

## Commissioner Minutes of February 10, 2009

The Gladwin County Board of Commissioners met in regular session February 10, 2009. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Whittington. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call found all Commissioners present.

*Agenda* – There were no corrections or additions to the agenda.

The minutes of January 27, 2009 were then considered. Commissioner Rhode commented that on page six under his report should state that the City will be paving the parking lot located on the corners of Grout and Arcade, not the roads. Commissioner Smith noted that she had given corrections to the Clerk already for consideration. County Clerk Laura Brandon commented that those have already been corrected. Motion by Commissioner Posey, supported by Commissioner Carl, to approve the minutes with the corrections. Ayes carried, motion passed.

The semi-monthly Finance report totaling \$48,193.50 was then considered for approval. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Reid, to approve the bills for payment as presented. Ayes carried, motion passed.

*Public Comments* – None at this time.

Commissioner Whittington then asked Kelly Gower if she was here to report to the Board on the matter that she had discussed with him. Ms. Gower discussed with the Board the area of alternative energies, and their growing importance of discussion and review around the surrounding areas. Discussion. Chairman Whittington commented that Ms. Gower is welcome to come back to the Board and be put on the agenda with information for the Board to consider.

Sandy Walling, Zoning Administrator, presented to the Board her department's 2008 Annual Report. Discussion and review. Commissioner Carl commented that the Planning Commissioner has adopted an ordinance from Bay County as a template for energy, noting any new information will be brought to the Board for consideration.

Katie Becker, City County Transit, then came before the Board with a **contract for purchase of seven busses**. Discussion and review of expenses and funding needs. Motion by Commissioner Reid, supported by Commissioner Posey, to allow for the purchase of the seven busses per the contract submitted and to allow for the Chairman to sign the contract upon request. Roll call vote as follows: Walters – yes, Carl – yes, Rhode – yes, Reid – yes, Posey – yes, Smith – yes, Whittington – yes. 7 yes, 0 no. Ayes carried, motion passed.

Frank Starkweather, EDC, came before the Board with a resolution to submit an application to the USDA – RBEG program for Economic Gardening grant funds. Discussion. Mr. Starkweather asked that in addition to the Board allowing the EDC to apply for the grant funds, that the Board also prepare a letter of support to the application.

Commissioner Reid then offered the **three bids to repair the patrol vehicle** involved in a car/deer accident. *Motion by Commissioner Reid, supported by Commissioner Posey, to accept the lowest bid from Grimmetts Auto Body. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

Commissioner Reid then asked for action on an **air conditioning issue at the Jail**. Commissioner Reid noted that there is an extra condensing coil in the 911 structure that can be moved to cool room #10 in the basement of the Sheriff's Department. Cost would be \$395.00 in electrical from Master Electric and \$1160.00 to move the unit from Bonham Heating and Cooling. Cost to be paid from Sheriff building maintenance. *Motion by Commissioner Reid, supported by Commissioner Smith, to allow for the project as outlined. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

**Public Comments – none**

Commissioner Whittington informed the Board that he had allow **Bonnie House, Registrar of Deeds**, to purchase a new time clock for her office for \$550.00 plus shipping costs. This matter was not able to wait to go before Finance, as Ms. House time stamps each document that enters her office.

*Motion by Commissioner Walters, supported by Commissioner Rhode, to receive and file various reports and documents. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

*Motion by Commissioner Reid, supported by Commissioner Walters, to Adjourn. Ayes carried, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m. until May 12, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. unless otherwise ordered.*

Laura Brandon  
County Clerk

Terry Whittington  
Chairman

2009-013

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN  
TO FULFILL ITS OBLIGATIONS AND PROMISES AND FULLY AND UNCONDITIONALLY  
RESTORE STATE REVENUE SHARING  
FOR ALL MICHIGAN'S 83 COUNTIES**

**WHEREAS**, the Michigan Association of Counties represents all 83 counties in the State of Michigan. The counties of Michigan work on behalf of the State of Michigan to provide numerous state mandated services, and

**WHEREAS**, counties depend heavily upon state revenue sharing to provide numerous essential public health, safety and welfare services, and

**Whereas**, the residents of the State of Michigan and the Michigan Association of Counties demand an efficient, professional level of public service, and

**WHEREAS**, in 2005 State Revenue Sharing payments were discontinued to counties, relieving the State Budget of \$183 million in annual State Revenue Sharing payments to counties, with the promise and agreement that these payments would be restored when each of the individual counties Revenue Sharing Reserve Fund were exhausted.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES**, that the Michigan Association of Counties does hereby support and urge the State of Michigan to fulfill its obligations and promises and fully and unconditionally restore State Revenue Sharing for all Michigan's 83 counties,

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES**, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Jennifer Granholm, our State Senators and State Representatives, and the Michigan Association Counties.

Resolution 2009-013 offered by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Posey. This resolution declared adopted by the following: 6 yes, 0 no, 1 excused.

Executed this 28<sup>th</sup> day of April 2009 by:

Laura Brandon, Laura Brandon, Gladwin County Clerk.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COUNTY OF Gladwin

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING ADEQUATE STATE FUNDING TO HOLD  
COUNTIES HARMLESS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES  
LAWSUIT SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

**WHEREAS,** The State of Michigan, Department of Human Services was sued by Children's Rights regarding the care of children in foster care and juvenile justice; and

**WHEREAS,** The Department of Human Services settled the case out-of-court without consent or consultation from Michigan's counties; and

**WHEREAS,** Michigan counties are the funding source for one-half of the costs of foster care and juvenile justice services in the State of Michigan; and

**WHEREAS,** The cost of the settlement agreement between the Department of Human Services and Children's Rights would require Michigan's counties to pay, without their consent, up to \$32,000,000 per year statewide in *calculable costs*, with additional county costs evident that are not able to be calculated; and

**WHEREAS,** Michigan's counties face staggering cuts to services across the board due to declining property tax base, state funding cuts to support mandated services, increasing responsibilities eliminated from the state government being forced to counties, and increasing state regulation; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Gladwin County Board of Commissioners urges the legislature and the Governor to hold counties harmless from the increased County Child Care Fund expenses associated with the agreement reached between the Department of Human Services and Children's Rights; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution be distributed to the Governor, Senators \_\_\_\_\_, Representatives \_\_\_\_\_, and the Michigan Association of Counties for their consideration and action.

**ADOPTED THIS** 20<sup>th</sup> **DAY OF** April, 2009

*Laura Branden*  
Laura Branden  
Gladwin County Clerk