

Commissioner Minutes of March 13, 2012

The Gladwin County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session March 13, 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 commented that letter of recommendation had been received from Beaverton and Grout Townships in favor of Don Birgel being appointed to fill the vacancy of District #5 Commissioner. *Motion by Commissioner Carl, supported by Commissioner Walters, to appoint Don Birgel to the vacant position. Ayes carried, **motion passed.*** Commissioner Whittington abstained from voting.

The items bolded from the consent agenda were then reviewed by the Board. *Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Carl, to approve the consent agenda as drafted. Ayes carried, **motion passed.***

Mike Greer, District Court Magistrate, came before the Board with a request to appoint **Karen Willing as the Clare County Magistrate** to replace Rick LaBoda. Mr. Greer explained that because Ms. Willing is a resident of Gladwin County she must be appointed by the Gladwin Board with a \$50,000 bond, but then assigned by the Judge to Clare County. Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Carl, supported by Commissioner Walters, to appoint Ms. Willing as the Clare County Magistrate with all costs being associated to Clare County after her appointment by Judge Farrell. Ayes carried, **motion passed.***

Tosha Tunney, Hantz Group, came before the Board with request to be part of the next bid process for insurance coverages. The Secretary will schedule a time for Ms. Tunney to meet with Finance to go over proposals.

Gina Conrad, Gypsy Moth Coordinator, came before the Board with the **bids for aerial spray service**. Ms. Conrad stated that she only received two bids, and even though the bid from Heritage Ag, LLC (\$22.57/acre) was less than Al's Aerial Spraying, LLC (\$24.74/acre) she would like to continue using the service of Al's. Ms. Conrad explained the benefits of continued use of Al's, noting that Roscommon and Canada Creek were also making the recommendations to their Boards. Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Walters, to accept the bid from Al's Aerial Spraying at \$24.74/acre over 3 years with a "fuel clause" and giving the Chairman permission to sign the agreement once presented. Ayes carried, **motion passed.***

The **cash balances** for the General Fund were then read by Commissioner Rhode. *General Fund - \$(60,966.89). Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Carl, to allow the Treasurer to transfer funding from Unallocated as needed for bills and payroll (cash flow issue) with repayment to the fund by the end of the year. Roll call vote as follows: Walters – yes, Carl – yes, Rhode – yes, Reid – yes, Birgel – yes, Smith – yes, Whittington – yes. 7 yes, 0 no. Ayes carried, **motion passed.***

Lauren Essenmacher, City County Transit, came before the Board for permission to pursue a **renewal for the Council on Aging and Transit millages**. Ms. Essenmacher explained that this would be a renewal and for a five year period, noting as soon as the taxable figures are available she will bring the wording back to the Board for their approval. *Motion by Commissioner Carl, supported by Commissioner Smith, to allow Ms. Essenmacher to proceed with the millage renewal language as outlined.* Ayes carried, **motion passed**.

The Board then recessed from 9:20 – 9:27 a.m.

Rick Seebeck, Seebeck Family Foundation, came before the Board to discuss the **management agreement drafted for the Parks and Recreation area**. Commissioner Smith noted that the Parks and Rec committee reviewed the agreement and made recommendation that the Board adopt the agreement as drafted. Discussion. Mr. Seebeck noted that the garage would need to be utilized by the Park and that the County should work to get it cleaned out within a year, noting that under the agreement the park will be returned to the same or better condition if the contract is terminated for any reason. Commissioner Carl stated that the County should take photos of the park and lodge for the record. *Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Carl, to allow the Chairman to sign the Management Agreement as drafted between the County of Gladwin and the Seebeck Family Fund LLC and that the termination agreement of the old maintenance agreement be signed by the Chairman dismissing the current agreement as of today's date.* Discussion. Roll call vote as follows: Carl – yes, Rhode – yes, Reid – yes, Birgel – yes, Smith – yes, Whittington – no, Walters – yes. 6 yes, 1 no. Ayes carried, **motion passed**.

Old Business – none at this time.

New Business – none at this time.

Board Member comments –

Commissioner Walters stated that he had received a message from Sherman Township Supervisor, Walt Hart regarding “fracking”. There will be a meeting held on April 12, 2012 at 6 p.m. at Gladwin High School.

Veterans lost: William Molesworth, Sherman Township – Korea. Gordon Dugan, Beaverton Township – WWII. Don McDonald, Gladwin Township – WWII. Elbert Hoskinson, Gladwin City – WWII. Raymond Kornack, Sage Township-WWII.

Commissioner Carl commented on attending the Crime Stoppers basketball game on Sunday, noting it was a nice turnout. County Affairs had also met on March 7th and approved the \$32,000 expense to Boyce Hydro.

Commissioner Whittington stated he had attended the Bentley Township meeting last night and the Road Commission issue had been resolved. Commissioner Whittington

would also like the Finance committee to look into the court appointed attorney costs and what it is costing the County to maintain those services.

Commissioner Smith noted that Bob Frei and Doug Jacobson are working together to resolve the AT&T phone bill issue. Commissioner Smith also commented on attending the Tobacco Township meeting last night, noting that plans are being finalized to hold an art festival in August. The festival is being planned by new residents of the Township and will be looking to the Township for approval. The ribbon cutting for the Beaverton Medical Center is March 21st.

