

## Commissioner Minutes of August 27, 2013

*The Gladwin County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session August 27, 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 Carl who had been excused.*

*Motion by Commissioner Reid, supported by Commissioner Walters, to approve the Consent Agenda, with the addition of the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate.*

The Regular Board minutes of August 13, 2013 were then considered. *Motion by Commissioner Walters, supported by Commissioner Reid, to accept the minutes as prepared. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

**CASH BALANCES:** Provided by Christy Van Tiem, Treasurer; General Fund 101 \$372,977.74.

### **Public Comments:**

None at this time.

### **Commissioner Reid:**

- **Regarding invoice to pay Boyce Hydro. Invoice submitted in the amount of \$3,273.00** *Motion by Commissioner Walters, supported by Commissioner Whittington to pay Invoice from Boyce Hydro. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

### **Resolution for Consideration – 2013-019**

*Motion by Commissioner Reid, supported by Commissioner Walters, to adopt the Resolution Requesting Full/Funding of Revenue Sharing, as presented. Roll call vote as follows: Walters=yes, Reid=yes, Whittington=yes, Birgel=yes, Carl-absent. 4-Yes, 0 No, 1- absent. Ayes carried, Resolution 2013-019 declared adopted.*

### **Commissioner Reports:**

#### **Commissioner Walters reported:**

- **On attending Sage Township Meeting on 8/14/13.**
- **On attending the Gladwin City Meeting on 8/21/13.**
- **Household Hazardous Collection held on August 24<sup>th</sup>, was successful with over 200 cars and tires collected.**

Veterans Lost:

Carl O. Bloetscher – Beaverton, Terrence Jacob Kolasinski – Hay Township  
Larry J. Sivak – Beaverton City.

- **On GDDA-Board voted unanimously to provide new concrete to improve the Veterans Honor Roll. We are also looking into painting and redoing some of the brick. A “Thank You”, was extended from the GDDA to the veterans for all their service to us and the Country.**
- **Reported Mr. Balzer was at Sage Township meeting, answered lots of questions. Joel Johnson also present.**
- **On new computer Bob Frei has set up for the Veteran’s.**
- **On attending Mental Health Meeting.**

**Commissioner Birgel reported:**

- **On attending the Beaverton City Meeting. Pamphlets were passed out Re: Gladwin County Public Safety Millage. Discussion and questions.**
- **On attending County Government Meeting, August 26<sup>th</sup>, discussion of the Gladwin County Website- information on the web is incorrect. Also, discussed software issues.**
- **Harvest Dinner – October 28, 2013 Buckeye Township.**
- **This week Commissioner Birgel will attend a Health Department Meeting and Region 7B Meeting.**

Discussion held in regard to a public hearing on September 9, 2013 at 6:45 p.m., at the Beaverton Township Hall, on Dale Road; to consider a new application for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate, (Jordan Plastics) totaling \$4,500.00. Treasurer, Christy VanTiem asked for Board support in this matter. No Motion necessary, Board supports.

**Commissioner Whittington reported:**

- **On attending the Secord Township Meeting. Commented there were questions and discussion about the Gladwin Public Safety Millage. Some discussion regarding problems with the Drain Commission Office and the County Road Commission.**
- **On attending the EDC Meeting, commented Mr. Balzer was there and is doing a good job.**

