

Commissioner Minutes of April 10, 2018

The Gladwin County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, April 10, 2018. The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Chairman Walters. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call found all Commissioners present.

The Board reviewed the agenda. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Hinman, to proceed with the consent agenda as prepared. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

The cash balances were then read by Commissioner Aultman. *General Fund - \$88,355.48 before the payment of any bills.*

The regular minutes of the March 27, 2018 regular meeting were then reviewed. Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Hinman, to approve the minutes as presented. Ayes carried, motion passed.

Public Comments: *Stacey DeMoines spoke on the lack of Board action taken to appoint members to the Animal Control committee. Discussion. Commissioner Smith will be placed on the committee with four community members. Those members will be notified by the end of the day.*

New Business:

The Board reviewed several millage language proposals to be placed on the August ballot. *Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Hinman, to approve the language submitted by the Road Commission for their Road and Bridge Millage to be placed on the August 2018 ballot. Roll call vote as follows: Hinman -yes, Walters – yes, Aultman -yes, Smith -yes, Birgel -yes. 5 yes, 0 no. Ayes carried, motion passed. (see attached language) Motion by Commissioner Aultman, supported by Commissioner Birgel, to approve the millage language for MSU Extension and 4-H Funding. Roll call vote as follows: Walters -yes, Aultman – yes, Smith -yes, Birgel -yes, Hinman -yes. 5 yes, 0 no. Ayes carried, motion passed. (see attached language)*

Finance Matters – Commissioner Birgel:

1. Ann Manning, Registrar of Deeds, has informed the Board that her Chief Deputy plans to retire soon. Mrs. Manning is requesting permission to post for any vacant positions in her department that would be required to handle vacancies or promotions within her department. *Motion by Commissioner Aultman, supported by Commissioner Birgel, to approve this process and to allow for the training of the new individual prior to retirement for up to one month. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
2. Nick Madaj, Deputy Court Administrator, has requested payout of time for two court employees. Debbie Primeau – 448.3 hours = \$10,015.02 from 101-131-704.000 and Brent Rellinger – 104.5 hours = \$2,580.11 from 101-148-706.001. *Motion by Commissioner Aultman, supported by Commissioner Birgel, to allow the Clerk to make the disbursements as requested. Ayes carried, motion passed. Commissioner Hinman voting no.*
3. The Clerk has requested that she be able to pay the water bills to the City of Gladwin as daily utility bills, similar to the bills paid for telephone, electric and gas. There have been issues in the past where the bills are not being presented timely for payment, causing late fees. *Motion by Commissioner Aultman, supported by Commissioner Birgel, to allow all City of Gladwin water bills to be paid upon submission without finance committee approval. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

4. Charles Culmer, Veterans Director, has been given the opportunity to attend Accreditation Training May 21-25, 2018 in Lansing with full reimbursement from MVA. Total costs, including mileage and meals will be paid from 101-682-860.000 once approved. *Motion by Commissioner Aultman, supported by Commissioner Birgel, to allow Mr. Culmer to attend the training, allowing the Clerk to make the registration and reservations using the county's credit card. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
5. The County Clerk has requested to attend her quarterly conference in Ann Arbor May 31 – June 1, 2018. Total cost is \$50.00 for registration, plus mileage and will be paid from 101-215-860.000. The lodging for this conference is paid for by the association. *Motion by Commissioner Aultman, supported by Commissioner Birgel, to approve the training as outlined. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
6. Equalization Director, Kim Halis, has met with the personnel committee on hiring a permanent part time employee for her department. The employee would fall under the Unit #6 contract and work less than 29 hours/week and not be entitled to fringe benefits offered by the contract. Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Aultman, supported by Commissioner Birgel, to allow for the hiring of the part time employee as outlined. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
7. Undersheriff Hartwell has provided the committee with information on the necessary repairs to the jail oven/stove. Hobart has prepared a quote in the amount of \$1,019.34 for the labor and parts to replace the thermostat. *Motion by Commissioner Aultman, supported by Commissioner Birgel, to authorize the repairs as submitted. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
8. The Undersheriff has informed the committee of two resignations in the jail. Correction Officers Jones and Myers will have their last days in May. Undersheriff Hartwell has asked permission to fill the full and part time vacancies after posting and advertisement. *Motion by Commissioner Aultman, supported by Commissioner Birgel, to satisfy this request as outlined. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
9. Sheriff Shea has registered to attend the Homeland Security Conference in Grand Rapids, Michigan May 8-10, 2018. Cost of registration and lodging will be reimbursed by homeland security. *Motion by Commissioner Aultman, supported by Commissioner Birgel, to allow the Clerk to handle the lodging and registrations using the county's credit card if needed. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

