner Reports by District –

Commissioner Hinman reported:

- That he worked with the agent from MMRMA on a five-year review of claims.
- On the DATA meeting, noting they are still resolving telephone issues.

Commissioner Smith reported:

- That she attended the Rising Tide meeting at the BAC in August, noting focus on housing for the elderly community.
- On attending the Tobacco Township meeting last night.
- That she has received notification that the Gladwin County Animal Shelter has received the 2018 Shelter of the Year Award from the Michigan Association of Animal Control Officers. Commissioner Smith commended Jim Maveal, Krystal Moore and their volunteers for their work.

Commissioner Birgel reported:

- That the audit for the Central Michigan Community Health Department has been completed, with significant improvements in their balance funds.
- On the Beaverton Township issue on the three phase electrical request, noting it has not been resolved for the medical marijuana facility.
- That the Zoning and Planning committees have been looking at solar and wind alternatives, but they are not included in the plan. There was also review of a site plan for a used car dealership on M-61.

Commissioner Aultman reported:

- That she participated in a meeting on August 29th with Pratt Lake, Wiggins Lake and Sugar Springs, noting they are on the right path in giving the authority to the boards to get the work done.
- On meeting with MMRMA on August 29th, stating they are reviewing the increasing risk of cyber security.
- That she attended the District Health meeting where the Doctor gave a report on skin cancer. There are budget reports on Gladwin County available for the Board's review.
- On also attending the "Rising Tide" meeting on August 30th.
- That she met with the representatives from MSP to discuss how the County moves forward with Emergency Management services in the absence of Mrs. Hill.
- On the Finance meeting held on September 5th.
- That she attended the Bentley Township meeting, commenting that they are doing fine.
- On the Billings Township meeting where they renewed the senior meal site contract. There was discussion on Justin Schneider handling a portion of the Zoning Administration duties.
- On the training grants offered through the "Rising Tide" program. Commissioner Aultman stated that she hopes to receive ideas for training through the department heads. Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Aultman, supported by Commissioner Birgel, to allow Commissioner Aultman to move forward with the grant application. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

Commissioner Birgel spoke on his communication with State Representatives on the Point of Sale program, noting he will be meeting with the Township Supervisors on the program Friday at 1:00 p.m.

Comments from the Chairman:

- On participating in the insurance meeting with the representative from MMRMA and Commissioner Hinman.
- That he met with Lt. Roach from MSP and Commissioner Aultman on August 30th regarding Emergency Management services, commenting that the State and Jerry Becker from Clare County have been very helpful.
- On attending the Finance meeting on September 5th, then meeting with the group from Sugar Springs.
- On his visit to Pratt Lake where they spoke on upcoming projects.
- That he met with Mike Rajt yesterday at Wiggins Lake to discuss the Cedar River Task Force issue. Discussion.
- That there will be a Rail Trail meeting tomorrow.
- On the EDC meeting scheduled for tomorrow morning.
- That Kathy Mills is doing a great job in the Drain Office.
- On the meeting yesterday at Sugar Springs, noting there are many issues including water levels, repairs and future improvements that are being sorted out by the new authority that has been put into place.

Commissioner Hinman noted that he has provided a copy of the response from MAC regarding the Indigent Defense Counsel. He will be meeting with the Clare County Administrator and representatives from the Indigent Defense Council this afternoon to discuss the funding issues.

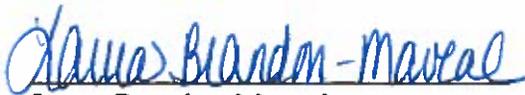
Commissioner Aultman reminded the Board that there will be a presentation today from Vector on IT Services during the department head meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Chairman Walters commented that Lt. Roach from MSP will be here today at 1:00 p.m. to assist in wrapping up the "Active Shooter" exercise that was held.

Public Comments – Don Zackett commented that those individuals that would like further information on the draw down of the lakes can visit the "news tab" on wixomlakeassociation.org.

*Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Hinman, 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 9:56 a.m., until the next regular Board meeting on September 25, 2018 at 9:00 a.m., unless otherwise ordered.*



Laura Brandon-Maveal
County Clerk



Terry Walters
Chairman