

## Commissioner Minutes of March 24, 2009

*The Gladwin County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session March 24, 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 except Commissioner Reid who was excused to be in court.*

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

The **Regular Board minutes and Public Hearing minutes of March 10, 2009** were then considered. *Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Walters, to approve the minutes as presented.* Ayes carried, **motion passed.**

The **semi-monthly Finance report totaling \$175,806.77** was then considered for payment. *Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Carl, to approve the bills for payment as presented.* Ayes carried, **motion passed.**

### **Public Comments:**

**Bev Przystas, MSU**, thanked the Board for the action they took last meeting to allow her travel expenditure to Washington D.C., hoping that the entire Board read through the letter she had prepared to the Finance Committee outlining her anticipated yearly expenses. Ms. Przystas noted that she is very frugal with her department's spending and appreciated their action.

Commissioner Carl then brought the **resolution for Central Michigan Public Health Funding Costs** before the Board. Commissioner Carl commented that he has been working with Mary Kushion on past due Medicare payments due from the state to the Health Department totaling almost \$845,000.00. The State is now looking at further cuts to the Health Departments. Commissioner Carl then commented that this resolution will assist in taking care of the interests of the county residents. Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Carl, supported by Commissioner Rhode, to offer the resolution as presented.* Roll call vote as followed: Walters – yes, Carl – yes, Rhode – yes, Reid – excused, Posey – yes, Smith – yes, Whittington – yes. 6 yes, 1 excused. Ayes carried, **resolution 2009-007 declared adopted.**

The Board then reviewed the **resolution against the reduction of state funding to the MSU Extension program.** Bev Przystas spoke on the impact of the proposed reduction. Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Smith, to adopt the resolution as presented.* Roll call vote as followed: Carl – yes, Rhode – yes, Reid – excused, Posey – yes, Smith – yes, Whittington – yes, Walters – yes. 6 yes, 1 excused. Ayes carried, **resolution 2009-008 declared adopted.**

### **Correspondence from the Chairperson –**

- On communication from Braun Kendrick Finkbeiner on the June 29, 2009 Jury Trial.

- On the invoices from CMDA through February 2009.
- On the expenditures from the Griffin case.
- On a letter received from Billings Township stating that their Board has requested to the Road Commissioner that all roads within their township be open for ORV use.

Chairman Whittington then asked that the Data committee set up a meeting for the Elected Official and Department Heads to bring to them any *unfinished computer repairs or equipment problems*. Chairman Whittington then asked that they bring a recommendation back to the Board on how to remedy the situation.

**Doyle Donn**, Gladwin County Road Commissioner, came before the Board to discuss the hiring policies that are in place. Mr. Donn stated that the Board follows these policies very closely and that 204 applications were reviewed under those policies. Discussion. Commissioner Smith commented that she believes there was a slight misunderstanding; and that it was not her intention to question their hiring practice, only to make sure that if applicants were equal that a Gladwin County resident was hired. Commissioner Carl noted that his concern came from the Council of Local Government meeting in regards to the question to Mr. Sohlden that if the hired individuals were from Gladwin County. Discussion. Commissioner Carl stated that if a suitable explanation was given at the meeting then the Board would not be in this situation. Keith Edick, Road Commissioner, then explained that after the Counsel of Local Government meeting he had taken the resident aside and fully answered her question. Commissioner Whittington thanked Mr. Donn for his time in coming to the Board.

**Sherry Augustine**, Drain Commissioner, came before the Board with a **Resolution for Chappel Dam Special Assessment Bonds – Series 2009** for consideration. Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Carl, to adopt the resolution as presented by Ms. Augustine.* Roll call vote as follows: Rhode – yes, Reid – excused, Posey – yes, Smith – yes, Whittington – yes, Walters – yes, Carl – yes. 6 yes, 1 excused. Ayes carried, **resolution 2009 declared adopted.**

### ***Committee Reports***

#### **Commissioner Smith reported:**

- On attending the Beaverton City Counsel meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup>, noting an announcement of the May 5<sup>th</sup> school election, a renewal of the 18 mill non-homestead millage proposal, 2 candidates for School Board, and a backhoe purchased by the City.
- On attending the special Finance meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Commissioner Walters reported:**

- On attending the March 10<sup>th</sup> Parks & Recreation meeting, noting that he would enjoy the Board taking a tour of the grounds once the park has been opened.