The Board then reviewed additional millage wording for Senior Services and Transit, understanding that language “A” and language “B” have been submitted for approval. In the event that the millage wording fails in August, the subsequent wording will be approved for placement on the November ballot. *Motion by Commissioner Hinman, supported by Commissioner Birgel, to approve the Public Transportation millage language as presented for the placement on the August ballot, and if needed, the November ballot. Roll call vote as follows: Aultman -yes, Smith -yes, Birgel – yes, Hinman -yes, Walters – yes. 5 yes, 0 no. Ayes carried, motion passed. (see attached language) Motion by Commissioner Hinman, supported by Commissioner Smith, to approve the Senior Services millage language as presented for placement on the August ballot, and if needed on the November ballot. Roll call vote as follows: Smith -yes, Birgel – yes, Hinman – yes, Walters – yes, Aultman -yes. 5 yes, 0 no. Ayes carried, motion passed. (see attached language)*

Commissioner Reports by District –

Commissioner Birgel reported:

- That he was able to attend the bike/walk trail meeting at Gladwin City, noting all is moving in the right direction.

- On the Planning Commission meeting where there was discussion on the medical marijuana issue in Beaverton City. The language adopted is being questioned by one member, noting boundary lines and acreage requirements have been discussed.
- Kimber Flooring, a new business in Beaverton Township, has generated \$500,000 in funding from MDOT for improvements to Lyle Road and will be creating 25 additional jobs in the county.
- The Point of Sale change through the Health Department is slowly moving forward and more information will be given at the next meeting after a hearing in Lansing that is scheduled for tomorrow.
- That he and Chairman Walters have rescheduled their meeting to look at the metal detectors but will still make a point of getting there to see them.

Commissioner Aultman reported:

- That she attended the EDC meeting where they discussed working on their strategic plan for Gladwin County, noting everyone was asked to review their bylaws.
- On attending the Michigan Works meeting, commenting she has work stats for the Board to review.
- On the personnel meeting where they met with the Equalization Director regarding part time staffing.
- That she participated in the Finance meeting on April 5th.
- On the personnel meeting with Animal Control, noting good discussion and Mr. Maveal's willingness to attend Board meetings to provide updates.
- That she attended the Bentley and Billings meetings last night. Bentley Township had a question for 911 that she will follow up on. Billings Township will be hosting their free fishing weekend June 9-10, 2018.
- That she has spoken to Steven King from the Health Department on the time of transfer sale. The State is discussing the possibility of a three-year sunset on ordinances then they would be taken over by the State. Discussion on moving forward in the fall after more information is available.
- That she is working on a leasing program for computers, noting she has spoken to two companies and will be working with one additional.
- On the security system for the back door, noting she would like to move forward on the proposed "swipe system" that was quoted by two companies. Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Aultman, supported by Commissioner Hinman, to accept the quote in the amount of \$2,425.00 from Master Electric, with added costs for additional swipe cards to be paid from 101-900-970.101. Ayes carried, motion passed.* There was discussion on getting quotes for a similar system at the Annex building. Commissioner Aultman will work on this with the Maintenance Director.
- Changes to the personnel policy were then reviewed. The matter was tabled until further information could be researched.

