

## Commissioner Minutes of July 10, 2012

*The Gladwin County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session July 10, 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.*

The items bolded from the **consent agenda** were then reviewed by the Board. Chairman Reid stated that he would be adding a FEMA update 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 - \$1,798.08 after finance bills had been paid and advances from Unallocated and Gypsy Moth.*

**Public Comments – Chris Breznau, Candidate for State Representative**, spoke about his campaign and the hopes he has for the future of the office.

*Commissioner Carl stated that John Jarvis had circulated flyers in the parking lot of the Courthouse yesterday and in the Sugar Springs area. Commissioner Carl asked Sheriff Shea to recap in incident with Mr. Jarvis and if the County had really spent one million dollars of tax payer money on the incident. Sheriff Shea noted that John Jarvis had been arrested in the County for threatening to “blow up” the Courthouse he then threatened to kill the Judges and Probation Officers assigned to his case, along with their family members and Board members. The matter was handled by the County’s insurance company MMRMA and there were no “out of pocket” expense to the County. Further discussion.*

*Chairman Reid then asked that Earl Chervus come before the Board to accept his plaque for dedicated service to the Gypsy Moth committee for 22 years. The Board members thanked Mr. Chervus for his service.*

The Board then reviewed the **Council on Aging proposal** letter regarding support for an implementation plan. *Motion by Commissioner Walters, supported by Commissioner Carl, to allow the Chairman to sign the letter as drafted. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

*Commissioner Carl asked about the letter to be drafted by Lee Mueller and sent to FEMA as discussed at the June 26<sup>th</sup> meeting. Commissioner Carl expressed concern that the letter was supposed to be drafted by June 29<sup>th</sup>, noting it has just been received and still not submitted to FEMA, commenting again that the Townships have invested a lot of money in this project. Discussion on progress of the study and what will be provided to FEMA upon completion. Commissioner Smith read that letter that was prepared by Mr. Mueller and sent to Mr. Evans, commenting that the letter to be sent to FEMA is to keep them updated on where the project is at now, what has been completed, and that the County will provide information to them upon completion. Chairman Reid asked that*

*Mr. Evans draft a letter to FEMA based on the correspondence received from Mr. Mueller and that the letter be completed today for mailing.*

#### **Board Member comments –**

##### **Comments from the Chairman**

- The Gypsy Moth committee is looking for a replacement for Mr. Chervus. The Board would like to table the matter until the next meeting, noting that the vacancy has just been announced at many of the Townships with most of the Township meetings coming in the next two weeks.
- Leo Gary has the ID Badge program ready to print for all employees. He has available to him the ID cards with the magnetic strip backing for use with a Courthouse “swipe system” if every implemented. *Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Carl, to allow Leo to process ID cards for the employees through the new software. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

**Commissioner Walters** stated that his Township meetings are starting this week and that he has a Veterans meeting this afternoon. Veterans Lost - Michael Redman, City of Gladwin – Vietnam. Stephen Mikolaiczuk, Sage Township – Vietnam.

**Commissioner Carl** commented that Township meetings start tonight.

**Commissioner Smith** spoke on the public hearing before the Tobacco Township zoning commission to allow the Music Festival. The request was denied. The Township did pass an ordinance regarding the maintenance and installation of culverts. Commissioner Smith then thanked Chairman Reid for printed materials to review prior to the meeting, as the secretary did not send out a Board packet, noting it is very hard to make decisions on Board meeting items when you do not have the information for review.

**Commissioner Birgel** stated that all is well and quiet in Beaverton and Grout Townships, noting the only discussions have been about FEMA. He also judged the talent show at the Fair.

**Commissioner Rhode** spoke about the 211 reports going to quarterly from monthly. Mary Cushion from the Health Department will be stopping at the tobacco shops to make sure the synthetic materials are not being sold. MAC is looking at studies on the consolidation of government agencies and will report back to the Counties on their findings. The unemployment rate in Gladwin County is down from 13.8% in March to 11.8% in June. There are concerns on the amount of service men and women that will be “turned out” and be looking for jobs that may increase the rate.

