

Commissioner Minutes of April 26, 2016

The Gladwin County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, April 26, 2016. 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 minutes from April 12, 2016** and the **Committee of the Whole minutes of April 12, 2016** were then reviewed. *Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Hinman, to approve the minutes as prepared and to proceed with the agenda as prepared. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

The **cash balances** were then read by Commissioner Birgel. *General Fund - \$84,057.80. Unallocated has a balance of \$370,189.31. Total General Fund and Tax Unallocated Cash \$454,247.11 before the payment of the bills and revenue that is due to be posted.*

Public Comments – Christy VanTiem, County Treasurer, is requesting permission to sign a contract with Secord Township to handle their collection of summer taxes. Treasurer VanTiem explained that this will create revenue of around \$6,100.00 for the County. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Aultman, to allow the Treasurer to handle the summer tax collection for Secord as requested. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

Marianne Hill, Emergency Management Director, came before the Board with the **Hazard Mitigation Plan** and introduced Bill Ernat. Ms. Hill stated that this is the time for public hearing for the public review process of the plan. Discussion on the plan, noting she will accept comments on the plan for up to 30 days from today. The plan will be submitted to MSP for their approval prior to submission to FEMA. Discussion and comments on the plan. The Board thanked Marianne and Bill for their work on the plan. Marianne then gave the Board a quick update on her ongoing projects.

Chairman Walters asked the Board to consider the revised resolution for the Financial Assistance Application from City County Transit. *Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Aultman, to adopt the resolution supporting the Financial Assistance Application for City County Transit as prepared. Roll call vote as follows: Hinman – yes, Walters – yes, Aultman- yes, Smith –yes, Birgel –yes. 5 yes, 0 no. Ayes carried, resolution 2016-006 declared adopted.*

The Board then reviewed the contract for Operating FY 2016 Section 5311 for City County Transit. *Motion by Commissioner Aultman, supported by Commissioner Hinman, to approve the contract and resolution as presented. Roll call vote as follows: Walters – yes, Aultman – yes, Smith – yes, Birgel – yes, Hinman – yes. 5 yes, 0 no. Ayes carried, resolution 2016-007 declared adopted.*

Finance Matters – Commissioner Birgel:

1. Region VII Area on Aging has submitted their cost allocation, by service and County, for 2016-17. The Board's action on this document is required and a response to the agency should be given after Board action. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Aultman, to approve the allocations as prepared. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
2. The Recovery Court has asked for an appropriation of \$5000.00 for the 2016 budget year. The Board has reviewed the financials and will authorize the Clerk to prepare a check in the amount of \$1,673.00

- which represents the 1st quarter 2016 collections. As further collections become available, the Recovery Court may ask for them on a quarterly basis. Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Hinman, to release the funding to Clare County as discussed.* Ayes carried, **motion passed.**
3. Paul Graveline, Recovery Court, has submitted his resignation effective September 30, 2016 from his position in Recovery Court and as the representative of NMSAS. A motion is needed to accept Mr. Graveline's resignation and to allow for the replacement of Mr. Graveline. The Board would request that this hiring be in coordination with both Clare and Gladwin Counties as they are both financially responsible for the program. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Hinman, to accept Mr. Graveline's resignations.* Ayes carried, **motion passed.**
 4. Jim Maveal, Animal Control Supervisor, has requested use of the County's credit card in the amount of \$150.00 for the annual license to administer the drug used to euthanize animals. This will come from line 101-430-727.000 once approved. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Hinman, to allow the Clerk to use the credit card as outlined.* Ayes carried, **motion passed.**
 5. Rick Ghent, Maintenance Supervisor, has started quoting the "security pole" project for the entrance of the Courthouse. He has quoted the sleeves for the poles at \$499.99 through Barco Products and will be paid from the 245 fund. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Smith, to purchase the sleeves and to proceed with the project from the 245 fund and to proceed with the balance of the project as discussed with Finance.* Ayes carried, **motion passed.**
 6. Bill Mason, Former Equalization Director, has submitted information to allow the Data Clerk to retain her MCAT certification with the State. This is a 16 hour training and the funds are available within their budget 101-225-860.000. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Smith, to allow Ms. Marchington to register for the training as provided for in the information packet.* Ayes carried, **motion passed.**
 7. Ann Manning, Registrar of Deeds, has requested to attend the UCOA conference in Lansing, Michigan May 15-18, 2016. Registration is \$150.00 for the conference plus mileage. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Hinman, to allow the Registrar to attend the conference with funds to be paid from 101-236-860.000.* Ayes carried, **motion passed.**
 8. Carrie Papineau and Kristie Simrau, Probate Court, have requested attendance to the MPJRA conference in Grand Rapids June 15-17, 2016. Total registration costs are \$100.00 each, plus lodging for each attendee. All costs to be paid from 101-148-860.000. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Aultman, to approve the training and to allow the Clerk to use the credit card for the lodging reservations.* Ayes carried, **motion passed.**
 9. Bob Evans, Drain Commissioner, has submitted for reimbursement to Laurie Howey for her assistance in preparing audit materials for the County's audit in the amount of 43 hours @ \$15.43/hour. Discussion. Commissioner Smith noted that she does not agree with the precedent that will be set by this action. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Hinman, to allow the Clerk to pay the sum of \$663.49 to Ms. Howey for her work under a 1099 payment.* Commissioner Aultman requested a roll call vote. Roll call vote as follows: Aultman – no, Smith – no, Birgel –yes, Hinman – yes, Walters – yes. 3 yes, 2 no. Ayes carried, **motion passed.**
 10. Mr. Evans has also requested clarification on the pay rate for his newly hired staff. After discussion and clarification, Mr. Evans was notified that he would be able to hire staff at \$13.17/hour (80% of comparable position) for 21 hours per week (not to exceed 10 - 7 hour days per month). *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Hinman, to allow for the Drain Commissioner to hire according to the outlined terms.* Ayes carried, **motion passed.** Commissioner Smith voting no.
 11. The Board has received a letter from the Gladwin County Sports Complex Committee requesting funds to purchase a new tractor. The Board commented on the various financial pledges that they make annually to the program. Discussion. A letter will be sent to Mr. Myers explaining the County's annual financial assistance to the complex.

