

Commissioner Minutes of February 28, 2012

The Gladwin County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session February 28, 2012. 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.

Chairman Reid and the Board then made a presentation to the Babcock family and read a Certificate of Appreciation by resolution. Mrs. Babcock thanked the Board for their support and help over the past weeks, noting that Commissioner Babcock enjoyed serving as a Commissioner. *Motion by Commissioner Walters, supported by Commissioner Carl to adopt the resolution presented to the Babcock family.* Roll call vote as follows: Walters – yes, Carl - yes, Rhode – yes, Reid – yes, Babcock – yes, Smith – yes, Whittington – yes. 7 yes, 0 no. Ayes carried, **resolution 2012-003 declared adopted.**

The items bolded from the consent agenda were then reviewed by the Board. *Motion by Commissioner Carl, supported by Commissioner Smith, to approve the consent agenda as drafted.* Commissioner Carl made comment about the 211 report and the “tax assistance” program. Commissioner Rhode explained that the Housing Commission works with the home owner to restructure their house payments and does not pay for their taxes. Commissioner Carl also stated that the Townships received a letter from EJournal on a technology showcase luncheon, commenting that he did not receive that letter which made it hard for him to answer questions from his townships about the program. Discussion. Ayes carried, **motion passed.**

The **cash balances** for the General Fund were then read by Commissioner Rhode. *General Fund - \$59,466.84.*

Public Comments – *None at this time.*

Gina Conrad came before the Board with an update on several issues.

- The 911 grant is complete, with the database at 65%, with a full completion date of March 20, 2012. After completion, there will be a meeting to correct any errors with the database prior to it being activated.
- The Road Commission has agreed to pay a one time fee to participate in the web mapping portion of GIS. *Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Walters, to receipt the payment into the web mapping line item of the GIS budget to use for the creation of future GIS web mapping tools.* Ayes carried, **motion passed.**
- On attending the NPDES conference where a new process was discussed requiring counties to apply for a permit prior to spray application. Ms. Conrad stated the permit usually requires a 180 day waiting period, but feels the DEQ will waive the waiting period for this year since it is a new program. *Motion by Commissioner Walters, supported by Commissioner Carl, to allow the Chairman to sign the permit application upon presentation.* Ayes carried, **motion passed.**

- On the new requirement to maintain a “Pesticide Discharge Management Plan”. Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Carl, supported by Commissioner Smith, to allow the Chairman to sign the document upon presentation and completion.* Ayes carried, **motion passed.**

Old Business –

- Commissioner Carl asked that the Board allow Chairman Reid to send a letter to Tim McGuire at MAC encouraging him to stay involved with the fracking issues in Gladwin County. Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Carl, supported by Commissioner Walters, to allow the Chairman to send the letter as discussed.* Ayes carried, motion passed.

New Business – none at this time.

Board Member comments –

Comments from the Chairman:

- On the need to appoint **Cynthia Kushner to another term of the Community Mental Health Board.** *Motion by Commissioner Walters, supported by Commissioner Smith, to appoint Ms. Kushner to another 3-year term expiring 3-31-2015.* Ayes carried, **motion passed.**
- On the Management Agreement and Termination of Agreement contracts with Parks and Rec. Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Carl, supported by Commissioner Walters, to table the contracts until the Parks and Rec committee can meet to review the contracts and give their opinion.* Ayes carried, **motion passed.**
- On issues with fracking in Sherman Township. The Board will wait to send correspondence on behalf of Sherman Township until the Building Official has his certification from the State.
- On the passing of Commissioner Babcock and the need to fill the vacancy. The Board has 30 days to make a replacement or a special election will need to be held in May. Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Carl, supported by Commissioner Walters, to send a letter to Beaverton and Grout townships asking for their recommendation in filling the vacancy.* Ayes carried, **motion passed.** The Board will send a letter to the Townships prior to their meetings on March 5th and 12th asking for a recommendation by their March 13th meeting.

Commissioner Walters commented on the fracking meeting held with Representative Johnson last night, noting it was a well attended and informative meeting.

Commissioner Carl stated that he also attended the fracking meeting and that most of the concerns had been addressed except the destruction of the roads and who was responsible for repair, noting their response was that of the Road Commission. Additional concerns were for the water table and the lack of restrictions of the distance between the water and oil wells.

Commissioner Rhode commented on the NMAC report of legislative activities, noting revenue sharing will be cut by 25% next year and that SB 5076 places burden on Courts to provide proof for additional funding.

Commissioner Whittington had no report to give, but stated that he had a nice time in Florida.

Commissioner Smith spoke about the re-opening of Calhoun Park. The Friends of Calhoun Park will be maintaining the campground and the BYRP will be in charge of the fields. The Council of Local Government met last night and voted the current set of officers to the Board. The Library Genealogical Society voted in a new president – Barb Curtindale with Peggy Clark as her assistant, noting they are both very active and will do a nice job. The duplicate genealogy materials will be donated to the Historical Society for their storage and use. An e-mail was sent to Allison at MOS asking her to review costs of the County's contract. There is a leased machine that is being charged a termination fee of \$1,350.00 to satisfy the lease. Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Carl, to pay the amount to terminate the lease from the computer services line. Ayes carried, motion passed.* Bob Frei has prepared an RFP for IT Services for review and consideration. The RFP is not ready for bid, but only for review. The committee will continue to work on the document and bring back to the board for their approval.

Commissioner Reid stated he has been working on the Gladwin County description of the Michigan County profile, noting each Board member should review the document and get with the Secretary on anything that needs to be added or changed. Commissioner Reid stated he would also like a report from the Clerk and Treasurer on the department 2012 year to date balances at the next finance meeting.

Department Head comments – none at this time.

Public Comments – Sarah Kile, Ten Sixteen Network, asked the Board to review the flyer she left with them on the SPARKS Empty Bowl event and the drug drop off sites in Gladwin and Beaverton. Discussion on 211 allocation funds by County and the need for the 211 program to be self funded by County.

Commissioner Smith reminded all in attendance of the "Souper Challenge" this Saturday at the Knights of Columbus.

Motion by Commissioner Carl, supported by Commissioner Walters, to adjourn. Ayes carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m. until the March 13, 2012 Regular Session meeting at 9:00 a.m. unless otherwise directed.

Laura Brandon-Maveal, Clerk

Josh Reid, Chairman

Resolution # 2012-003

WHEREAS, the Gladwin County Board of District Commissioners is saddened to learn of the death of William Babcock who passed away on February 23, 2012 and

WHEREAS, William Babcock was an enthusiastic and diligent member of the Gladwin County Board of District Commissioners, representing Grouse and Beaverton Townships and,


WHEREAS, William Babcock's service to Gladwin County reflected his commitment to the public and our country, with longstanding dedication to improving Veteran Services, after serving in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict.

NOW THEREFORE, by resolution of the Gladwin County Board of District Commissioners this Certificate of Appreciation is adopted on February 28, 2012.



Josh Reid, Chairman

Gladwin County Board of Commissioners



Terry Walters, Vice-Chairman

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