

## Commissioner Minutes of October 27, 2015

*The Gladwin County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, October 27, 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 Birgel, supported by Commissioner Hinman, to add the Committee of the Whole minutes of October 26, 2015 to the consent agenda. Ayes carried, **motion passed.***

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

The cash balances were then read by Commissioner Birgel. *General Fund – \$1,721,852.88. Unallocated has a balance of \$28,189.72. Total General Fund and Tax Unallocated Cash \$1,750,042.60. An advance of \$400,000 has been made from the Unallocated Fund, and \$300,000 from the 280 fund, to the General fund for payment of bills. Discussion on the repayment of the advance from the 280 fund. Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Aultman, to authorize the Treasurer to repay the advance with interest to the 280 fund. Ayes carried, **motion passed.***

**Public Comments:** none at this time.

Bill Mason, Equalization Director, came before the Board to review and discuss the **2015 Apportionment Report**. Mr. Mason stated that the Drain information is incomplete and that the Treasurer is waiting for supplemental information so that it can be placed on the tax bills. Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Birgel, to accept the 2015 Apportionment Report as prepared and to allow the Chairman to sign the L-4029 as presented.* Roll call vote as follows: Hinman – yes, Walters –yes, Aultman – yes, Smith – yes, Birgel –yes. 5 yes, 0 no. Ayes carried, **motion passed.**

Dan Rahrig, MOS Representative, brought an addendum to the new lease agreement before the Board for consideration to include the new check printer in District Court. Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Hinman, to allow the lease agreement to be signed by the Chairman as presented.* Ayes carried, **motion passed.**

Chris Olson, Beaverton City Manager, came before the Board to introduce himself and give the Board an update on the issues at Beaverton City. Discussion on various topics. *Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Birgel, to appoint Chris Olsen to the Gladwin County Land Bank.* Ayes carried, **motion passed.**

*Commissioner Hinman then made a motion to re-appoint Sharron Smith to the Library Board. Motion supported by Commissioner Birgel. Ayes carried, **motion passed.*** Commissioner Smith thanked the Board for the appointment and expressed her gratitude for the Board circulating the Library reports with their Townships. Commissioner Smith then noted that the Library will be placing a millage renewal on the ballot in 2016.

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

1. Jim Maveal, Animal Control Officer, spoke on the need to increase fees in his department. The recommended increases are as follows and will take place effective 11-1-2015: Dog Licenses – Sexed \$20.00, Adoption fee – Cat \$20.00, Adoption fee – Dog \$30.00, Pick up fee (additional animal) \$10.00,

Litter fee \$20.00. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Smith, to allow the price increases effective November 1<sup>st</sup> as outlined.* Ayes carried, **motion passed.**

2. Christy VanTiem, County Treasurer, and Mr. Maveal also discussed the need to sell all late dog licenses (After March 1<sup>st</sup>) at the Animal Shelter only. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Hinman, to allow for this change in procedure.* Ayes carried, **motion passed.**
3. The committee reviewed the tabled request from Mr. Maveal to take the Animal Control truck home after hours for calls on nights and weekends. After review of call sheets provided by the Sheriff's Department, it is the recommendation to allow the truck to go home with Mr. Maveal for Shelter business only. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Aultman, to allow for the use of the vehicle as outlined.* Ayes carried, **motion passed.**
4. The contract for JP Communications was further reviewed with Mr. Pung. It is the recommendation to allow the Chairman to sign the contract and pay the \$5,900 to upgrade the phone system from 101-297-850.000. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Hinman, to allow the Chairman to sign the contract for the scope of work as discussed.* Ayes carried, **motion passed.**
5. Kable Thurlow, MSU, has requested a purchase of a router for his department in the amount of \$115.00 from project fresh funds. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Aultman, to allow for the purchase as requested.* Ayes carried, **motion passed.**
6. Discussion on a Human Resources class offered through Region VII B. Bob Balzer spoke on the grant opportunities that are offered to the local business and the cost of the program. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Aultman, to send the Commissioners' Secretary to the training at a cost of \$1,245.00 from 101-101-860.000 (travel & training).* Ayes carried, **motion passed.**
7. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Smith, to only allow for Quill orders for County business only.* There will be no ordering for the Townships or other tax exempt entities effective today. Discussion. Ayes carried, **motion passed.**
8. Commissioner Birgel stated that he found a large error in the 2014 audit report and would ask the Board's consideration in allowing the Chairman to bid the 2015 Audit by RFP. Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Hinman, to authorize the Chairman to seek bids by RFP.* Ayes carried, **motion passed.**
9. Commissioner Birgel stated that he would also like trash collection put out for bid. Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Hinman, to begin a RFP process for the trash collection.* Ayes carried, **motion passed.**
10. The Board discussed the Drain Commissioner and the upcoming notes he has coming due for payment.