- On attending the Sage Township meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup>, noting ORV was a topic of discussion.
- On attending the Sherman Township meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup>.
- On the March 17<sup>th</sup> Fair Board meeting, noting that fair setup and programs were discussed.
- On the March 19<sup>th</sup> Farm Show commenting that it looked great and was enjoyable.
- On attending the Public Safety meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Walters then shared with the Board the 6 Veterans who had passed away in February: Dora Yost – WWI, Jack Brown – Korea, Charles Stenger Jr. – WWII, John Phillips – WWII, Louis Toth – Korea, and James Shouse – Korea.

**Commissioner Posey reported:**

On the February 10<sup>th</sup> minutes that should reflect that Doug Jacobson did not look over and approve the revisions to the EJournal contract, but only prepared the initial contract for the Board.

On attending the Solid Waste meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup>, noting that they had a booth at the Farm Show. Jan Stewart spoke to the Board on the few items that are able to be recycled in Gladwin County, and the education they provide the youth of the County.

**Commissioner Carl reported:**

- On attending the Bourret Township meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup>.
- On the Clement Township meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup>.
- On attending the Butman Township meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup>.
- On the Gladwin Township meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup>, commenting that ORV was discussed, and that the township is satisfied with the roads that are open. Commissioner Carl then noted that each township should be encouraged to communicate with the Road Commission if they are satisfied with the road closures, or send revisions once their Board takes action.
- On attending the Building and Grounds meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

*Commissioner Carl then commented that he will be on vacation next month.*

**Commissioner Rhode reported:**

- On attending the Gladwin City Housing Commission meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup>.
- On the EDC meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup>, noting that stimulus package items were discussed.
- On the house numbering committee meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup>, commenting that funding and grant applications were discussed.
- On the Eastern Michigan Counsel of Government meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup>.

- On attending the MAC Conference on the 16<sup>th</sup>, noting that a lot of legislative items were discussed and resolutions passed.
- On the Human Services meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> with discussion on the 211 phone lines.
- On attending the Central Michigan Health meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup>.
- On the Michigan Works meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup>, noting that \$4 million was awarded for job location assistance.
- On the Finance meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup>.
- On attending the Downtown Blueprint showing on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### ***Finance Matters:***

1. Gina Conrad, Gypsy Moth has requested an upgrade to her **Arc View annual license**. Total cost of **\$613.54** includes a free year of tech support. If approved the cost will come from 239-000-933.000. *Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Posey, to approve the purchase as presented. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
2. Ms. Conrad has also requested a new **plotter printer**. Total cost of printer is **\$4475.00** and can be paid from 239-000-933.000 if approved. *Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Smith, to approve the purchase as outlined. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
3. Jan Stoike, Ass't 911 Director, is requesting that **3 dispatchers be allowed to attend a one day "911 Liability" training**. If approved cost to come from 282-000-804.001. *Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Smith, to approve the training request. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
4. Last meeting the Board passed the ORV ordinance and asked that **two revenue lines be created to deposit enforcement revenue by the District Court**. The Treasurer and Clerk have made the following suggestion: **Create fund 295**. Establish line items **295-000-601.201** for the 50% revenue for the Road Commission and **295-000-601.000** for the 50% revenue for the County. The Board should adopt the creation of these lines and all other line that may needed to be created within this fund by the Treasurer for maintenance of the fund. Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Carl, to allow the Clerk and Treasurer to create fund 295 and the respective line items as suggested. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
5. The Board then discussed the possibility of entering into a **CHRP grant for the funding of three new deputies for three years with the fourth year to be paid for solely by County funds**. Discussion on funding of the fourth year and the purchase of new vehicles. Commissioner Carl asked that if it had to be three deputies. Undersheriff Hartwell commented that any amount of officers could be requested, but the fourth year funding would be paid for by the County. Commissioner Smith noted that she does not believe that this issue can be tabled for a committee meeting, and that she is comfortable in handling it today. Commissioner Whittington noted that there are funding questions that he feels needs to be addressed before entering into this grant. Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Smith to allow the Sheriff to apply for two deputies under the CHRP grant with a committee of the Whole meeting to be setup to establish funding within a week. Motion supported by Commissioner Walters. Discussion. Ayes carried, motion passed. Commissioner Whittington voting no.*

