

Commissioner Minutes of May 10, 2016

The Gladwin County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, May 10, 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 26, 2016** and the **Committee of the Whole minutes of May 5, 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 - \$166,312.82 before the payment of the bills.*

Public Comments – Jason Wentworth, Candidate for the 97th House Representative, spoke to the Board on his qualifications and background. Mr. Wentworth asked for the Board’s support in the August Election.

Renee Haley, Director of Veteran Services – Clare County, informed the Board of the positive impacts they are making on the Veterans’ Park in Clare County. Ms. Haley spoke on all of the upcoming events, noting the grand opening of the “Wall of Tears” on May 25th in Harrison. Ms. Haley noted that each Veteran lost from WWII to current will be recognized. Ms. Haley commented that this is an exciting project for Clare County and it meant to be shared with Gladwin, Isabella and Midland and hopes that the Board can make time to come to the ceremony.

Finance Matters – Commissioner Birgel:

1. Ray Hartwell, Undersheriff, has requested permission to **purchase firearms equipment** for the department in the amount of **\$1,344.80**. A portion of the purchases in the amount of \$487.80 will need to be purchased on the credit card. All purchases will be paid from the **265 (Drug Forfeiture) budget**. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Hinman, to allow the Undersheriff to proceed with the purchases and to allow the Clerk to use the credit card as outlined. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
2. Rick Ghent, Maintenance Supervisor, has requested the **purchase of 70 cases of trash bags**. Total of \$1,760.20 to be paid from various departments upon receipt. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Smith, to allow for the purchase as requested. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
3. **Josh Reid, CCT**, has requested the **combination of balances left from two contracts (projects 113146 & 113156) to be used for a “telecommunication project”**. Since the contracts are Board approved, there will need to be a motion allowing the combination of both grants for telecommunication use. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Hinman, to allow for the combination of the grants for the purpose indicated. Roll call vote as follows: Hinman – yes, Walters - yes, Aultman – yes, Smith – yes, Birgel –yes. 5 yes, 0 no. Ayes carried, resolutions 2016-008 and 2016-009 declared adopted.*
4. **Julie Jarosiewicz, Council on Aging**, came to the Finance Committee to review the **2016/17 Budget**. *After review Commissioner Birgel made motion to approve the budget as presented. Motion supported by Commissioner Aultman. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
5. **Ann Manning, Registrar of Deeds**, has requested that her **part time employee be placed on a temporary full time basis until which time her full time employee can return to work from FMLA**. This temporary position would qualify for benefits only for the time that she is full time. Ms. Manning believes that this temporary position will not exceed two months. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel,*

*supported by Commissioner Smith, to allow for the appointment of a temporary full time employee for the Registrar. Ayes carried, **motion passed.***

6. Commissioner Smith spoke on the alternatives to the overage of copies on the MOS lease. Commissioner Smith explained that after review of options, the committee has recommended to wait until the first year of the lease is done to see the total annual copy count so that DATA can make a more informed decision. Discussion on the paperless policy and pricing of laptops for the Board.
7. Matthew McGourty, Jail Administrator, has requested the registration of two upcoming training courses:
 - a. Carl Gruhztit to **First Aid/CPR training in Lansing on June 23rd and 24th, 2016.** The cost of the training is **\$300.00 and will be paid from 264-000-607.000.** There will also be lodging and mileage for this training that will be paid from the same line item once approved. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Hinman, to allow Officer Gruhztit to attend the training as outlined. Ayes carried, **motion passed.***
 - b. Matt McGourty to the **Michigan Sheriff's Association Summer Conference** June 12th – 14th, 2016 at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel. **Registration is \$325.00 plus the cost of travel, meals and lodging. All costs to be paid from 264-000-607.000 once approved.** *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Smith, to approve the training as discussed. Ayes carried, **motion passed.***
8. The Clerk then discussed a revenue option with the committee to charge for **the signing of each cremation permit by the County's Medical Examiner.** Discussion was that there would be a charge of \$50.00 per each permit and that the Funeral Homes would be billed monthly. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Aultman, to create a new revenue line for this charge and to accept the fee structure for the service at \$50.00/permit. Ayes carried, **motion passed.***

Commissioner Reports by District –

Commissioner Birgel reported:

- On attending the Committee of the Whole meeting where the budget was reviewed and four departments were identified as being over expenditure, but with reasoning. All other departments were “on pace” and the budget is looking good.
- On the CMDHD budget and finance meeting where they are working on the allocation process. Commissioner Birgel spoke on the “underfunding” to the Health Department by approximately \$16,000 which is being balanced by assessing an increased fee on service permits.
- That he attended the Planning Commission meeting where there was approval for the tower project on M-30 and M-61.
- On attending both the Grout and Beaverton Township meetings last night.
- That the Personnel Committee will be doing interviews for a new Equalization Director this week.

