

## Commissioner Minutes of June 26, 2012

*The Gladwin County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session June 26, 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 Commissioner Whittington who had been excused. Chairman Reid commented that he had visited Commissioner Whittington at home last evening, noting he was doing much better and asked to tell everyone hello.*

The items bolded from the **consent agenda** were then reviewed by the Board. Chairman Reid stated that he would be adding Joel Johnson and the May Library Board reports to the agenda. *Motion by Commissioner Carl, supported by Commissioner Walters, to approve the consent agenda as amended. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

The **cash balances** for the General Fund were then read by Commissioner Rhode. *General Fund - \$13,241.25 after finance bills had been paid and advances from Unallocated and Gypsy Moth.*

**Public Comments – Marcy Klaus, Candidate for Probate Judge**, came before the Board and reviewed with them her experience and legal background; asking them for their support in August.

**Joel Johnson, State Representative**, came before the Board with an update on the unemployment and gambling issues before the State. Representative Johnson also spoke on Fracking and Vocational training in schools. Sheriff Michael Shea spoke about the lack of State Trooper coverage in Gladwin County and the funded addition of Troopers by the State in areas such as Flint and Detroit. Discussion on grant funding and introduction of legislature to repeal helmet laws for insurance policies .

**Diane Whiting, Sherman Township Resident**, spoke to the Board about her concern with fracking. Ms. Whiting gave a presentation and provided handouts for the Board and those in attendance.

**Lauren Essenmacher, Council on Aging**, came before the Board with the **2012/13 budget** for their review and consideration. Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Carl, to approve the budget as presented.* Roll call vote as follows: Walters – yes, Carl – yes, Rhode – yes, Reid – yes, Birgel – yes, Smith – yes, Whittington – excused. 6 yes, 1 excused. Ayes carried, **motion passed.**

**Drain Commissioner Bob Evans and Lee Mueller** came before the Board with updates to the **Flood Plan study**. Mr. Evans reviewed a two year timeline of events with an agreed completion date of May 31, 2012. The final data has been collected and produced into the model for completion with in 2-3 weeks. Mr. Mueller commented that the goal of the study is to provide FEMA will a map that they can't dispute and that format will be submitted to FEMA for their consideration. Discussion by Board and Township Officials. Commissioner Reid stated that communication is key and there is a huge gap

in communication that needs to be resolved, noting this is a large investment that has been made by the community and townships and that everyone needs to be on the same page and that it is in everyone's best interest to handle things correctly. Mr. Evans noted that he should be the direct contact with FEMA, commenting that others that get involved with calling is what breaks down communication. Discussion on appeal period and use of generated maps. The Board urged Mr. Mueller to write a letter of response to FEMA letting them know the time frame in which the project will be completed and provide a copy of that letter to the Board and Townships. Mr. Mueller ensured the Board that the letter would be completed by the end of the week. Mr. Evans inquired whether an additional meeting is needed to discuss the letter to be drafted by Mueller. Commissioner Carl stated that all Township representatives were invited to attend this meeting and that there was no need to have any additional delay in getting the letter to FEMA. The Board gave permission to the Drain Commissioner and Chairman Reid to read, review and send the letter on behalf of the County and Townships. Discussion on sharing correspondence and updating the timeline plan with the County and Townships.

*The Board then took recess from 10:45 to 10:55 a.m.*

*New Business –*

- The Finance committee will be working on new retirement options to share with the union groups.
- The Board received a letter from Barb Shafer expressing her interest in being appointed to the ZBA Board. Discussion on conflict of interest. The Board will draft a letter to Mrs. Shafer letting her know that it is not illegal for her to serve on the ZBA with her husband who is also a member, but the County Attorney would discourage it, and allow her to make the final decision.
- The Chairman has received a letter from Earl Chervus resigning from the Gypsy Moth Committee after 22 years. The Board will present Mr. Chervus with his plaque at the next meeting. Joanne Cameron is interested in being appointed to the vacancy. Commissioner Carl asked that the Board advertise for interested parties before making a decision.
- Rick Seebeck met with the committee and gave an update on plans and renovations to the Lodge.
- Each department should look into the use of credit card payments. There will be discussion on the matter at the Department Head meeting.
- Each Commissioner needs to inquire at their "outside committee meetings" about handling attendance at meetings once the Board goes down to 5 members.
- Pam Weaver from the Road Commission and Karen Nunn from Friend of the Court will both be retiring this Friday.
- A letter will be sent to the Road Commission regarding brining concerns.

Commissioner Rhode then addressed the purchase of the **BS&A software for Equalization**. The first package option is: \$6,000 to purchase a new server to use with existing software. The second option is: update the software and purchase the server at a cost of \$30,000 over 3 years. Commissioner Birgel commented there is funding available in the Equalization budget to pay for the upgrades. Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner*

*Birgel, supported by Commissioner Smith, to allow for the purchase of the new server, up to \$6,000, with the software purchase to be reviewed in September after review of County finances. Ayes carried, **motion passed.***

**Board Member comments –**

*Commissioner Walters* spoke on attending the Council of Local Government meeting last night, noting there would be a household hazardous waste collection on August 25<sup>th</sup>. After the meeting this morning he will be heading to Big Rapids for a Mental Health meeting.