Undersheriff Ray Hartwell then requested that the **Traffic Enforcement position be allowed to be posted and filled**. Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Carl, supported by Commissioner Smith, to allow the Undersheriff to fill the position as requested. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

**Frank Starkweather**, EDC, then came before the Board with an *update of events and grant information*.

*Chairman Whittington then recessed at 10:10 a.m.*

*Meeting called back to order at 10:20 a.m. by Chairman Whittington.*

Chairman Whittington then brought to the Board's attention a matter that needed direction in regards to **Good Friday**. Units 6 and 7 both have a full day off per contract and the Personnel Policy and Court Policy both state that offices will be opened until noon. Discussion. *The Board decided that there would be no change to the policy and that offices will remain open until noon.*

**Gina Conrad**, *Gypsy Moth / GIS*, came before the Board with a **presentation on the GIS system**. Ms. Conrad spoke on the program and the benefits to be realized. Discussion. Commissioner Whittington noted that he believes it would be beneficial to hold another meeting so that Ms. Conrad can have more time for her presentation. Commissioner Smith stated that she is pleased to know the information is readily available for public use.

Commissioner Whittington then asked for the Board to approve the **Correction Officers contract for adoption**, stating that signatures are still needed on the contract. Motion by Commissioner Carl, supported by Commissioner Smith, to approve the contract as presented. Ayes carried, motion passed.

Commissioner Whittington then presented the **audit agreement with Burnside and Lang** for consideration. *Motion by Commissioner Carl, supported by Commissioner Rhode, to enter into the letter of engagement with Burnside and Lang as provided.* Ayes carried, **motion passed**.

#### **Public Comments:**

**Christy VanTiem**, County Treasurer, briefed the Board on those departments comprised only of Unit 6 and 7 staff and that would be closed on Good Friday. The Board's Secretary will send a memo to the departments asking that they post notice that their office will be closed on Good Friday per union contract.

**Bob Frei**, IT Manager, then discussed options for monitor placement, and suggested that the monitor be located behind the desk of the Chairperson. Discussion.

*Commissioner Whittington noted that the next Finance meeting would be held in the Clerk's Office April 10, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.*

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

*Motion by Commissioner Carl, supported by Commissioner Posey, to adjourn. Ayes carried, **motion passed**. Meeting adjourned at 11:25 until April 14, 2009, unless otherwise directed.*

*Laura Brandon*

Laura Brandon  
County Clerk

*Terry Whittington*

Terry Whittington  
Chairman

**CENTRAL MICHIGAN PUBLIC HEALTH FUNDING CRISIS**

**Whereas**, the Central Michigan District Health Department is responsible for providing preventive and mandated public health services including but not limited to communicable disease control, food service sanitation, sexually transmitted disease control, immunizations, hearing and vision screenings, drinking water supply safety and onsite sewage management; and

**Whereas**, the agreement between local health departments and the State of Michigan to bear half the cost of providing these services has not been maintained by the state, and

**Whereas**, the burden of fulfilling these requirements to provide the most basic services is becoming increasingly more challenging for the local public health department to meet, and

**Whereas**, the demand for services such as Family Planning, immunizations, and WIC (Woman, Infants and Children) have increased exponentially in the past year due to the down-turn in Michigan's economy, and

**Whereas**, lack of increases in state funding has forced local health departments to shift local dollars to fund programs the state mandates and,

**Whereas**, proposed cuts in the family planning services will result in 4,000 less women being served in the state. Teen pregnancy increased in the state in 2006 for the first time since the early 1990's and about 50% of those births are covered by Medicaid -- the state should be increasing this preventive care line item rather than reduce it and,

**Whereas**, CMDHD is waiting on Medicaid cost-settlements payments for the state totaling over \$800,000.00 for previous fiscal years dating back to the FY2003/2004 and,

**Whereas**, CMDHD is waiting (as of 3/13/09) for payment on Department of Human services billing that were submitted in January 2009 which total an estimated \$45,000.00 and

**Whereas**, CMDHD is now experiencing payment delays of its Medicaid billings from the state for Maternal/Infant health program, visits that previously had been paid within 7-10 days, and now is experiencing delays of 4 weeks/28 days.