Commissioner Hinman reported:

- That he attended the DATA meeting on April 4th, noting they reviewed the purchase of the new telephone equipment and updates.
- On attending the security meeting on April 5th where they discussed placing an officer at the entrance of the courthouse. Discussion on proper planning before any decisions would be made due to the considerable expense this project would

cost. There will be another meeting today to continue the exploration of additional security and review the policy.

- That his township meetings start tomorrow.
- On the rent payment received from the vendor that uses the tower for their services, noting they will be invited to the DATA meeting in May for an update.

Commissioner Smith reported:

- That she attended the Tobacco Township meeting where they approved their medical marijuana ordinance through their planning commission.
- On the passing of 102-year-old Cecil Redman, commenting that condolences are with his family and that he was an amazing person.

Comments from the Chairman:

- That there will be a special meeting held on May 29th at 9:00 a.m., or at a time agreed to by the Courts, regarding funding.
- That he also knew Mr. Redman, commenting that he was a super man that was nice to visit with and full of knowledge.
- On the passing of Ellen Klein.
- That he participated in the DATA meeting on April 4th.
- On the contract signed for the airport and the upcoming Thunder on the Strip event.
- On attending the Finance meeting on April 5th.
- That he also attended the safety meeting on April 5th.
- That he will be meeting with a representative from Maximus at 11:00 today with the department heads.
- That Sage Township will be holding their monthly meeting tomorrow night.
- On his appreciation to the Sheriff and his staff for their work during the lockdown.
- On the progress of the tower project in the Wooden Shoe/White Star area that will provide better cell phone coverage.
- That Gladwin City has many issues going on right now, noting they are very busy:
 - They are currently searching for a new Administrator. Commissioner Smith commented on her discussion with the Beaverton City Manager on sharing duties between entities to save funding.
 - The “Greer building” may be converting into an ATV shop.
 - On the demolition of the buildings across the street to make room for a new Subway.
 - That the City is working with the school on a 75%/25% split to provide an officer in Gladwin Schools.
 - On the closing of the greenhouse on Silverleaf.

Chairman Walters then made motion on behalf of the Gladwin County Board of Commissioners authorizing Clerk Laura Brandon-Maveal to begin premium share deductions from those Court employees covered by the Gladwin County health insurance program, effective with the payroll beginning April 30, 2018. Those deductions shall be \$16.67 for single coverage, \$55.46 for two person and \$29.63 for family per pay period. Motion supported by Commissioner Hinman. Ayes carried, motion passed.

Public Comments –

Commissioner Aultman commented on the passing of Mary Offenbecker – retired Billings Township Clerk and John Jakovac – retired Billings Township Supervisor. The Board recognized both retired officials with a moment of silence.

Sheriff Shea gave a quick update on the lockdown.

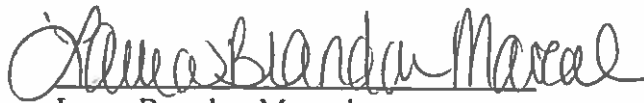
Chairman Walters commented that a civil lawsuit had been filed against County employees by Mr. Thorington.

The Clerk commented on an open FOIA directed at the County Drain Commissioner that she has not been able to make contact with. The Clerk noted that she will file a 10-day extension today if not resolved.

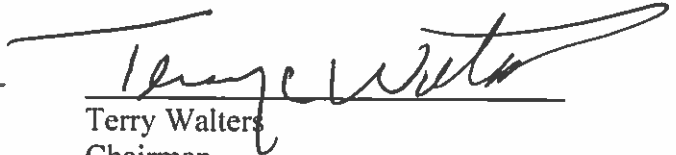
Karen Moore, Court Administrator, inquired of the Board the intent of the May 29th meeting to discuss the insurance issue if they have directed the Clerk to begin the deductions beginning April 30th and if there is a need for the meeting if the action has already been taken. The Board responded that the action taken today was at the recommendation of their attorney. Discussion.