Commissioner Aultman reported:

- That she attended her first Central Michigan Mental Health meeting on April 26th, noting it was a bit overwhelming, but will grow accustomed.
- On attending the MidMichigan Department of Health meeting on the 27th, stating a presentation on Hepatitis C was given by Dr. Jennifer and the Director spoke on funding cuts.
- On the Mid Michigan Community Action Agency meeting on the 28th where there was discussion on the US Department of Rural Development would be installing a “Natural Playground” in Gladwin County.
- “Roll and Stroll” will be held on June 23rd.
- On the Michigan Works meeting where it was announced that the appeal had been won. The Director asked for a cost of living increase for the employees, but was not approved

at this time. Commissioner Aultman stated that she has the Works stats available for Board review.

- On attending the Committee of the Whole meeting on May 5th.
- On the EmCOG meeting on May 6th, noting areas of funding were discussed. Lee Shirley is the contact for the Economic Development Association.
- There will be a transportation seminar held on May 25th In Bay City and May 31st in Mt. Pleasant.
- On attending both the Billings and Bentley Township meetings last night, noting all is well with both. Billings Township will have a Dollar General opening in their area along with the re-opening of the party store.

Commissioner Hinman reported:

- On attending the special DATA meeting on April 27th.
- That he attended the Recreation meeting on April 28th, noting they will now meet as needed rather than monthly. The plan has been accepted. There were questions on the removal of trees at the park. Mr. Seebeck explained that they were not cut down, but removed after a storm. Trees will be removed this summer as needed around the buildings.
- On the DATA meeting.
- That he attended the Committee of the Whole Finance meeting.
- That the Board has still not received any response from Treasury on the PA 54 issue.
- On the plumbing issue this morning in the Courthouse, noting Mr. Ghent is working on the issue and the County will be receiving a large bill for the repairs.
- That his Township meetings begin tomorrow.

Commissioner Smith reported:

- On attending the DATA meeting on April 27th. There was discussion on the cost of website maintenance by IT Right at \$500.00/year. There is a meeting scheduled this week with possible website providers that are local. The service contract with IT Right runs the calendar year and is renewed yearly.
- On the regular DATA meeting on May 4th where the committee discussed the printing overages, the need for new servers for email. The email currently goes through EJournal and they are being “bounced back” because EJournal is on a black list. A new server would prevent this from happening. The possibility of better tracking the printing use was discussed with the following options: 1) Install “print cut” which would require each user to have a code to be used with any printer. Each copy for the department’s code would be charged against their allotted amount for the year. 2) The Board can continue with the current pricing per number of copies until September, then look at the entire year to see if the lease copies totals need to be increased or remain the same. The current issue is that the County has not budgeted for the overages that we are being charged for.
- The ongoing telephone issues are frustrating. The head of CMC spent the day here on May 5th trying to correct some of the problems, but the difficulties continue. DATA is currently working on interviewing new phone service suppliers.
- On attending the Tobacco Township meeting last night.
- That the “Rich Eddy’s Rockin’ Oldies Band – the best tunes of the 50’s and 60’s with be performing at the Beaverton Activity Center on May 19th at 6:30 p.m. Adult tickets are \$3.00 and students are \$1.00.

- The Gladwin County District Library will be placing their renewal millage on the August ballot. Commissioner Smith read the April Library report: 4,309 patrons used the Library, 1,679 used the computers and 4,153 used the wireless internet service provided.

Comments from the Chairman:

- That this week signifies Police Officer Appreciation. There will be a program on Sunday at 1:00 p.m. to honor police officers.
- That he enjoyed the Mother’s Day weekend with his family.
- That he would like to thank Karen Willing, Court Administrator, for being here today to speak on behalf of the Courts.
- That his Township meetings are coming up.

Commissioner Smith stated that she will not be in attendance at the June 14th meeting.

Chairman Walters shared that he has received a lot of comments on the front door renovations, noting he will submit a letter to MMRMA on the work to see if the County qualifies for any reimbursement.

Public Comments – Don Zackett, asked if the FEMA request for the share of Data had been reviewed yet and if the Board had made a decision. Commissioner Smith stated that the matter had been referred to the County’s Attorney for review.

Sheriff Shea stated that this Saturday is the Annual Lions Club Spring Fling and that he has tickets available if anyone would like to attend. Sheriff Shea also spoke on the “incorporation of officers” into the plans of agencies such as Mental Health. These policies often read that an officer is required to attend the home with a case worker on certain issues. Sheriff Shea spoke on the shortage of officers and that in most instances this “policy protocol” will not be an option for his department.

Sheriff Shea then briefed the Board on the upcoming Marine season. The Smallwood Lake Association would like to make a donation to the Marine program so that they can have patrol hours on their lake this summer. Discussion. Sheriff Shea stated that the grant awards would not be released until July and that he will be providing Boater Safety classes with the little budget that he has been given.

Commissioner Smith stated that Marianne Hill, Emergency Management Director, is in the Board’s thoughts after the death of her niece.

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

*Motion by Commissioner Aultman, supported by Commissioner Walters, to adjourn. Ayes carried, **motion passed.** Meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m. until the regularly scheduled Board meeting on May 24, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.*

Laura Brandon-Maveal
County Clerk

Terry Walters
Chairman