## Finance Matters/Commissioner Whittington:

1. The **Secondary Road Grant (416 Grant)** is completed. *Motion by Commissioner Whittington, supported by Commissioner Walters, to allow the Clerk to submit the grant for funding. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
2. **Matt McGourty, Jail Administrator**, attending "Corrections Leadership Training Initiative" September 11-13 and October 21-23<sup>rd</sup>. Cost \$575.00 with \$82.00/night for lodging, to be paid from 264-000-607.000. *Motion by Commissioner Whittington, supported by Commissioner Birgel to allow the Jail Administrator to attend and for the Clerk to make the appropriation lodging registrations. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
3. **Mike Brubaker, 911 Director**, requested authorization for training to be paid from 282-000-804.001 for the following: Dispatcher Fitzpatrick and Doherty to APCO Training on September 25-27<sup>th</sup>, total cost \$550.00, *Motion by Commissioner Whittington, supported by Commissioner Walters, to allow Mike Brubaker to attend and for Clerk to make the payment. Ayes carried, motion passed.* Dispatcher Teffner, "Homeland Security for 911 Professionals" on September 24<sup>th</sup>, total cost \$175.00. *Motion by Commissioner Whittington, supported by Commissioner Birgel, to allow Dispatcher Teffner to attend and for Clerk to make the payment. Ayes carried, motion passed.* Mike Brubaker for Gladwin County Leadership Program, total cost \$350.00 to be paid from 101-422-804-000. *Motion by Commissioner Whittington, supported by Commissioner Walters, to allow Mike Brubaker to attend and for Clerk to make payment. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
4. **Bob Frei**. requested approval to install an Anti-Virus software, cost \$1,545.00 for one year of service. *Motion by Commissioner Whittington, supported by Commissioner Birgel to allow the purchase. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
5. **Bob Frei**, requested the County to purchase a new server for the Treasurer and Prosecuting Attorney, cost \$5,732.60 to be shared by the two departments. *Motion by Commissioner Whittington, supported by Commissioner Birgel to allow the purchase and the Clerk to make payment upon invoicing. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
6. **Finance Committee**, would like "pre-authorization" for the Clerk to make application for USDA vehicle grants if funding becomes available. *Motion by Commissioner Whittington, supported by Commissioner Walters, to allow the Clerk to sign necessary documents as they become available. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
7. **Ray Hartwell, Undersheriff**, requested permission to fill a full-time vacant position (created by deployment) as a temporary position with a current part-time employee. *Motion by Commissioner Whittington, supported by Commissioner Walters, to approve the temporary full-time position and the hiring of a "temporary part-time position". Ayes carried, motion passed.*
8. **Ray Hartwell, Undersheriff**, is requesting the purchase of two Taser units for the Jail, cost for the Tasers \$3,288.62 and cost for the holsters \$817.43 for

a total cost of \$4,106.05. \$1,000.00 to be paid from the Jail's Canteen Bucks, a grant from MMRMA for \$800, which leaves a balance of \$2,306.05 to be requested from Secures Technology Fund. Total cost to be paid up front and reimbursements requested to cover the cost. *Motion by Commissioner Whittington, supported by Commissioner Walters, to allow the purchase of two Tasers. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

**Commissioner Reid continued:**

- **On various e-mails he has received regarding Drain issues and concerns. He reports that we are communicating with Joel Johnson and passing on the concerns.**
- **Discussion with Christy VanTiem, regarding the purchase of house in Sherman Township. Parties missed the Tax Sale, but sale was still open and they were allowed to purchase.**

**Public Comments-**

Bob Balzer spoke regarding EDC, all going well, letters have gone out to the Townships describing the current project and benefits. His mission is to visit all the Townships, he has been to six at this time. Only one township not contributing at this time. Our Website is to be updated/New Logo. More jobs are opening all the time. We have approximately 15 on the board now. Pay ranges between \$8.00 and \$12.00/per hour. We are putting people to work everyday.

Sheriff Shea handed out a chart and gave an explanation to the Commissioners and the public regarding "Potential Cost Savings for Gladwin County for the Next 3 Yrs". The chart was put together to show the Board the cost savings and allow the Board to consider the information, in regard to an employee retiring with 9 months of health care for her husband. Discussion on the cost savings of advancing a dispatcher into her duties, without replacing the dispatcher's vacant position (savings of \$161,663.91). Discussion. Sheriff promised fiscal responsibility to 911. Looked at dollars and cuts with Clerk. \$111,883.20 for three years, \$73,242.27 for fringe, total \$185,125.47. This position also covers other employees when they are off for training etc. Buy-Out Option \$23,461.56, total savings \$161,663.91. Commissioner Reid, asked how soon a decision is needed? Commissioner Reid stated the Board would evaluate the matter and get back to the Sheriff in two weeks. Discussion; Commissioner Walters has concerns with Buy-Out. Commissioner Whittington Thanked the Sheriff for the information, stated we did something similar with Animal Control and now being asked again. Need to be careful with this trend. Commissioner Reid discussed the saving per year with the decision for Animal Control.

