

Organizational Board Meeting January 4, 2010

The Gladwin County Board of Commissioners met in special session on Monday, January 4, 2009. County Clerk, Laura Brandon-Maveal, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call found all Commissioners to be present, except Commissioner Walters and Commissioner Carl who had been excused.

The Clerk then turned the meeting over to Chairman Whittington.

Chairman Whittington noted that the committee appointments for 2009 will remain as "temporary" until the meeting on January 26th.

Motion by Commissioner Reid, supported by Commissioner Smith, to approve the 2010 meeting dates. Ayes carried, motion passed.

Commissioner Reid then reviewed a list of proposed changes to the Board rules that he prepared. Motion by Commissioner Reid, supported by Commissioner Smith, to change section II – A to remove "in each odd numbered calendar" and add "of each year" and at the bottom of the same paragraph change two years to "one year". Ayes carried, motion passed. Commissioner Rhode voting no.

Motion by Commissioner Reid, supported by Commissioner Posey, to change Section II-B to insert "act as a Representative of the Board of Commissioners for the County Departments" and the addition at the end of the paragraph to read as follows: "The Chairperson will report back at each meeting any dealings with said departments". Discussion by the Board of what they would like to see reported. Chairman Whittington commented that any issues with department heads would be addressed within a committee and that each Commissioner received copies of Committee minutes for review. Commissioner Reid noted the issue with the Maintenance truck and the need for the Board to know these things. Ayes carried, motion passed. Whittington and Rhode voting no.

Commissioner Reid then reviewed a change on page 6, item B-1, the addition of an item to read: "Trial Balance, General Ledger, and Budget report to be given at the end of each month, which will include the total allowed for each department and a YTD report. Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Posey, accept the wording to be inserted. Treasurer VanTiem and Clerk Maveal both spoke on who was to make these presentations. Commissioner Reid responded that the Board would make an appointment of those duties at the next meeting. Ayes carried, motion passed.

Commissioner Reid then noted that on page 11, under Administration, item "C" should be added to include E-mail as part of delivery. Motion by Commissioner Reid, supported by Commissioner Posey, to include "item C" as described. Ayes carried, motion passed.

Chairman Whittington commented that elections for Chair and Vice Chair would not be done at the next meeting because there had been a 2-year election done for which they are serving. Chairman Whittington noted that he understands the intentions of the board members, but they will have to put up with him for another year.

Chairman Whittington asked that each Board member review the committees and forward their interests back to him so that he can make committee appointments before the January 26th meeting.

Kelly Gower spoke on the roles of the Board and the need for an Administrator to stop the "nit-picking". Commissioner Smith commented that she believes the Board is here to be fiducially responsible for the citizens of the County.

Chairman Whittington commented that the discussion on the Administrator position would be tabled until next meeting.

Christy VanTiem, County Treasurer, asked that the Board make a motion to allow her to transfer the budgeted appropriations and indirect costs as set forth in the 2010 budget. Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Posey, to allow the Treasurer to transfer funds as requested. Ayes carried, motion passed.

The Treasurer then addressed the Board on two appropriations that were not completed for 2009. Motion by Commissioner Posey, supported by Commissioner Reid, to transfer the balance of 2009 appropriations for the EDC and Soldiers & Sailors special funds. Ayes carried, motion passed. The Treasurer then stated that she would like the Board to require a letter of request from the department when they would like their appropriations transferred.

Discussion on public comments and the need for individuals to be recognized by the Chairman, stand before the Board and state their name before they proceed with comments.

Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Reid, to adjourn. Ayes carried, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m. until January 12, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. unless otherwise ordered.

Laura Brandon-Maveal, Clerk

Terry Whittington, Chairman