

## Commissioner Minutes of February 24, 2015

*The Gladwin County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, February 24, 2015. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Walters. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. A short prayer was given by Tim Lambert from Secord Baptist Church. Roll call found all Commissioners present.*

*Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Hinman, to proceed with the agenda as prepared. Ayes carried, **motion passed.***

The **Board minutes from February 10, 2015** were then reviewed. *Motion by Commissioner Aultman, supported by Commissioner Smith, to approve the minutes as prepared. Ayes carried, **motion passed.***

The **cash balances** were then read by Commissioner Birgel. *General Fund - \$64,793.47. Unallocated has a balance of \$565,486.41. Total General Fund and Tax Unallocated Cash \$630,279.88 after the payment of the bills.*

**Public Comments:** none

**Marianne Hill, Emergency Management**, gave a brief update on her work over the past several weeks. She noted that she and Commissioners Walters and Hinman participated in a table top exercise in Clare County regarding severe weather that was very informational. Ms. Hill noted that Gladwin County will be audited soon and that everyone needs to become compliant under the NIMS training as soon as possible. Discussion. The EOC center will be established in the basement of the Annex building. Chairman Walters will have a meeting with Shari Spoelman and her Director to review the project and the usage of space.

*Chairman Walters reviewed a letter received from NMSAS and asked Paul Graveline to speak on the matter. Mr. Graveline, NMSAS Representative, spoke on the PA2 Liquor Funding that was transferred back to the County for distribution to Mid State Health Network. Discussion on change of contract and the distribution of funds. The Treasurer will work with Mid State to determine the funding ratio that is due back to them and what the County is able to retain.*

### **Finance Matters – Commissioner Birgel:**

1. The Sheriff has reported to the Board a **car/deer accident with one of the patrol vehicles**. Estimates have been received for the damages, which will be subject to a \$1,000 insurance deductible. Grimmert's - \$3,290.26 and Triple M - \$3,313.05. ***Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Smith, to repair the vehicle at Grimmert's as quoted. Ayes carried, motion passed.***
2. A portion of the funds from the sale of the air trailer were used for the **purchase of community calendars**. A transfer needs to be approved to move \$1,272.00 from the 245 fund to line item 101-426-727.000 to cover the expense. ***Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Smith, to allow the Treasurer to move the funds as outlined. Ayes carried, motion passed.***
3. The Leadership Program has requested permission to utilize the County's credit card for their 501(c)3 application. This matter has been referred to the Attorney for his review on the matter. At this time, it is the recommendation of the Finance Committee to not allow the use of the credit card for this request. This matter will be tabled until an opinion is received from the County's attorney.
4. Mike Brubaker, 911, has provided a breakdown of the **2014 training and overtime costs that can be charged back to the 282 fund**. A motion is needed to allow the Treasurer to move \$3,090.44 from 282-000-804.001 to general fund 101-422-704.000 to cover the expense. ***Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Aultman, to allow the movement of funds as outlined. Ayes carried, motion passed.***

5. After meeting with DHS, the County has agreed that they will handle their own **accounting for DHS payments and revenues**. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Smith, to allow the Treasurer and Clerk to create a DHS Accounting Service Center for the purpose stated above. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

### **Committee Reports –**

Commissioner Smith stated that the County Affairs had good discussion with Aaron Miller on several topics and that the Board members have a copy of the minutes to review.

Commissioner Hinman commented that the Personnel Committee met and revised a section of the **personnel policy regarding wages**. Commissioner Hinman discussed the changes with the Board. *Motion by Commissioner Hinman, supported by Commissioner Smith, to increase step four (4) of the part time wage scale to \$10.50 with the wording changes to reflect that the Board has the right to set the wage based on education or experience. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

*The Board then discussed a letter that was received from Chad Wurtzel regarding “wage reopener”. The Board believes at this time there is no dispute and that it will be handled during negotiations.*

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

#### **Commissioner Hinman reported:**

- That he attended the Butman, Clement, Sherman and Gladwin Township meetings, noting all Townships are doing well.
- On attending the County Affairs meeting.
- That he participated in the Personnel meeting.
- On the Public Safety meeting.

#### **Commissioner Smith reported:**

- That she enjoyed the visit to the Gladwin County Recreation Area after the last Board meeting. The improvements are wonderful and she is looking forward to attending an event there.
- On attending the Rail Trail meeting on February 11<sup>th</sup>, where representatives from the DNR were present and explained the formalities that need to be addressed before the project is started.
- That she attended the Hay Township meeting on February 12<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Smith accepted a stack of paperwork from Mr. Richard Gaft regarding the EPA rules over the use of woodstoves. The paperwork has been given to the Chairman for his review.
- On attending the Human Services Coordinating Council on February 17<sup>th</sup>, noting the below listed important items:
  - There is a new coordinator, Kelsey Boyce.
  - Shelterhouse has a new updated building.
  - True North can be contacted for applications for utility/delivery of fuel needs.
  - New Dawn Shelter is very busy. They have served 26 individuals and assisted 3 individuals into their own housing. They are accepting donations; it costs \$9.00/day for individuals to stay there.
  - Walk for Warmth is scheduled for March 7<sup>th</sup> at the Doherty Hotel.

