

## Commissioner Minutes of March 10, 2015

*The Gladwin County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, March 10, 2015. 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.*

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

The **Board minutes from February 24, 2015** were then reviewed. *Motion by Commissioner Aultman, supported by Commissioner Smith, to approve the minutes as corrected. Ayes carried, **motion passed.***

The **cash balances** were then read by Commissioner Birgel. *General Fund - \$41,219.45. Unallocated has a balance of \$467,881.41. Total General Fund and Tax Unallocated Cash \$509,100.86 before the payment of the bills.*

**Public Comments:** none

**Marianne Hill, Emergency Management**, commented on the 2015 Emergency Awareness Calendar that has been printed and distributing, noting each Commissioner has a copy on their desk for review. Ms. Hill spoke on the Nixle system and the benefits it can have to the County. The current system, EMNet, can only be used for imminent danger, and is not for instance such as Amber Alerts or flood warnings. The Nixle program can be used for any alerts and can be sent to any size area. The annual cost for the Nixle 360 program is \$6,000/year and could be paid with FEMA funding in years to come. Ms. Hill explained that this grant cycle is full, and projects have been budgeted for that would not include the Nixle system. Discussion. The matter will be referred to the DATA committee for discussion and recommendation to the Board. DATA will meet on March 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 to discuss this matter. Ms. Hill commented that the EHP (Environmental Historic and Preservation Act) was approved yesterday and that she is working through the other areas of the plan that need to be updated. Discussion on flooding on Radov Drive in Hay Township and the potential need to stockpile sandbags for public use. Ms. Hill will bring pricing information back to the next meeting for the Board to review.

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

1. The Treasurer has informed the Finance Committee she will need to transfer funding from the Unallocated soon to assist in cash flow for the payment of bills. Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Hinman, to allow the Treasurer to move money from Unallocated as needed for the payment of bills. All funds will need to be re-paid by the end of the year. Ayes carried, motion passed.
2. The Court Officers have requested new communication equipment. Total cost per month is \$99.95 and is covered for 12 months with contributions from DARE and Crime Stoppers. If approved, the Board will need to establish a revenue and expense line for the deposit and payment of funds. 101-000-671.333 –other revenue bailiff. The expenses will be paid from 101-333-850.000 once the budget is amended to handle the payments. Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Hinman, to allow for the new equipment and to create the lines as outlined. Ayes carried, motion passed.
3. The Planning Commission has the opportunity to attend a basic training at Billings Township Hall on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$25.00 and can be paid from 101-400-860.000 if approved. (Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Hinman, to allow for the training as outlined. Ayes carried, motion passed.
4. The Undersheriff is requesting that the Board allow him to spend up to \$15,000 for the repairs to the low security area remodeling project. These revisions will be paid from 101-351-930.000 and will include

walls, windows and heating for the area. Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Hinman, to continue with the project as requested. Ayes carried, motion passed.

5. After much research and discussion, the PA 2 funds have been released to the Mid-State Health Network in the amount of \$44,342.00 for October 2014 and January 2015 Cobo Hall Convention Facility. Discussion. Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Hinman, to allow for the payment of the PA 2 funds as requested by the State. Ayes carried, motion passed.
6. Karee Barlow, 911 Ass't Administrator, has requested that two dispatchers attend "Critical Incidents Total Disaster Response" training on March 24<sup>th</sup> in Novi, Michigan. The cost of the training is \$398.00 plus lodging of \$90.00. There will be meal and mileage expense with this request. All costs will be paid from 282-000-804.001 once approved. Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Hinman, to approve the training as requested. Ayes carried, motion passed.
7. Ms. Barlow has also requested the purchase of a new chair for the dispatch center. Total cost of \$659.45 will be paid from 101-422-933.000 once approved. Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Hinman, to allow for the purchase of the chair as requested. Ayes carried, motion passed.
8. The USDA Grant for the Sheriff's Department patrol vehicle has been approved in the amount of \$9,000. Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Hinman, to accept the Grant amount as given by USDA. Ayes carried, motion passed.
9. The food service contract with CBM for inmate meals has expired and needs to be renewed. Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Hinman, to allow the Chairman to sign the contract as prepared. Ayes carried, motion passed.
10. The MMRMA grants for the two camera systems have been approved and billings can now be sent for reimbursement. Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Hinman, to allow the Clerk to submit the paid billings to MMRMA for reimbursement. Ayes carried, motion passed.

Recess 9:37 – 9:44 a.m.

### **Committee Reports –**

Commissioner Smith spoke on the County Affairs meeting with the Drain Commissioner to discuss the billing of Indirect Costs. The matter was reviewed and sent to the County Attorney for his opinion. Commissioner Smith stated the response from Attorney Miller shows that the County can charge the Drain accounts Indirect Costs, providing 2009 revised wording from MCL 280.196 supporting his findings. Discussion. Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Hinman, directing the Treasurer to charge the Drain funds charges, as provided for in the Maximus report, for indirect costs. Ayes carried, motion passed.