*Commissioner Carl* stated that he also attended the Council of Local Government meeting last night and that his Township meetings start next week.

*Commissioner Smith* stated that she had a wonderful time at Nationals, noting that when she left she was in 2<sup>nd</sup> place. The Library Board met last week and she has provided a copy of the circulation report and genealogical report for the Board to take to their Townships. Two members of the Library Board are up for re-appointment in December. Commissioner Smith would ask that she and Judy Johnston are re-appointed for another term. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Carl, to appoint Judy Johnston and Sharron Smith to the Library Board for another term. Ayes carried, **motion passed.*** Commissioner Smith spoke about the 1999 Beaverton High School Graduate, Patrick Frank, who was awarded a "Fulbright Scholarship". Mr. Frank will be traveling to Iceland this spring for one year to study. Commissioner Carl asked that the Board send Mr. Frank a letter of congratulations.

*Commissioner Birgel* spoke on the MSU Extension meeting in Lake City, commenting on how informative and interesting the topics were. That the Airport Commission tabled the Consulting Engineering bid for the time. That he had attended the Beaverton City meeting on behalf of Commissioner Smith. Commissioner Birgel stated that he had also attended the Fair Board meeting and that the Beaverton Fire Board will be meeting tonight to begin the plans to build a new fire hall. Commissioner Birgel also attended the presentation given by Judge Farrell at MMCC on the Drug Court.

*Commissioner Rhode* stated that the Legislature passed SB 789 and 1082 stopping the sale of synthetic drugs effective July 1<sup>st</sup>. PILT payments are going to be paid at a larger amount than the County anticipated.

*Finance Matters*

1. The Undersheriff has requested to purchase **ammunition in the amount of \$2151.36**. If approved the amount will be paid for from 101-301-728.000 - \$1151.36 and 285-000-804.000 - \$1000. *Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Carl, to make the purchase as outlined. Ayes carried, **motion passed.***

2. Undersheriff Hartwell has also asked the Board to consider provide **nursing at the Jail for 4 hours on Saturday and Sunday through December 2012**. The Jail Telephone fund has funding available for appropriation to the General Fund for the additional costs. *Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Walters, to approve the additional staffing on weekends and to increase the appropriation from the Jail Telephone fund to the General fund.* Ayes carried, **motion passed.**
3. Deputies Binger and Strunk are asking for **payout of half their PTO time** on their anniversaries as in the Union contract. Total of \$3,305.64 to be paid from 101-301-705.000 upon approval. *Motion by Commissioner Carl, supported by Commissioner Walters, to make the payments as requested.* Ayes carried, **motion passed.**
4. The 2011 USDA Grant for the two vehicles has been closed. Undersheriff Hartwell is asking that the Clerk be allowed to **apply for two more vehicles under the USDA grant process**. *Motion by Commissioner Walters, supported by Commissioner Smith, to proceed with the application.* Ayes carried, **motion passed.**
5. There was a request by the Undersheriff to have the department re-keyed. This matter will be addressed in September.

**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 Birgel, supported by Commissioner Carl, to adjourn.* Ayes carried. **Meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m. until the July 10, 2012 Regular Session meeting at 9:00 a.m. unless otherwise directed.**

Laura Brandon-Maveal, Clerk

Josh Reid, Chairman

**REVISED**  
**GLADWIN COUNTY**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**  
**June 26, 2012**

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS ARE BOLDED**

AGENDA

9:00 A.M.

- A. CALL TO ORDER/CHAIR
- B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- C. ROLL CALL
- D. CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO THE CONSENT AGENDA
- E. READING OF THE CASH BALANCES
- F. **FINANCE REPORTS**
  - **CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS GENERAL FUND**
- G. **APPROVAL BOARD MINUTES: JUNE 12, 2012**
- H. PUBLIC COMMENTS:
- I. COMMUNICATIONS:
- J. **COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**
  - **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS (DPW) MINUTES 6-20-12**
  - **FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES & ATTACHMENTS 6-21-12**

9:15 a.m. DIANE WHITING, CITIZEN  
RE: FRACKING CONCERNS

9:30 a.m. LAUREN ESSENMACHER, COUNCIL ON AGING  
RE: 2012/12 COUNCIL ON AGING BUDGET

9:45 A.M. BOB EVANS, DRAIN COMMISSIONER  
RE: UPDATE ON DIGITAL MAPS / FEMA CORRESPONDENCE

- K. MISCELLANEOUS:
- L. OLD BUSINESS:  
NONE
- M. NEW BUSINESS:
  - FINANCE MATTERS - 6/21/12

- MAC – 2012 MICHIGAN COUNTY SALARIES AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS  
SURVEY RESULTS.

N. CHAIRMAN COMMENTS:

O. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS / REPORTS:

P. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS / COMMENTS:  
*(Sheriff and or other Elected Officials Comments)*

Q. ADJOURNMENT

*Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or service at the meeting should contact  
the Board Secretary's office at (989) 426-4821.*

*Binger - \$11643.04  
Strunk \$11662.60*