- Gladwin Church of the Nazarene has a personal needs pantry available for community residents. Elijah's Table is held on the second Wednesday of each month from 4-7 p.m.
- There is an Oral Health Clinic in Harrison.
- The Helping Hands Mission has provided 7,000 boxes of food in 2014.
- DHS will be merging with Community Mental Health and will be called Department of Health and Human Services effective April 10<sup>th</sup>.
- That she attended the District Library Board meeting on February 17<sup>th</sup>, noting the below items that were discussed:
  - Friends of the Library romance book sale netted \$100.00
  - The Director and Board need the election schedule for 2015 and 2016 so that they can plan for the renewal of the operating millage.
  - Circulation report: 4,634 patrons used the Library. 1,749 used the computers. 11,083 items were circulated in January 2015.
- On attending the County Affairs meeting on February 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Commissioner Birgel reported:**

- On the Dental Clinic that Commissioner Smith referred to, noting they target low income and those without dental coverage. Discussion.
- On discussion on the language for the Proposal 1 question that will be on the ballot in May.
- That he and Chairman Walters spoke with DHS regarding funding and the handling of billings within our County, commenting that they were no aware of the upcoming merger.

**Commissioner Aultman reported:**

- On attending the Grim and Bourret Township meetings on the 10<sup>th</sup>. Grim Township will be contracting with Secord Township for fire coverage.
- That she attended the EDC meeting on February 11<sup>th</sup>, stating there will be a Broad Band celebration on March 11<sup>th</sup> at the Michigan Works building.
- MSU Extension will be sponsoring a "Mock Interview" event at CMU on March 13<sup>th</sup> and volunteers are needed.
- Scott Govitz, Small Business Development – MMCC, is working on a rapid response program for vocational students.
- On the Airport meeting where they discussed the new runway design and reviewed the 2013 hanger project.
- That she attended the Legislative Breakfast on February 13<sup>th</sup>, noting the meal was very good and those in attendance had tough questions for Stamas.
- On the Secord Township meeting on February 18<sup>th</sup>, stating it was an interesting meeting and they are looking at a new internet provider.
- That she attended the Council of Local Government meeting last night.
- The Big Brothers/Big Sisters Art Auction will be held in Clare on March 11<sup>th</sup>.
- The Souper Challenge will be held March 7<sup>th</sup>.
- There will be a Crappie festival tomorrow.
- The Gladwin Gladiators have made it to the State Finals and will play this weekend.

**Comments from the Chairman:**

- That he has been very busy.

- On working with Soil Conservation on a contract for soil erosion and Gypsy Moth services.
- On attending a table top exercise in Clare County with Commissioner Hinman and Marianne Hill. After speaking with the Clare County Chairman, it was decided that it would be a good idea for Chairmen from various Counties meet on occasion to exchange ideas.
- That there was a water main break in the jail over the weekend that caused damages in excess of \$10,000 to the low security area and the basement.
- On attending the Sage Township meeting.
- That he went to the Gladwin City meeting.
- On the Council of Local Government meeting last night, noting there was a good turnout and a nice meal.
- The 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Farm Show will be held March 26<sup>th</sup> from 10-5 at the Ice Arena.
- The Veteran's Office is doing well, with the new employee doing a great job.

Veterans Lost: Timothy Tinsley, Secord Township – Vietnam  
Louis Lyons, Gladwin Township – WWII  
Harvey Mavis, Beaverton Township – WWII

*The sealed bids were then opened for the 2011 Crown Victoria and the 2003 Ford Taurus. The following were the bids:*

<u>2011 Crown Victoria</u>	<u>2003 Ford Taurus</u>
Craig Ross - \$702.11	Jason Hair - \$500.00
Troy Ferguson - \$400.00	Craig Ross - \$397.45
	Lee Walker - \$600.00
	Sonia Boatman - \$1,133.00

*Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Hinman, to sell the cars to the highest bidders. Ross - \$702.11 for the Crown Victoria and Boatman - \$1,133.00 for the 2003 Taurus. Ayes carried, **motion passed.***

**Public Comments** – none.

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

*Motion by Commissioner Hinman, supported by Commissioner Aultman, to adjourn. Ayes carried, **motion passed.** Meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m. until the regularly scheduled Board meeting on March 10, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.*

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Laura Brandon-Maveal  
County Clerk

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Terry Walters  
Chairman