

Commissioner Minutes of June 25, 2013

The Gladwin County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, June 25, 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, except Commissioner Walters who had been excused for work.

The **cash balances** were then read by Commissioner Whittington. *General Fund - \$56,948.94, which includes a \$655,000 advancement from Unallocated, \$350,000 from Gypsy Moth and \$325,000 from E911.*

Commissioner Carl asked that he be allowed to do his report early, due to an appointment at 9:45 that he will be excusing himself for.

Commissioner Carl reported:

- On the letter that has been received from Tom Dunn on the mud bog issues. Commissioner Carl asked that this issue be sent back to the Planning and Zoning Committees for their recommendation.
- That he attended the Council of Local Government meeting last night.
- That all of his Townships are interested in a countywide mosquito spray.
- On the Planning Commission meeting May-June-July-August as a regular schedule and the rest of the year on an "as needed basis". This must be approved by public hearing. Commissioner Carl will keep the Board posted on the process.

*Motion by Commissioner Whittington, supported by Commissioner Birgel, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Ayes carried, **motion passed.***

Public Comments – Don Zackett, member of the Wixom Lake Improvement committee and the Dam Project Study Group. Mr. Zackett produced a flyer with "frequently asked questions" and reviewed it with the Board.

Linda Kaufman, Director – CMHCM, came before the Board with an annual update with Gladwin Program Director, Craig Derror. Ms. Kaufman spoke on the importance of local dollars to match funding and issues facing Michigan residents right now. Community Mental Health is working on "doing more with less" by focusing on effective programs that will benefit the majority of the residents seeking service.

Chairman Reid commented that Rick Seebeck will not be able to attend today to give a Parks and Rec update; however the tractor was sold at auction this weekend for \$2,000.

Commissioner Reports by District -

Commissioner Birgel reported:

- On the interview process for a Director for Central Michigan Health Department, noting that they are down to the last three candidates. The new Director will start in August and have a 30 day transition window.
- The he attended the Beaverton City meeting.

- On the financial issues for the Fair Board.
- That he attended the Airport meeting, commenting that everything is going well with their operations.

Commissioner Whittington reported:

- On attending the Secord Township meeting, noting they run a very nice meeting.
- That he has attended several Finance meetings over that past two weeks.

Finance Matters:

1. Rick Ghent, Maintenance Supervisor, has submitted a quote for repairs to a jail cell. Total cost is \$1,795.00 and will be paid from 101-351-930.000 upon approval. *Motion by Commissioner Whittington, supported by Commissioner Birgel, to approve the repairs as outlined. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
2. Christy VanTiem, County Treasurer, has requested to attend her annual conference at Crystal Mountain. Lodging costs are \$197.67 with a registration fee of \$125.00. Costs to be paid from 101-253-860.000 once approved. *Motion by Commissioner Whittington, supported by Commissioner Carl, to allow the Treasurer to attend her conference as requested. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
3. The draft audit has been provided for your review. *Motion by Commissioner Whittington, supported by Commissioner Birgel, to approve the audit as prepared and allow the F65 to be filed with the State. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

Commissioner Reid reported:

- That he received a letter from Borushko regarding the Courts health care concerns. Mr. Borushko is working with Cadillac Insurance and may require a special Board meeting depending what the outcome is.
- A letter has been drafted to be sent to the Unions on a date for a review of the County's financial status. The proposed date is July 25, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. The committee will encourage the Unions to review the audit and be prepared to ask any questions. Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Carl, supported by Commissioner Birgel, to allow the Chairman to sign the letter and send to the Unions. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
- A list of interested Townships in the countywide mosquito spray has been compiled. This will be a project that the Board works on during the winter months for next year. Commissioner Carl commented that Townships have commented on the difference of spray costs by Township and that it would be nice to have a uniform program.
- On the NACO newsletter article regarding expunged court records, noting that he would pass this information on to the Courts for their review.
- On emails received from a resident, noting she may send them to the entire Board, but her concerns are being addressed.
- A "land patent packet" has been given to the Board by Tom Dunn for their review and consideration.
- Region VII has submitted their annual plan to the Board. Commissioners are welcome to review the document.
- On communications from JRSJ, a law office, who worked with MMRMA on the settlement of a lawsuit seven years ago. The firm is requesting permission to destroy the documents that are outside of their retention period. *Motion by Commissioner Whittington, supported by Commissioner Carl, to direct the*

Chairman to allow them to destroy the case file as requested. Ayes carried, motion passed.

- The Department of Human Services has submitted an amended grant application to the State. A copy of the amended budget/application is available for the Board to review.
- On the need to work with the Amish community on reflective lighting on their buggies to prevent additional accidents. Chairman Reid has considered sending a resolution to MAC so that they can also work on the issue. Discussion. The Sheriff and Chairman Reid will look into the matter further.
- Jackie Morgan will be here at 10:00 today for signatures on the Parks and Rec grant through USDA.
- That he has attended several Finance meetings over the past two weeks.
- On attending the Council of Local Government meeting last night.

Public Comments – Bob Balzer spoke on the partnerships between Michigan Works and EDC, noting employment in Gladwin County is looking better. MMCC is holding their graduation today for Welding and CENA students, noting these graduates will be out looking for employment. Mr. Balzer informed the Board of several training seminars he will be attending this summer.

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

Motion by Commissioner Carl, supported by Commissioner Reid, to adjourn. Ayes carried, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m., until July 9, 2013 at 9:00 a.m., unless otherwise ordered.

Laura Brandon-Maveal
County Clerk

Josh Reid
Chairman