

Commissioner Minutes of January 8, 2013

The Gladwin County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session January 8, 2013. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Reid. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call found all Commissioners present.

*Motion by Commissioner Carl, supported by Commissioner Walters, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Ayes carried, **motion passed.***

Public Comments – none at this time.

The **cash balances** for the General Fund were read by Chairman Reid. *General Fund - \$153,366.64.*

Communications from the Chairman:

- On using Bid Core for the advertising of County vehicles, and the fee of 33% of the sale. Chairman Reid would like to try Craig's List with a minimum bid and if that is unsuccessful then the County would go back to sale by advertised bid.
- That Lind and Lind is working with Jacobson on the AT&T billing.

Commissioner Reports by District -

Commissioner Walters reported:

- That he attended the Gladwin City meeting, noting that the Administrator will be coming before the Board to discuss the vacant "Fruchey's building".
- On the "Clare County Veterans Freedom Park" on January 22nd, noting an RSVP is needed if anyone plans to attend.

Commissioner Carl reported:

- That his meetings start tonight.
- On review of the December 11th minutes regarding the Treasurer and the handling of Equalization duties. Commissioner Carl asked what the part time employee in her office was responsible for. Treasurer VanTiem responded that she handles the maintenance of names and addresses. Commissioner Carl commented that the Townships paid for the FEMA project costs and contributes \$38,000/year for Equalization services. Commissioner Carl stated that he would like to see a listing of what services are provided to the Townships for that amount. Treasurer VanTiem stated that she feels as though she has given the Board a fair amount for the extra work she has been asked to be responsible for and that she would like to see them get comparable quotes for the same from the outside.
- There will be a FEMA update meeting tomorrow at 4:00 p.m.
- On attending the Searfoss benefit, noting there was a huge turnout.

Commissioner Whittington reported:

- That his Township meetings start tonight.

- On the combination of the Equalization and Treasurer's Departments, asking "what did the County gain" by doing this. Treasurer VanTiem noted that the County laid off two employees and now has a Director that is handling all of the State mandates. Chairman Reid commented that they need to sit down with Equalization and the Treasurer and discuss the issue.

Finance Matters:

1. Jail Administrator McGourty has requested that **two officer attend training academy with a cost of approximately \$900.00.** Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Whittington, supported by Commissioner Birgel, to allow for the training as requested. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

Chairman Reid commented that he did prepare a letter of thanks to Attorney Stoker for his service in contract negotiations over the past several years.

Commissioner Birgel reported:

- On attending the Grout Township meeting where they spent time reviewing the Drain assessments and maps for the residents.
- That he asked for interested persons to notify the Board if they would like to serve on any of the committee openings.

Commissioner Reid reported:

- That he received a letter of resignation from Jim Primeau from NMSAS.
- That his Township meetings are starting soon.
- On review of the committee appointments and the need to approve them as distributed. *Motion by Commissioner Carl, supported by Commissioner Walters, to approve the committee appointments as distributed. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

The Board then took a recess at 9:25 a.m.

Meeting called back to order at 9:35 a.m. by Chairman Reid.

Public Comments –

Gina Conrad spoke on the updates to the point addressing system, noting there would be a press release drafted to be given to the paper and the Townships so that individuals are aware of the start date and process of the project. Discussion.

Commissioner Walters stated that he was unable to attend Ron Taylor's retirement party, but would like to thank him for his years of service and dedication to the job.

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

Motion by Commissioner Whittington, supported by Commissioner Carl, to adjourn.
Ayes carried, **motion passed**. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m., until January 22, 2013 at 9:00 a.m., unless otherwise ordered.

Laura Brandon-Maveal
County Clerk

Josh Reid
Chairman