## **Commissioner Reports by District –**

### **Commissioner Hinman reported:**

- On attending the budget meeting on October 13<sup>th</sup>.
- That he had several meetings on October 14<sup>th</sup>, including Insurance, Dispatcher Negotiations, Budget, Butman Township and Clement Township.
- On assisting with the shred project with Commissioner Hinman and the inmates.
- On finalizing the shred project on October 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- That he attended the Committee of the Whole – DATA meeting and the Sherman Township meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup>.
- That he had several meetings on October 21<sup>st</sup> including, Union Negotiations with the Deputies and Corrections group, Insurance meeting and Gladwin Township.
- On attending the DATA meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- That there was a Committee of the Whole – Budget meeting on October 26<sup>th</sup>, noting not a lot was accomplished.

**Commissioner Smith reported:**

- That she attended the Rail Trail meeting on October 14, 2015, noting there will be no November meeting of this group.
- On attending the Beaverton Activity Center grand re-opening on Oct. 17. It was a wonderful experience and will be a marvelous addition to our county. Between 600 and 700 people were in attendance.
- That she attended the HSBD on October 20, 2015. There was a presentation from TrueNorth Services that was provided to all the Commissioners.
- Attended the Committee of the Whole on the 20, 2015. This dealt with DATA issues. All printers/copiers are installed. Small glitches are being worked out. Had long discussion about Breault Tower and who is using that for their antennas. EJournal still does not provide the services they have promised in return for antenna space on this tower.
- On attending the Library Board meeting at the new BAC on the 20<sup>th</sup>. The following information was learned in hopes to be shared with all your constituents:
  - a. Friends of the Library donated \$1,550.00 to the Imagination Library.
  - b. This makes a total of \$17,825.00 donated by Friends since the program started in Gladwin County.
  - c. This has given 660 children 7,920 books.
  - d. The Gladwin County District Library has finalized the USDA loan to purchase the Gladwin Arena and Gladwin Branch Library Building.
  - e. The Library Director reported between 600 and 700 people attended the Grand Opening of the BAC and new Beaverton Branch Library.
  - f. Here are your library statistics, please share with your townships.
  - g. There is a report from the President of the Genealogical Society about their activities. These numbers are in addition to the library statistics.
- That she attended the Land Bank meeting on 10-22-15. The board voted to ask Chris Olsen to be the Beaverton representative on the Land Bank Board.
- On attending the BAC Concert/Performance committee meeting on 10-22-15. Our first performers will be the Cavalrymen concert in December, noting she will have the exact dates at the next meeting.
- On the Committee of the Whole - Data meeting with John Pung about our phone system and how to get the best service.
- That she participated in the Committee of the Whole - budget/insurance meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup>.
- That she attended the Council of Local Government last night, noting the meal was great.

**Commissioner Aultman reported:**

- That she attended both the Grim and Bourret Township meetings, noting both are doing well.
- On attending the Secord Township meeting, where the Board is now meeting again at 10:00 a.m.
- That she went to the EDC meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup>.
- On attending the Beaverton Activity Center open house.
- On the MidMichigan Community Action Agency meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, noting the “homeless report” was given and a program was presented on the housing rehab.
- That she participated in the Committee of the Whole meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup>.
- On also attending the Council of Local Government meeting last night.

**Commissioner Birgel reported:**

- That he has been at several of the same meetings that Commissioner Hinman has attended.
- On attending the Soil Erosion dinner at the Sports Complex, commenting that Emergency Management department has secured a defibrillator for the complex.
- That he also attended the Council of Local Government meeting last night.

**Comments from the Chairman:**

- That it has been a busy week.
- On attending the Soil Conservation dinner on the 14<sup>th</sup>, noting his appreciation of Mike Kruchkow and his handling of the Gypsy Moth program this year.
- That he attended the Sage Township meeting.
- That he was unable to attend the Gladwin City meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup>, as he attended his granddaughter's play.
- On assisting with the shred project on the 19<sup>th</sup>.
- On the Committee of the Whole – DATA meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup>.
- That the Fair Board is doing well.
- On the Finance meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- That he participated in the Committee of the Whole - Insurance and Budget meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup>.
- That he attended the Council of Local Government meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup>.
- That Gladwin City is experiencing water pressure issues.
- On an upcoming Townhall Meeting with the Great Lakes Bay Veterans at the Michigan Works Building.
- That he planted 3 fir trees in the Courthouse lawn that were donated by Commissioner Smith.

Commissioner Aultman commented that the dates for the Legislative Breakfast are: January 8<sup>th</sup>, February 12<sup>th</sup>, March 11<sup>th</sup> and April 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Public Comments** – Christy VanTiem, County Treasurer, spoke on the Leadership program obtaining their own 501c3 and tax identification number. Discussion on returning the balance of the funding held by the County over to the Leadership program. *Motion by Commissioner Hinman, supported by Commissioner Smith, to return the funds as discussed. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

*Motion by Commissioner Hinman, supported by Commissioner Smith, 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 10:08 a.m. until the regularly scheduled Board meeting on November 10, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.*

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Laura Brandon-Maveal  
County Clerk

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Terry Walters  
Chairman