

Commissioner Minutes of August 14, 2012

The Gladwin County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session August 14, 2012. 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 for Commissioner Birgel who has been excused.

Chairman Reid stated the Commissioner Birgel is home with his wife who had just been through surgery, asking that the Board keep Linda in their thoughts.

The **cash balances** for the General Fund were then read by Commissioner Rhode. *General Fund - \$185,078.07 after finance bills had been paid and advances from Unallocated and partial repayment to the Gypsy Moth fund.*

*Motion by Commissioner Carl, supported by Commissioner Walters, to approve the consent agenda as prepared. Ayes carried, **motion passed.***

Public Comments – None at this time.

Commissioner Rhode spoke on the adoption of the Uniform Addressing rules at the last meeting. A copy of the rules will be sent to each of the Townships and a copy to Attorney Jacobson for his review. A date for the next meeting has not yet been set.

Comments from the Chairman:

- On attending several committee meetings and the Carriage Festival Parade.
- That the Finance Committee met with Clare County regarding budget ideas, noting good ideas were exchanged in both directions. Discussion was also had on how to deal with the Courts funding issue.
- Township meetings are coming up.

Commissioner Carl reported:

- That he would like the Uniform Addressing packets sent out to the Townships as soon as possible.
- On the appointment to the ZBA committee, noting there are two interested parties: Ron Brabon and Barb Schafer. Commissioner Carl noted that because of the concern of the County's attorney with having a husband and wife on the ZBA together, he would make the *motion to appoint Ron Brabon to the ZBA committee.* Motion supported by Commissioner Walters. Ayes carried, **motion passed.**
- On concerns with the Drain cleaning issues and the necessity of performing the extent of work that is being done. The Townships have relayed the following concerns: 1.) The cost of the projects to the Townships and if it can be forced on them for payment. 2.) Assessment Districts – and if the property owners have been petitioned properly. 3.) Have Soil Erosion permits been issued for the work. Commissioner Carl would ask that the State look into this process and assist the Drain Commissioner if needed. Commissioner Walters commented that this is a huge concern at all Township levels and it needs to be addressed. *Motion by*

Commissioner Carl, supported by Commissioner Walters, to have the Chairman draft and sign a letter to the Attorney General with copies of same to be sent to the State Rep, Congressman, and Senator. Discussion. Ayes carried, motion passed.

Commissioner Walters reported:

- That the meeting with Clare County was very productive.
- On the Carriage Festival, noting he had cooked breakfast at the airport.
- That he had attended the Legislative Breakfast with Debbie Stabenow.
- On attending the Sage Township meeting and that the Sherman Township meeting will be next week.
- That the Council of Local Government meeting will be held at Hay Township on August 27th at 7:00 p.m.

Commissioner Whittington reported:

- On attending the Bentley and Billings Township meetings last night.
- On the EDC meeting and the great things that are coming from EDC and the demand for welders and CNC operators in our area.
- That he attended the Airport meeting.

Commissioner Smith reported:

- On attending the Tobacco Township meeting last night and the discussion on the Music Festival that will be held this weekend.
- The Beaverton Good Ole Days Car Show will also be held this weekend.
- On the Territorial's that were held in Gladwin County over the weekend, noting the rain took a day of shooting away. An 8 year old girl shot 95 of 100 in her division.
- On the Library report that has been circulated for the Townships to review.

Commissioner Rhode reported:

- That he will be attending the Council of Local Government meeting on the 27th to speak on the Uniform Addressing. Commissioner Carl commented that the Townships will come prepared with questions if their packets are received prior to the meeting.

Finance Matters –

1. Rick Ghent, Maintenance Supervisor, has been working on pricing for **dumpster rental**. Waste Management will charge \$333.84/month on an 8 yard dumpster to be emptied 3x/week. Billy's will charge \$396.45/month for the same service. *Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Carl, to have Attorney Jacobson draft a letter for intent to terminate the contract with Waste Management and allow Mr. Ghent to sign a contract with Republic upon termination. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
2. Mr. Ghent also presented the bids for the repair to the **back steps at MSU**. Low bid was from Cady Construction for \$1500.00 and can be paid from 101-265-935.000 once approved. *Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Carl, to accept the bid from Cady Construction for the repair of the steps. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
3. Mike Brubaker, 911 Director, came before the committee with **training requests**. 1.) Five dispatchers to the APCO conference in Tustin, Michigan. Total cost is \$1325.00 for registration

and lodging. 2.) Kelly Avila registration in the amount of \$340.00 for 40-hour beginning dispatch school. Both training payments can come from 282-000-804.001 upon approval. *Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Smith, to approve the training as outlined. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

4. Deputy Eric Coney has requested **payout of 60 hours of PTO time** per his union contract. Total cost of \$1226.40 to be paid from 101-301-705.000 once approved. *Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Carl, to make the payment as requested. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
5. Mandi Bergman, Probate Court, is asking for **reservations to attend the MECRA conference**. Three nights at \$91.95/night to come from 101-148-860.000. *Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Smith, to allow the Clerk to make the reservation as requested. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
6. The Committee reviewed the request from **Equalization for new software**. Total cost of **\$27,843.00** to be paid over 2 billings cycles (October 2012 & October 2013). The costs will come from 101-258-815.006 once approved. *Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Smith, to purchase the software as outlined. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

Commissioner Rhode then commented on the Northern MAC meeting next Monday where they will be visiting the Corrections facility for juveniles. The household hazardous waste collection will also be held on August 25th from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Gladwin City DPW building.

Commissioner Smith spoke on the Gladwin County Community Connect event on September 26th at the Knights of Columbus, noting that Board members should consider a donation of time or goods toward the event.

Commissioner Walters then commented that he also attended the Relay for Life in Beaverton last weekend, noting that it is a wonderful event for the community.

Public Comments - *Gina Conrad spoke on her fall count for this year. One of her teams will not be back and she will be using only one team for fall count since she does not have a November deadline this year. The two employees will work under the 34 hours a week and receive no benefits.*

Motion by Commissioner Carl supported by Commissioner Walters, 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 9:32 a.m., until August 28, 2012 at 9:00 a.m., unless otherwise ordered.

Laura Brandon-Maveal
County Clerk

Josh Reid
Chairman