12. The County has received another attorney bill from the Courts regarding the PA 54 issue that is in dispute between the Board and the Courts. Discussion.

Commissioner Reports by District –

Commissioner Birgel reported:

- On attending the Airport meeting, noting they are in good shape financially and their programs are doing well.
- That he has been in attendance at the Beaverton Assets Planning meeting in Beaverton City.
- On attending the Sports Complex meeting, where they made a financial request to the County for the purchase of a tractor.
- That he attended the Beaverton City Council meeting.
- On the Central Michigan District Health Department meeting, commenting that the Board will need to look at an additional appropriation for 2017 to reduce the surcharge being paid for food inspections, well permits, etc. Discussion.

Commissioner Aultman reported:

- That she attended the EDC meeting on April 13th at the Beaverton Activity Center.
- On the Airport meeting on April 14th, noting Thunder on the Strip will be on May 21st and the DNR will be working on wild hog herds.
- The “fly in breakfast” for the Airport will be held on June 12th.
- On the MAC meeting in Grayling on April 18th where they discussed a 2% increase to revenue sharing.
- On the Secord Township meeting on April 20th.
- That she attended the Council of Local Government meeting last night.

Commissioner Hinman reported:

- On attending the Clement, Butman, Gladwin and Sherman Township meetings, noting all is well with each.
- That he attended the EOC meeting.
- On the Finance meeting.
- On attending the LPT meeting.
- That he will be working on the Personnel Policy, noting it needs lots of work before giving it to the Attorney for review.
- That there will be a DATA meeting tomorrow.
- That he attended the Crime Stoppers basketball game on Friday, commenting that it was a well attended event.
- On going to Pheasants Forever where Chairman Walters won all the guns for the evening.

Commissioner Smith reported:

- That she attended the Committee of the Whole meeting with MSU on April 12th.
- On the Hay Township meeting on April 14th, noting their meetings now being at 7:00 p.m.
- That she participated in the special DATA meeting on April 15th regarding phone issues and needs for the County. Merit will be checking on the requests of the Committee on their phone needs.

- On the HSCB meeting on April 19th. There are vacancies for housing through the Housing Commission. The Arnold Center is providing shredding services for all paper types, noting the County should look into their pricing.
- That she attended the EOC training on April 20th.
- On the Buckeye Township meeting on April 20th, noting their Township meeting will now be held on the 3rd Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.
- The Forensics reunion performance was Saturday, April 23rd, noting it was very successful and all in attendance had a great time.

Comments from the Chairman:

- On attending the ZBA meeting, noting discussion of another Verizon tower on M-30.
- That he attended the Hazardous Mitigation meeting on April 13th.
- On attending the Sage Township meeting, but was unable to attend the Gladwin City meeting due to a conflict.
- That the Fair Board met on April 19th, noting they are doing well financially with their events.
- On the EOC meeting held on April 20th.
- That he attended both the LPT and Finance meeting on April 21st.
- On attending the Council of Local Government meeting last night.

Veterans Lost:

Richard Dewachter, Clement Township – Vietnam
 Raymond Page, Billings Township – Vietnam
 Milton Herpel, Gladwin Township- WWII
 Dick Baker, Butman Township – Korea

Chairman Walters stated that this month marks Doyle Donn's 30 years of service at the Road Commission.

Commissioner Smith spoke on the upcoming meeting with Vietnam Veterans on May 4th at CMU Finch Field House. John Moolenaar will be presenting 50 year pins to the Veterans.

Public Comments – none at this time.

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

*Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Aultman, to adjourn. Ayes carried, **motion passed.** Meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m. until the regularly scheduled Board meeting on May 10, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.*

PUBLIC HEARING - *Conveyance of 80 acres from the DNR to Gladwin County.*

The Board then went into public hearing to discuss the acquisition of the DNR property to be used for the bike/walk trail. Don Hamilton took questions and handled statements. Mr. Hamilton informed the Board that he has received confirmation from the DNR that there would be no charge to the County for the acquisition of the land. The comments from the attendees were favorable. Lipschitz asked about future uses and the part Little Forks Conservancy could

play. Sheriff Shea asked whether the property would be for sale to private entities. Hamilton and Barlow informed him that the deed would have a clause guaranteeing the property for recreational uses only by the County or that it be reverted back to the State. Zakkett spoke about Cedar River access. Barlow expressed the State's enthusiasm regarding the conveyance of the property for local recreational use. Chairman Walters asked if the hunting and trapping rights would be changed and Barlow stated that would remain the same.

Public Hearing concluded at 10:25 a.m.

Laura Brandon-Maveal
County Clerk

Terry Walters
Chairman