##### **Finance Matters**

1. Doug Jacobson has prepared a letter to AT&T to begin to settlement at \$3127.66 on a bill over \$20,000 owed by the County. Discussion on if the money is owed and if the contract with AT&T was in breach. *Motion by Commissioner Rhodes, supported by Commissioner Carl, to allow Mr. Jacobson to begin negotiating the bill due at \$3127.66. Roll call vote as follows: Walters – no,*

Carl – no, Rhode – yes, Reid – no, Birgel – no, Smith – no, Whittington – excused. 1 yes, 5 no.  
**Motion failed.**

2. The following **Budget Amendments** need to be made to satisfy the **first half of the budget year.**

101-00-685.0		\$3837.00
101-891-969.0	\$3837.00	
101-141-813.0	\$66.00	
101-215-727.01	\$470.00	
101-225-727.0	\$2042.00	
101-225-801.0	\$8.00	
101-265-935.01	\$451.00	
101-265-935.02	\$164.00	
101-301-860.0	\$143.00	
101-316-706.05	\$271.00	
101-351-815.0	\$200.00	
101-891-969.0		\$3815.00
101-965-998.291		\$25,000.00
101-891-969.000	\$25,000.00	

*Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Smith, to approve the budget amendments as presented. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

3. Jan Stoike, Ass't 911 Director, has requested **lodging expenses for a new dispatcher** to go to training. Total cost of \$325.00 can be paid from 282-000-804.001 once approved. (Five days of lodging at \$65.00/night at the Bayshore Resort in Traverse City.) *Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Walters, to approve the lodging request. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
4. Doug Jacobson approached the Board on past due billings (2007-June 2012) and his request to be retained by the County rather than submitting and logging billable hours. The committee negotiated with Mr. Jacobson a **\$20,000 payment comprising of FEMA, Zoning, and Board** related assistance for the past due billings of \$25,000+ and a **\$1,000/month retainer amount from June – December of 2012.** Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Reid, to allow for the payment of past due billings in a lump sum of \$20,000 and the \$1,000/month retainer amount. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

*New Business –*

- A letter was sent to Barb Schafer after the last meeting about the concerns on her interest to sit on the ZBA Board. Ms. Schafer responded that she is still interested in filling the vacancy. The Board decided to inform their Townships and wait until the July 24<sup>th</sup> meeting to make a decision.
- There will be a Meet and Greet for all candidates sponsored by the Democratic Party on July 27, 2012 at Chairman Reid's home. All are welcome and encouraged to attend to add their constructive conversation to move our State in a positive direction.

**Public Comments –**

Mike Brubaker, 911 Director, let the Board know that he would be looking into a "climate controlled" environment for the Breault Road tower, noting that equipment is being damaged in the severe heat.

Commissioner Smith shared exciting news that she will be having a great-granddaughter by the end of November. She will also be absent at the September 11, 2012 Board meeting, as she will be out of town.

Bob Frei spoke about the busy weekend in Beaverton over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, noting there are many pictures posted on GladwinHistory.org.

Commissioner Smith noted the Garden Tour in Beaverton would be held July 21<sup>st</sup> and for those interested in participating can contact Debbie Mason as MSU. Commissioner Smith also stated that her muzzleloader club will be hosting the NMRA shoot the same weekend of the Carriage Festival (August 10-12, 2012).

Commissioner Reid brought to the Board an issue with issuing an address to a “non-residential” parcel of property. Discussion. Commissioner Rhode stated that he will set up a meeting with the Uniform Addressing Committee and ask that letters be sent to the Townships for funding. He will report back to the Board with an update.

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

*Motion by Commissioner Walters, supported by Commissioner Reid, to adjourn. Ayes carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:17 a.m. until the July 24, 2012 Regular Session meeting at 9:00 a.m. unless otherwise directed.*

Laura Brandon-Maveal, Clerk

Josh Reid, Chairman