**Therefore be it resolved**, that the Gladwin County Board of Commissioners hereby requests the Michigan State Legislature add \$5 million for the Local Public Health Operations in the Department of Community Health budget for fiscal year 2010, and

**Be it further resolved**, that the Gladwin County Board of Commissioners requests the Michigan State legislature restore the following cuts proposed in the Governor's budget, Recommendation:

- Reductions in Sexually Transmitted Disease funding
- Reductions in Family Planning funding
- Elimination of methamphetamine clean-up funding
- Reductions to chronic disease prevention
- Elimination of funding for poison control centers
- Elimination of funding for the Nurse Family Partnership

And,

**Be it further resolved**, the Gladwin County Board of Commissioners implores the Michigan State Legislature to take the actions necessary to assure timely and prompt payment of all the monies owed to the Central Michigan District Health Department, and Not make further reductions to State Revenue Sharing payments to counties and,

**Be it finally resolved**, that a copy of this resolution be submitted to the Michigan House and Senate Appropriations Committees, and to the Michigan state senators and representatives serving the residents of Arenac, Clare, Gladwin, Isabella, Osceola, and Roscommon Counties.



Laura Brandon  
Gladwin County Clerk



**COUNTY OF GLADWIN**  
**STATE OF MICHIGAN**  
**Resolution # 2009-008**

**WHEREAS**, Michigan State University (MSU) Extension helps people improve their lives through an educational process that applies knowledge to critical issues, needs, and opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, MSU Extension in Gladwin County utilizes the research and knowledge base of the state's land grant university, first established by President Lincoln through Morrill Act in 1862; and

**WHEREAS**, MSU Extension in Gladwin County provides 4-H programming for youth, offers Master Gardening Training, works with agricultural producers, offers nutrition education, offers training about land use and planning laws and policies, provides family financial management education, educates county commissioners and other officials on local government issues, policies and procedures, and provides volunteer development programming; and

**WHEREAS**, MSU Extension helps to reduce economic losses by providing the most current research to agricultural producers and industries, offers opportunities for youth to grow and learn in safe environments with caring adults, and reduces health care cost by teaching youth and families how to select and prepare nutritious meals; and

**WHEREAS**, Gladwin County currently provides \$68,666.00 to help support MSU Extension programming. The county investment is coupled with state and federal appropriations, as well as grants, ensuring that the programming will meet the needs and interests of the county's citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Michigan currently provides \$30 million in funding for MSU Extension, and eliminating half of that funding would destroy this important educational network; and

**WHEREAS**, MAES, and MSU Extension leverage another \$148 million in other funding sources based on the \$63 million appropriation of state funds to both programs and generate a total economic impact of \$1,062 billion per year;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Gladwin County Board of Commissioners opposes a 50% reduction of funding for MSU Extension and the Michigan Agricultural Experiment Station; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Board wishes to convey to Michigan Governor Jennifer Granholm and to the State Legislators that the 50% reduction of state funding for MSU Extension and the Michigan Agricultural Experiment Station is an unacceptable solution to the State's budget problem.

**STATE OF MICHIGAN**

**COUNTY OF GLADWIN**

I, Laura Brandon, Clerk of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Gladwin, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution passed by the Gladwin County Board of Commissioners at a regular meeting held on March 24, 2009.

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of Gladwin, Michigan, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of March 2009.

  
Laura Brandon, County Clerk

2009-009

At a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Gladwin held in the City of Gladwin, Michigan, on March 24, 2009.

