

Commissioner Minutes of September 25, 2018

The Gladwin County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, September 25, 2018. 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 reviewed the agenda. Commissioner Aultman noted the following items that would need to be changed on the agenda: Remove the action for both resolutions listed, remove the closed session, add the approval of the Executive Session minutes and add the action to the Finance Matters to allow the Sheriff to replace a resigned employee. *Motion by Commissioner Aultman, supported by Commissioner Birgel, to proceed with the consent agenda as amended. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

The regular and executive session minutes of the September 11, 2018 were then reviewed. Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Hinman, to approve the minutes as prepared. Ayes carried, motion passed.

Public Comments: *none at this time.*

Communications: The Board commented on the Library statistics provided by Commissioner Smith, noting they were outstanding.

The cash balances were then read by Commissioner Aultman. *General Fund - \$774,039.33 before the payment of any bills. This balance includes an advance from the 210 EMS Fund of \$1.2 million. Discussion on the repayment of the advanced funds.*

Finance Matters – Commissioner Aultman:

1. Jim Maveal, Animal Shelter, has requested permission to hire a replacement for his weekend employee that cares for the animals and cleans. This position would be posted at \$10.00/hour once approved. *Motion by Commissioner Aultman, supported by Commissioner Birgel, to allow Mr. Maveal to hire a replacement as outlined. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
2. Ken Roberts, Veterans Director, has provided information to the committee on his Accreditation Training and Certification through Michigan Association of County Veterans Counselors. MACVC will pay for the lodging and the registration, leaving only meals and mileage for the County to reimburse. *Motion by Commissioner Aultman, supported by Commissioner Birgel, to allow Mr. Roberts to attend the training with mileage and meals to be reimbursed from 101-682-860.000. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
3. Rick Ghent, Maintenance Supervisor, has submitted a quote from Lake Painting for the repair and coating of the shower areas in the Jail. The quote of \$2,450.00 will be paid from 101-351-930.000 once approved. *Motion by Commissioner Aultman, supported by Commissioner Birgel, to approve the quote and to allow the project to be completed. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
4. Commissioner Aultman, the Executive Secretary and a member from the Treasurer's Office have requested permission to attend the State of Michigan – Department of Treasury 2018 Local Government Summit on October 10, 2018. There is no cost for registration, however there will be lodging costs, meals and mileage associated with the training. *Motion by Commissioner Aultman, supported by Commissioner Birgel, to approve the expenses as outlined from 101-101-860.000. Discussion on the need to send the Executive Secretary to this training. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
5. Skill Path will be hosting an "Administrative Assistants" conference on November 7, 2018 in Bay City. The Executive Secretary and Commissioner Aultman have requested to attend. Registration

is \$398.00 plus mileage and meals. *Motion by Commissioner Aultman, supported by Commissioner Birgel, to allow for the training as outlined from 101-101-860.000.* Discussion. Ayes carried, **motion passed.** Commissioner Smith voting no.

6. Deputy Dustin Johnson has requested payout of 26 hours of unused PTO time per his union contract. *Motion by Commissioner Aultman, supported by Commissioner Birgel, to authorize the Clerk to pay the \$500.50 from 101-301-705.000 as requested.* Ayes carried, **motion passed.**
7. The Clerk has requested that she be authorized to pay any remaining bills for the marine patrol grant through September 30, 2018 to qualify for grant reimbursement. *Motion by Commissioner Aultman, supported by Commissioner Birgel, to authorize this action for the Clerk.* Ayes carried, **motion passed.**
8. Ronnie Fitzpatrick, Sheriff's Office, is requesting a check be written for \$648.00 from 101-351-727.000 to the State of Michigan for the purpose of tax writ garnishments. *Motion by Commissioner Aultman, supported by Commissioner Birgel, to authorize the Clerk to release the check as outlined.* Ayes carried, **motion passed.**
9. Robert Evans, Drain Commissioner, has requested that his employee be moved to the Unit #7 wage scale under the personnel policy. Currently Mrs. Mills is being paid at Unit #6 wages of \$13.83/hour and the request for change would place her at \$16.06/hour. Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Aultman, supported by Commissioner Birgel, to authorize the Clerk to pay the drain employee according to Unit #7 scale under the personnel policy and to recognize this employee as the Deputy Drain Commissioner for the County.* Ayes carried, **motion passed.**
10. Raymond Hartwell, Undersheriff, has received a letter of resignation from Deputy Doyle and is seeking permission to post for his replacement. *Motion by Commissioner Aultman, supported by Commissioner Birgel, to authorize the Undersheriff permission to hire.* Ayes carried, **motion passed.**

Ken Roberts, Veterans Director, gave an update on upcoming events. The 100th Anniversary of World War I will be commemorated with a bronze plaque on Saturday, November 10, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. Veterans' Day celebrations will be taking place on Sunday, November 11, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. Both ceremonies will take place at the memorial wall in front of the Courthouse.