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

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

- That she attended the meeting with Don Hamilton after the Board meeting on February 24<sup>th</sup> concerning the revisions to the County Recreation Plan for 2015. Commissioner Smith noted that it was an enlightening meeting.
- On attending the Buckeye Township meeting on February 25<sup>th</sup>.
- That she chaired the County Affairs meeting on March 3<sup>rd</sup> where they discussed the indirect cost assessments to the Drain Commissioner.
- On Chairing the DATA meeting on March 4<sup>th</sup>. The Board has been given minutes of this meeting for review.
- On the "Souper Challenge" on March 7<sup>th</sup>, noting she had a great time and enjoyed the soup offerings.
- On attending the Tobacco Township meeting on March 9<sup>th</sup> where they approved their budget and reported that the Beaverton Area Fire Department will meet each month on the first Monday of the month. Supervisor Bill Clark also asked that the Board consider appropriate any Township costs by population versus a flat rate per Township.
- The preliminary District Library Report shows 1,847 patrons used the Library and 815 used the computers.

**Commissioner Hinman reported:**

- On attending the County Affairs meeting.
- That he participated in the DATA meeting.
- On the Finance committee meeting where he sat in for Chairman Walters.
- That his Township meetings start tomorrow.

**Commissioner Birgel reported:**

- On attending the CMDHD meeting where there was discussion on the \$1.5 million budget cut to the department. The health department plans to make up the shortage with a surcharge that will be assessed to all business through licensing and permits. Discussion.
- That his shoulder is doing much better with therapy, and that he plans to have his left shoulder done as soon as his schedule permits.

**Commissioner Aultman reported:**

- That she attended the Mid Michigan Health Board meeting on February 25<sup>th</sup>.
- On the MMCSS meeting on February 26<sup>th</sup> where they reviewed their budget and upcoming programs.
- On attending the Michigan Works meeting on February 27<sup>th</sup>. Programs and Charter School options for GED and credit recovery were discussed.
- That she attended the Billings Township meeting, noting all is well with them and that they will be placing their road millage question on the May ballot. Billings Township will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt on April 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Comments from the Chairman:**

- That he has been working with the Sheriff and Undersheriff on Jail plans.
- On attending the Gladwin City meeting, noting everything is going well.
- That he attended a pipeline safety meeting on March 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- On meeting with Bob Hausch from MMRMA on coverage and security issues within the Courthouse. Chairman Walters would like to Mr. Hausch to meet with the entire Board on grants that are available for security features and policy changes. Commissioner Birgel stated that he is still working on increasing the coverage to the Parks and Rec Lodge. Commissioner Hinman spoke about the liability concerns on the “courtesy cars” at the Airport. Discussion on the need for an agreement between the County and the Airport.
- That being available on Mondays is working out great, noting he has been able to handle a lot of issues.
- On the passing of County residents, Margaret Noble, 102 years old and the Sheriff’s Aunt, Annalee Shea.
- That he would like to take a photo of the Board at their next meeting to hang in the Chamber.
- That he will be attending the Veterans meeting today.
- On the appointment of Colin Combs, by the Council of Local Government, to be their representative to the 911 Board. Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Hinman, to approve the appointment as requested. Ayes carried, motion passed.
- There will be an insurance meeting on March 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. with Doug Janes and Dirk Presidio. Mr. Janes and Presidio will meet with the employees on coverage issues and handle any questions.

- The contract for the copiers/printers will expire in September of this year. The DATA committee is working on an RFP process and will be inquiring of the departments before making any decisions.
- Discussion on Proposal 1 and the impact it could have on the County's revenue sharing if it fails.

#### **Comments from the Board**

- Commissioner Smith thanked Justin Schneider, Building Official, for working with IT Right on his computer issues. This saved the County \$800.00 that had been previously been budgeted. Commissioner Smith also noted that the services for Margaret Noble will be held tomorrow.
- Commissioner Aultman reminded the Board members that the Broad Band ceremony is tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. in the Michigan Works building and that spring is only 10 days away.
- Commissioner Smith stated that she shared the "Operation Injured Soldier" flyer with Tobacco Township last night that had been forwarded by the Secretary. Commissioner Smith felt it was important to have copies available to share at each Commissioners' upcoming meetings. Discussion on the program.

**Public Comments** – none.

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

*Motion by Commissioner Aultman, supported by Commissioner Hinman, to adjourn. Ayes carried, **motion passed.** Meeting adjourned at 10:21 a.m. until the regularly scheduled Board meeting on March 24, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.*

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Laura Brandon-Maveal  
County Clerk

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Terry Walters  
Chairman