

Commissioner Minutes of April 24, 2012

The Gladwin County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session April 24, 2012. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. Chairman Reid. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call found all Commissioners present, except for Commissioner Carl who had been excused.

The items bolded from the **consent agenda** were then reviewed by the Board. Chairman Reid noted that Commissioner Smith would be reviewing the IT proposal for approval and would need to be added as part of the agenda. *Motion by Commissioner Walters, supported by Commissioner Rhode, to approve the consent agenda as drafted with the addition of the IT Service proposal. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

The **cash balances** for the General Fund were then read by Commissioner Rhode. *General Fund - \$50,821.39. This balance was after payment of the bi-weekly payroll and an advance of \$670,000 from Unallocated.*

Public Comments – none at this time.

Commissioner Smith reviewed the interviews on April 19th with the three companies that bid for IT services, noting IT Right was “the overwhelming choice”. The annual cost will be \$22,000 and will be prorated for the year beginning May 1, 2012 with deferred billing until July 2012. The same contract price will carry to 2013, with the potential addition of 911 services. There will be no additional funding needed in the 2012 budget due to Paul Smith leaving employment and extra funding in the 101-258-815.006 line because of accelerated BS&A payments for new software and server in 2011. *Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Birgel, to contract with IT Right for 2012-13 at the cost of \$22,000 annually. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

Molly Whetstone, Equalization Director, came before the Board with the 2012 **Equalization Report**. Ms. Whetstone reviewed the assessed and equalized factors with the Board. Discussion on Township responsibilities and software issues. *Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Walters, to approve the Equalization Report as submitted. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

Linda Kaufmann, Executive Director- Mental Health, came before the Board with an **update for Mental Health for Central Michigan**. Ms. Kaufmann gave an overview of revenues and expenditures. Paul Kronstrom, Clare/Gladwin Director, provided information to the Board on the “Wish” program.

Carol Brubaker, City County Transit, came before the Board with a **contract for replacement of climate control furnaces** for the garages. *Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Carl, to accept the project and execute the contract by resolution. Roll call as follows: Walters – yes, Carl – absent, Rhode – yes, Reid – yes, Birgel – yes, Smith – yes, Whittington – yes. 6 yes, 1 absent. Resolution 2012-006 declared adopted.*

Old Business – none at this time.

New Business – none at this time.

Board Member comments –

Commissioner Walters commented on attending the Legislative Breakfast on the 13th, noting it was well attended. Commissioner Walters also attended the EJournal “Connect Michigan” program on the 16th stating that the program is a good opportunity for Gladwin County and that Township and Cities need to be on board with the project. Sherman Township hosted a meeting with Johnson and Moolenaar on April 12th regarding fracking and the Council of Local Government met last night with many speakers present.

Commissioner Whittington commented that he had attended the Airport meeting.

Commissioner Smith stated that Beaverton Community Day will be May 12th. The Northern Tradition fundraiser was held Sunday at Jay’s, noting it is always a great way to support MMCC and their students. Commissioner Smith commented on attending the Data meeting, thanking the Board for approving the IT Right contract and that there is a Genealogy Library report in addition to the usage report for the Board to review and take to their Townships.

Commissioner Birgel reported that the Fuel Farm at the Airport is open and that the “traffic” has increased, noting it was a good turn in the right direction. The Fair Board meeting was very interesting, stating that more events (mud bog and mud drags) would be added to utilize more of the grounds and increase interest. Commissioner Birgel will make sure the Board gets a copy of the Fair events for their review. Commissioner Birgel will be participating in a “long term strategy committee” to formulate a plan for future funding of the Fair. Commissioner Birgel then spoke on attending the Ejournal meeting, the “fracking” meeting and the Beaverton City meeting. Commissioner Birgel stated he does have Lincoln Day Dinner tickets for sale for anyone who may be interested.

Commissioner Rhode spoke about re-structuring at Michigan Works and the legislative update given by Northern MAC on the new health care law wording. Commissioner Rhode attended the Gladwin City Council meeting where there was a presentation by a law firm on the new health care law, noting it was a good presentation. The 211 program is working on collecting their goal of \$3,859.00 in Gladwin County funding, commenting that they are short \$934.00 at this point.

Finance Matters

1. Gina Conrad, Gypsy Moth Coordinator, has requested the below budget amendment:

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*Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Whittington, to approve the budget amendment as requested. Ayes carried, **motion passed.***

2. Deborah Hundley, 911 Dispatcher, has retired and is eligible for her retirement payout in the amount of \$5,003.10. This payment will come from 101-422-704.000 and is acceptable under her union contract. *Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Walters, to make the payment as outlined. Ayes carried, **motion passed.***

Commissioner Reid spoke on the following topics:

- On the letter prepared by Joel Johnson to the DEQ on behalf of Sherman Township.
- On a request from the Gladwin Ministerial Society to hold a public gathering at the Courthouse on May 3, 2012 in observance of the National Day of Prayer. Discussion. The Secretary will have the requestor fill out the appropriate form and allow the Maintenance Supervisor to handle the request.
- That he will be covering a work release program with Judge Farrell and Sheriff Shea in Finance.
- On receiving a bill from Consumers Energy for the final month of payment for the Parks and Rec area. *Motion by Commissioner Reid, supported by Commissioner Walters, to pay the bills from 101-756-920.000. Ayes carried, **motion passed.***
- That a committee will meet with Rick Seebeck regarding insurance liability coverage for the grounds at the Park.
- The Sheriff has entered into agreement for "Noise Ordinance" enforcement with Secord Township.
- That the FEMA deadline is the middle part of May and the need to check with the Drain Commissioner on any issues that need to be addressed, or are outstanding.
- On attending the FEMA and Data meetings.
- On various "State issues" such as Personal Property Tax, unfunded mandates, revenue sharing, Judicial Dashboard compliance, etc. These issues are all impacting the Counties financially which "corrodes" the foundation of the State.

Commissioner Rhode commented that the Uniform Addressing committee will be getting started up again soon. Gina Conrad and Mike Brubaker commented on the roads that have already been identified as needing "clean-up" and that the committee should be structured to include many people with interest in the project.

Public Comments – Mike Brubaker, 911 Director, gave an update on the Breault tower monitoring system, noting that he needs to meet with the Data committee to discuss options to alleviate signaling problems. Discussion. The Data committee will meet May 1st at 9:00 a.m.

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

Motion by Commissioner Walters, supported by Commissioner Whittington, to adjourn.
**Ayes carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m. until the May 8, 2012 Regular
Session meeting at 9:00 a.m. unless otherwise directed.**

Laura Brandon-Maveal, Clerk

Josh Reid, Chairman