

Commissioner Minutes of March 26, 2013

The Gladwin County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, March 26, 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.

Commissioner Carl asked that the proposed budget recommendation from the Financial Coordinator be added to the agenda for discussion. Motion by Commissioner Carl, supported by Commissioner Walters, to approve the consent agenda as amended. Ayes carried, motion passed.

The cash balances were then read by Commissioner Whittington. *General Fund - \$59,627.66, which includes a \$350,000 advancement from Unallocated.*

Public Comments – none at this time.

Scott Redman and Sarah Kile, 211 Services, came before the Board with an update and 211 presentation. Discussion by the Board on the importance of the program in the area, but concerned with funding issues and their ability to make an appropriation.

Comments from the Chairman:

- Neil Hammerbacher, Financial Coordinator, sent a memorandum to the Board members on the need to cut the public safety budget by \$500,000. These cuts will assist the Board in a 13% fund balance by the year end of 2014. The Finance committee will be meeting with the Sheriff after the department head meeting tomorrow to review the proposal. Commissioner Carl urged the committee to continue to work with Neil to resolve the issues with the budget and to continue to meet to bring information back to the Board. Commissioner Walters noted that he understands the need for public safety and would ask that the committee continue to work on the budget. Commissioner Whittington stated that no department likes to be cut, but will be considering a law enforcement millage. Chairman Reid stated that the County must work toward generating local revenue then depending on State revenues that have fallen short in the past. Discussion. Sheriff Shea spoke on his concerns with “comparing” counties.
- On the correspondence from Judge Evans on the **re-appointment of George Chelenyak to the Jury Board**. *Motion by Commissioner Carl, supported by Commissioner Birgel, to make the appointment as recommended. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
- Rick Seebeck has asked the Board for permission to **submit a grant through USDA for a kitchen remodel at the Lodge**. Mr. Seebeck will require a 2012 audit and balance sheet to submit with the application. *Motion by Commissioner Walters, supported by Commissioner Carl, to allow for the application and submission of documents as requested. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
- **Marie Monaghan has submitted her resignation from the Human Services Board after 32 years of service**. *Motion by Commissioner Whittington, supported by Commissioner Carl, to accept the resignation with regrets. Ayes*

carried, **motion passed**. The Board members will take the open position back to their townships for interested parties.

- **MMRMA has submitted their renewal documents for signature.** *Motion by Commissioner Reid, supported by Commissioner Whittington, to allow the Chairman to sign the paperwork and roll the additional liability funding over to this fiscal year. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

Commissioner Reports by District -

Commissioner Walters reported:

- That he attended the Gladwin City meeting, noting the Board had recognized Dave Bonham for 20 years of services to the Ice Arena. The City also received funding from Consumers Energy for the garden on Weber Road, commenting that the City has written a lot of grants and he is very impressed with the many projects they have accomplished through grant writing.

Veterans who have been lost: Vance Southwell, Beaverton Township – Korea. Charles Ferrell, Gladwin City – WWII. Ann Martin, Beaverton City – Korea. Glenn Berry, Grout Township – Korea. Lawrence Wendell, Beaverton City – WWII. Garold Fetteroff, Hope Township – Korea.

Commissioner Carl reported:

- On the Billings Township meeting on the Wixom Lake issue, noting there were 100+ people there and the committee is working through the beginning stages.
- On attending his Township meetings, noting similar concern with not receiving their flood maps. Discussion with Drain Commissioner Evans. The Townships will be notified next week that they can pick their maps up, or have them delivered.

Commissioner Birgel reported:

- On attending the Beaverton City meeting, noting they are still working with Beaverton Township and Tobacco to finalize funding and plans for the fire hall.
- That he attended the Fair Board meeting. The Fair Board is working on “extra events” outside of the Fair to raise revenues. A list of 2013 events has been given to the Board and will be sent out to the Townships. The 1st Annual Mud Bog will be held April 13th at 1:00 p.m.

Commissioner Whittington reported:

- That he is proud that the Sheriff has solved all of the recent crimes, noting it has been the topic of discussion in Billings over the past few weeks.
- On attending the EDC meeting.
- That he attended the DPW meeting.
- On attending the Airport meeting.
- That he attended the Bourret, Secord, Bentley, Grim and Billings meetings.