PRESENT: Walters - Carl - Rhode - Posey - Smith -  
Whittington

ABSENT: Reid (excused)

The following resolution was offered by Rhode and seconded by Carl:

RESOLUTION RE: Chappel Dam Special Assessment Bonds, Series 2009

WHEREAS, proceedings have been taken by the Gladwin County Drain Commissioner, as "delegated authority" of the County of Gladwin (the "County") pursuant to Part 307 of Act 451, Public Actions of Michigan, 1994, as amended ("Part 307") to undertake a project to establish and maintain a revised normal lake level for Wiggins Lake, including improvements to Chappel Dam (collectively, the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Part 307, the Drain Commissioner has taken construction bids for the Project, has prepared an estimate of the cost of the Project in the amount of \$2,040,000, based on the bids received, and has prepared a special assessment roll (the "Special Assessment Roll") assessing the sum of \$2,040,000 against property and public corporations in the Chappel Dam Special Assessment District (the "Special Assessment District"), said cost estimate and

Special Assessment Roll having been approved by resolution of the Board of Commissioners adopted on June 5, 2007 as provided in Part 307; and

WHEREAS, the Drain Commissioner, by order dated March 17, 2009 (the "Order"), has authorized and provided for the issuance by the Special Assessment District of bonds (the "Bonds") in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$1,965,000 to pay part of the costs of the Project, in anticipation of the collection of an equal amount of special assessments against property and public corporations in the Special Assessment District; and

WHEREAS, the Bonds are to be designated "Chappel Dam Special Assessment Bonds, Series 2009", and will bear interest at a rate not exceeding 7% per annum; and

WHEREAS, the Drain Commissioner deems it advisable and necessary to obtain from this Board a resolution consenting to the pledge of the full faith and credit of the County on the Bonds; and

WHEREAS, the Project is necessary to protect and preserve the public health and therefore it is in the best interest of the County of Gladwin that the Bonds be sold.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF GLADWIN:

1. The estimate of cost of the Project in the amount of \$2,040,000 and the Special Assessment Roll, as previously approved by this Board of Commissioners, are ratified and confirmed. The special assessments on the Special Assessment Roll shall be payable in installments as provided in the Order. The issuance of the Bonds by the Special Assessment District as provided in the Order is approved.

2. Pursuant to the authorization provided in Section 30705 of Part 307, the Gladwin County Board of Commissioners does hereby irrevocably pledge the full faith and credit of the County of Gladwin for the prompt payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds, and does agree that in the event that the property owners or public corporations in the Special Assessment District shall fail or neglect to account to the County Treasurer of the County of Gladwin for the amount of any special assessment installment and interest, when due, then the

amount thereof shall be immediately advanced from County funds, and the County Treasurer is directed to immediately make such advancement to the extent necessary.

3. In the event that, pursuant to said pledge of full faith and credit, the County of Gladwin advances out of County funds, all or any part of said installment and interest, it shall be the duty of the County Treasurer, for and on behalf of the County of Gladwin, to take all actions and proceedings and pursue all remedies permitted or authorized by law for the reimbursement of such sums so paid.

4. The County Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed, if necessary, to file with the Department of Treasury an application for approval of the Bonds.

5. The County Treasurer is hereby authorized to execute a certificate of the County to comply with the continuing disclosure undertaking of the County with respect to the Bonds pursuant to paragraph (b)(5) of SEC Rule 15c2-12 issued under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and amendments to such certificate from time to time in accordance with the terms of such certificate (the certificate and any amendments thereto are collectively referred to herein as the "Continuing Disclosure Certificate"). The County hereby covenants and agrees that it will comply with and carry out all of the provisions of the Continuing Disclosure Certificate.

6. All resolutions and part of resolutions, insofar as the same may be in conflict with the provisions of this resolution, be and the same hereby are rescinded.

ADOPTED: Yeas: Rhoads - Posey - Smith - Whittington -  
Walters - Carl

Nays: (none)

STATE OF MICHIGAN    )  
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COUNTY OF GLADWIN   )

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting County Clerk of the County of Gladwin, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by a two-thirds vote of the members elect of the Gladwin County Board of Commissioners at a regular meeting of said Board of Commissioners held on March 24, 2009, the original of which is on file in my office.

I further certify that notice of the meeting was given in accordance with the Open Meetings Act.

  
County Clerk

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