Commissioner Reports by District –

Commissioner Birgel reported:

- That he attended the Grout Township meeting, noting they are doing well.
- On the Airport meeting, commenting the “fly-in breakfast” would be held this Saturday, September 22, 2018.
- That he participated in the meeting with the Township Supervisors and a Representative from Central Michigan District Health Department regarding the Point of Sale program. Discussion on future steps and concerns expressed by the Townships.
- On the Zoning meeting, where the committee denied a zoning appeal in Bourret Township. He has upcoming meetings this week and next.
- The Zoning committee will be looking into ordinance options for wind and solar power.

Commissioner Aultman reported:

- On the EDC meeting held September 12th and discussion on what their future goals and “where they are going”. The Beaverton City Manager was present at that meeting with a plan to improve the city roads within the next year.
- That she attended the Lake Board meeting.

- On also attending the Point of Sale meeting with the Townships and Health Department.
- On September 17th she attended the MAC meeting in Ludington where she participated in a water and wind power tour. They also viewed the water reservoir that generates power from Traverse City to Grand Rapids.
- That she participated in the “Ride Around” with the Road Commission on September 19th.
- On also meeting with the Labor Representative on the union contracts and policies on the 19th.
- That she attended the Finance meeting and met with the Clerk on September 20th.
- Bourret Township has adopted a medical marijuana policy and they are moving forward with a facility plan.

Commissioner Hinman reported:

- On the passing of Kerry Posey, former Undersheriff and Deputy Sheriff of Gladwin County. Mr. Posey also served as Beaverton City Manager and has been an asset to the community that will be missed.
- That he attended the Airport meeting on September 15th.
- On his attendance at all four of his Township meetings, noting all are doing well.
- That he met with the Court Management Committee on September 19th, noting the meeting was slightly contentious.
- On several questions regarding the inspections to be done on Wixom Lake Dam. Discussion.

Commissioner Smith reported:

- That she attended the HSCB meeting on September 18th, commenting that there was discussion on the funding available for Township and County programs.
- On the Library Board meeting held on September 18th where they are still looking for a replacement Director.
- That she also participated in the “Ride Along” with the Road Commission, noting it was a great experience and an awesome lunch.
- On the Buckeye Township meeting where everything is going well.
- That she attended an interesting meeting at the Beaverton Activity Center on September 24, 2018. There were no candidates to meet, so they spent time discussing the expanded search for a replacement Director. Bryon Sitler, Director of White Pine Library Cooperative was present and gave vital information to the Library Board members. Some statistics given on the Gladwin County Library are as follows: In 2017 84,578 people visited our libraries; 3,963 people attended programs; 48 internet computers were used 70,016 times; and, the Gladwin County District Library provided \$9.49 of service for each dollar received.

Comments from the Chairman:

- That he was unable to attend the walk/bike trail meeting or the Sage Township meeting on September 12th due to prior commitments. The dedication of the walk trail will be October 14th at 2:00 p.m. at the River Road location.
- On meeting with Lt. Roach from MSP regarding reporting that is due by October 12th for the Emergency Management department.
- On attending the Pratt Lake and Wiggins Lake Authority meetings.
- On the Gladwin City meeting where it was noted that golf carts can be driven in town.

- That he attended the Veterans meeting on September 18th where they discussed the WWI Memorial.
- On the Fair Board meeting also held on September 18th, noting a discussion on the mowing services.
- That he attended the Secord Township meeting on September 19th for Commissioner Aultman.
- On the Lake Improvement Board meetings.
- That he attended the Finance meeting on September 20th.
- That there was a great turnout at the Airport Breakfast event.
- Gladwin Soil Conservation will be holding their annual dinner meeting on September 26, 2018.

Commissioner Aultman then asked for the Board's consideration in adopting the following policies: Non-Union Benefits Manual, Personnel Policy, Fraud Policy, Procurement Policy and Nepotism Policy. Discussion on the Nepotism policy and the effective date of those changes. It was discussed that the policy would be effective today moving forward. *Motion by Commissioner Aultman, supported by Commissioner Birgel, to approve the policies as prepared. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

Public Comments – Commissioner Smith noted that she enjoyed her Granddaughter's beautiful wedding on Saturday.

Theresa Nims, Midland Daily News, inquired on the Medical Marijuana ordinance in Bourret Township and the required posting in the newspaper. Discussion.

Kathy Mills thanked the Board for her pay raise and reasons why she is committed to helping the office.

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

Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Aultman, to adjourn. Ayes carried, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:34 a.m., until the next regular Board meeting on October 9, 2018 at 9:00 a.m., unless otherwise ordered.



Laura Brandon-Maveal
County Clerk



Terry Walters
Chairman