Finance Matters:

1. The Finance committee researched the option of putting an ATM in the building. This would be of no cost or maintenance to the County. *Motion by Commissioner Whittington, supported by Commissioner Carl, to approve the proposal for the ATM as presented for review. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
2. The resolution adopted for MERS has been adjusted to include each qualifying unit. *Motion by Commissioner Whittington, supported by Commissioner Walters, to acknowledge the changes by MERS as reviewed. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
3. Paul Graveline, Recovery Court Coordinator, has requested \$7500 of their allocated monies to be paid out to Clare County for recovery court expenses. The Board will need to take action to allow the Clerk to make payment to Clare County as requested. Mr. Graveline has been contacted to provide 2012 expense funding to the Board for their review. *Motion by Commissioner Whittington, supported by Commissioner Carl, to approve the payment to Clare County upon receipt of the funding report. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
4. Gladwin Ace Hardware has consolidated the County's accounts down to only one account. A motion is needed to allow the eight (8) open accounts to be closed and a new account to be open. A list of designated "signers/chargers" will need to be compiled to give to Gladwin Ace to begin April 1, 2013. *Motion by Commissioner Whittington, supported by Commissioner Birgel, to allow for the accounts to be closed and for the Secretary to compile a list of "new signers".* Chairman Reid commented that each department should make sure their signature is legible when signing any bill for county purchases. *Ayes carried, motion passed.*
5. Mike Brubaker, 911 Director, has requested that the following training requests be approved: Two (2) dispatchers to "Stress Management" training at Oakland Community College. Total cost is \$380.00 for the training with one night of lodging at \$71.79/night. The second training is for (4) four dispatchers to "Dispatching Suicide Calls" in Saginaw. There is no lodging for this request, only \$1060.00 for the course and meal reimbursement. All costs for the two (2) trainings are to be paid from 282-000-804.001. *Motion by Commissioner Whittington, supported by Commissioner Carl, to allow for the training as requested. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
6. Gina Conrad, GIS, presented a request from Spicer's for the parcel data shape file. The cost will be \$6000 for the data if the committee recommends charging Spicer's for the information for the drain assessment. Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Whittington, supported by Commissioner Walters, to charge Spicer for the data as recommended by the Finance Committee. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
7. Undersheriff Hartwell has requested that Sheriff Shea be allowed to attend the 2013 Summer Training Conference in Bellaire. Total cost for registration is \$275.00 with 2 nights of lodging. Registration costs are to be paid from 285-000-804.000 and lodging from 101-301-804.000 upon approval. *Motion by Commissioner Whittington, supported by Commissioner Carl, to allow the Sheriff to attend conference with the costs as outlined. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
8. The Board needs to approve the Treasurer the authority to advance funds from the 239 Gypsy Moth fund to the General Fund to pay the County bills and payroll. All funding that is advanced will be repaid by the end of the year. *Motion by Commissioner Whittington, supported by Commissioner Walters, to advance the funding as needed and to repay by the end of the year with interest. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

Commissioner Reid reported:

- On a letter received from Unisom asking for use of the Breault tower for equipment. The committee stated that the tower is at capacity and that no further equipment can be placed. A letter will be sent notifying Unicom.
- That a letter has been sent to the Townships on the ORV mapping issues.
- On attending the Farm Show, noting it was very successful and well attended.

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

Public Comments –

Tab Faber asked what the Board had planned for the placement of the ATM machine. Chairman Reid commented that it is only for the ease of the residents and as a benefit to the County offices. Mr. Faber commented that he does have a copy of the video from the meeting held at Billings Township on the Wixom issue. Chairman Reid stated that he would like to send a copy of the video and the meeting minutes to Joel Johnson for his review since he was not able to attend.

Gina Conrad spoke on the completed zoning layer districts for the County zoned Townships plus Sage Township, noting they will be online soon. The Point Addressing project is ready to start.

*Motion by Commissioner Whittington, supported by Commissioner Walters, to adjourn. Ayes carried, **motion passed**. Meeting adjourned at 10:03 a.m., until April 9, 2013 at 9:00 a.m., unless otherwise ordered.*

Laura Brandon-Maveal
County Clerk

Josh Reid
Chairman