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

*Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Hinman, to adjourn. Ayes carried, **motion passed.** Meeting adjourned at 10:13 a.m., until the next regular Board meeting on April 24, 2018 at 9:00 a.m., unless otherwise ordered.*



Laura Brandon-Maveal
County Clerk



Terry Walters
Chairman

**GLADWIN COUNTY ROAD AND BRIDGE MILLAGE BALLOT
WORDING FOR AUGUST 7, 2018 PRIMARY ELECTION**

Shall the County of Gladwin levy up to 2.0 mills (\$2.00 per \$1,000.00 of taxable value) for six (6) years, being 2018 to 2023, inclusive (commencing with the December 2018 tax billing through December 2023 tax billing) for the purpose of improvements and construction of primary and local roads and bridges in the respective Road and Bridge Systems of Gladwin County and the Cities of Beaverton and Gladwin, such assessment being an increase over the 15 mill limitation provided in Section 6, Article IX of the Michigan Constitution of 1963.

This millage is a renewal of a tax which is currently levied at 2.0 mills which otherwise expired December 2017 and would raise an estimated \$1,891,459 in the first calendar year, based upon the 2017 taxable value.

NOTE: A portion of the above millage collected in the Cities of Beaverton and Gladwin may be paid over to their respective Downtown Development Authorities.

MSU Extension and 4-H Funding Renewal Request

Shall the County of Gladwin continue to levy up to .11 mill (eleven cents per \$1,000.00 of taxable valuation) for a period of five (5) years (2019-2023 inclusive) for the purpose of providing funding for youth development, 4-H, agriculture, health and nutrition, horticulture, and other services through Michigan State University Extension within Gladwin County, such millage increase being in excess of the limitations on general ad valorem taxes set forth in Article IX, Section 6 of the Michigan State Constitution (1963)?

It is anticipated that this millage would raise One Hundred Four Thousand Thirty dollars (\$104,030.00) in the first year.

Note: A portion of the millage monies raised in their respective jurisdictions may be disbursed to the Downtown Development Authorities of the Cities of Gladwin and Beaverton pursuant to State law.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION -A

For the purpose of continuing the provision of public transportation for six (6) years (being 2018 through 2023, inclusive), shall the County of Gladwin levy up to one-half (1/2) mill [\$0.50 per \$1,000.00 of taxable value] on real and personal property, commencing with the December 2018 tax billing through the December 2023 tax billing, such assessment being an increase over the 15 mill limitation as provided said Section 6, Article IX, of the Michigan Constitution of 1963?

This tax will renew and continue a tax currently levied at .50 mills, which otherwise expires in 2018 (December 2017 tax billing), and raise an estimated \$474,217.21 in the first year, based upon current taxable values.

Note: Pursuant to statute, a portion of the monies raised in the cities of Beaverton and Gladwin may be payable to their respective Downtown Development Authorities.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION - B

For the purpose of continuing the provision of public transportation for six (6) years (being 2018 through 2023, inclusive), shall the County of Gladwin levy up to one-half (1/2) mill [\$0.50 per \$1,000.00 of taxable value] on real and personal property, commencing with the December 2018 tax billing through the December 2023 tax billing, such assessment being an increase over the 15 mill limitation as provided said Section 6, Article IX, of the Michigan Constitution of 1963?

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SENIOR SERVICES - A

For the purpose of continuing the provision of services to the elderly of Gladwin County as provided in PA 39 of 1976 for six (6) years (being 2018 to 2023, inclusive), shall the County of Gladwin levy up to three-quarter (3/4) mill [\$0.75 per \$1,000.00 of taxable value] on real and personal property, commencing with the December 2018 tax bill and continuing through the December 2023 tax billing, with such assessment being an increase over the 15 mill limitation provided in Section 6, Article IX, of the Michigan Constitution of 1963?

This tax will renew and continue a tax currently levied at .50 mills, which otherwise expires in 2018 (December 2017 tax billing), together with an additional levy of .25 mills, and will raise an estimated \$711,325.82 in the first calendar year, based upon current taxable values.

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SENIOR SERVICES - B

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