Commissioner Birgel thanked the Board for his appointment, noting that he has been working on staying current with County issues.

Commissioner Rhode stated that he is glad to see Commissioner Birgel back, noting he will be valuable to the Insurance committee. That **211 funding** is running out and that each County is being asked to contribute funds. Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Carl, to contribute \$1,000 from 101-101-801.000 to 211 funding.* Ayes carried, **motion passed.** Commissioner Rhode stated that the 3rd Annual Public Health Summit will be held April 10th. If any commissioners are interested in attending, they can register with him. EMCOG has published a list of grants by County showing what grants have been issued, for which project, and which have been completed or are in the works.

Finance Matters –

1. Mike Greer, District Court Magistrate, has requested permission to purchase the **STAR program through JMS for the interception of tax refunds on overdue fines and costs on court cases.** Cost of the program is **\$625.00** and can be paid from 101-136-933.000. *Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Walters, to allow for the purchase as requested.* Ayes carried, **motion passed.**
2. Minda McCartney, Jail Sergeant, is requesting that **hotel reservations** be made for an upcoming training in Grand Blanc. There will be two groups going down for training each group staying one night and requiring two rooms. Total cost is approximately **\$315.00** and will be paid from 264-000-607.000 once approved. *Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Carl, to approve the expense as outlined.* Ayes carried, **motion passed.**
3. Lt. Rabidue has made the following training requests to come from 285-000-804.000:
 - Bob Doyle for STOPS training at Delta from April 10-13th. Registration \$475.00 plus mileage and meals.
 - The Sergeants and Lieutenant to OWI training at Delta on March 13th. There is no cost to this training, only meals.
 - Bob Doyle for Firearms training at the Birch Run Police Department from April 30 – May 4th. Registration is \$500.00 plus mileage and meals.
 - Kyle Binger for Evidence Tech Training from May 7-11th at Delta. Registration is \$350.00 plus mileage and meals.
 - Four (4) Deputies for Motor Vehicle Code Update training on September 20th. Registration total is \$380.00 plus mileage and meals.
 - Matt Strunk for Interview and Interrogation on October 18-20th at Delta. Registration is \$420.00 plus mileage and meals.*Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Walters, to approve all trainings as outlined above.* Ayes carried, **motion passed.**
4. The County Clerk has requested to purchase her **3 year supply of case binders.** This amount is only budgeted every three years for a total of **\$1800.00**, and is available in the Clerk's budget. The 2000 case binders will be paid from 101-215-727.001 once approved. *Motion by*

Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Smith, to allow the Clerk to make the purchase as requested. Ayes carried, motion passed.

5. The County Clerk has also requested to enlarge the shelving area for the Vital Records (birth, death, marriage) in her vault. The proposed install will cost \$1375.00 and will provide shelving for 25-30 years of vital records. If approved, the cost can be taken from 101-215-933.000. *Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Whittington, to allow for the shelving purchase and install as outlined. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

Commissioner Carl asked that the 211 reports be sent monthly to the Townships for their review. Sarah Kile commented that she would be able to send the reports to the Townships if the Board would like. The Board Secretary will continue to forward the reports monthly as she receives them.

Comments from the Chairman:

- There was a discussion at the Department Head meeting regarding a separate line used for a “weather channel”. This would act as notice to the employees if the courthouse is closed for weather or other events. Chairman Reid would like the Data committee to look into the matter.
- On a recent FEMA meeting, noting that things are moving in the right directions and that the final report will be done by the end of May.
- There are trees leaning on the south garage. Maintenance will look into the issue to see if they need to be removed.
- On attending the “Souper Challenge” for the Gladwin Area Community Foundation, noting it was well attended.
- That employees interested in donating to United Way can see the Clerk for a payroll deduction form.

Department Head comments –

Laura Brandon-Maveal, County Clerk, would like authorization from the Board to use the county credit card for hotel lodging reservations without prior Board approval. The Clerk explained that many times reservations need to be made prior to the Board meeting in order to receive “block pricing” for conferences and trainings. Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Whittington, supported by Commissioner Carl, to allow the Clerk permission to use the credit card without prior Board authorization for lodging only. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

Mike Brubaker, 911 Director, commented that the department will be hiring to replace a dispatcher retiring in April.

Undersheriff Ray Hartwell asked the Board where they were at with the PDF for IT services. Commissioner Smith noted there would be a Data meeting next week to discuss the issue and that department heads are welcome to attend.

Undersheriff Hartwell also commented on an accident that occurred between a patrol unit and a civilian car. Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Walters, supported by Commissioner Carl, to allow the Undersheriff to proceed with an insurance claim (if needed) to repair the civilian car involved in the accident. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

Public Comments – none at this time.

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

*Motion by Commissioner Carl, supported by Commissioner Walters, to adjourn. Ayes carried. **Meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m. until the March 27, 2012 Regular Session meeting at 9:00 a.m. unless otherwise directed.***

Laura Brandon-Maveal, Clerk

Josh Reid, Chairman