Kelly Miller spoke in regard to the law suit between Gladwin County and his wife, Denise Miller. Mr. Miller related there has been only one complaint on April 6, 2010. Next piece of evidence-Police Report filed March 30, 2013 by Deputy Goss. This was a traffic stop, vehicles parked along the road. Not my problem, action not on our property. We have been having Bogs since 2000. There has been no criminal activity. Discussion. Mr. Miller asked, put yourselves into my shoes? Question, where do we stand now? Matter is currently set for September 5, 2013 for Pre-Trial Hearing and Motions. Mr. Miller stated they will not settle only if law suit is dismissed. Commissioner Reid stated, you have raised some good points. Need to sort out and go through the Court process. Mr. Miller stated we're just asking the Board to look into it and Attorney Jacobson.

Loraine Gunderson- Discussed the work done on her property by the Drain Commission. Stated she now has no access to the back of her own land. She uses the wood from her property to heat her home, and now has no access.

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

*Motion by Commissioner Walters, supported by Commissioner Reid, to adjourn. Ayes carried, **motion passed.** Meeting adjourned at 10:12 a.m., until September 10, 2013 at 9:00 a.m., unless otherwise ordered.*

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Cheryl Edgar  
Chief Deputy Clerk

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Josh Reid  
Chairman

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-19

RESOLUTION REQUESTING FULL FUNDING OF REVENUE SHARING

WHEREAS, in the Governor's recommendation for the FY 2014 budget, counties are scheduled to receive a 22.9% cut from what they were projected to receive based on the deal struck in 2004/2005, a deal that was advocated by the Michigan Association of Counties; and,

WHEREAS, the Governor is recommending an appropriation of \$140.6 million, \$41.7 million less than statutorily required, and counties will be required to "earn" 20 percent or their funding by fulfilling the County Incentive Program (CIP) requirements; and,

WHEREAS, with the proposed budget for FY 2014, counties would receive a cut of about \$42 million, and at first glance, it appears that the administration has recommended an additional \$10 million for county revenue sharing and CIP payment, but in reality, these additional funds result in less money to each county this year; and,

WHEREAS, counties have worked diligently for the past decade by leading the effort to reform, consolidate, and right size government in an effort to increase efficiency and adjust to declining revenues, but a one-size-fits-all approach to the CIP Employee Compensation Category is not acceptable; and,

WHEREAS, each local unit of government is in a different financial place, some growing, some declining, some healthy, and some struggling with their long-term liabilities. To say that all counties need to comply with a prescriptive formula on employee compensation would be a step backward for some and unattainable for others; and,

WHEREAS, compliance with the third category for this fiscal year is attainable because all counties are following the 80120 healthcare law enacted last session, and the category should remain the same with the state stopping all attempts to move the bar; and,

WHEREAS, in 2004/2005, counties agreed to forego revenue sharing for a period of time in order to assist Michigan in balancing the budget and were promised a return of that funding once reserves were depleted; and,

WHEREAS, revenue sharing is more than just a pot of money to be allocated in whole or in part to counties; It is a statutory promise made to counties in exchange for giving up local taxing authority and for a more recent change in local taxing administration; and,

WHEREAS, the concept of earning what has already been earned is unfair and unacceptable; and,

WHEREAS, revenue sharing is used by counties to pay for a fractional share of the multitude of state-mandated services, including the courts, the jails, the constitutional officers, elections, and the public health system; and coupled with the recent reductions in property values and increased mandated state service delivery, counties are stretched to the financial limit; and,

WHEREAS, the County of Gladwin is without the economic resources to fund any new or additional state-mandated services, and, as a result thereof, the County of Gladwin will be unable to assume and/or provide any additional mandated responsibilities or duties without being provided the economic resources; and,

WHEREAS, any new mandates will not be assumed or done without the necessary state funding needed to assume or perform the same; and,

WHEREAS, it is projected that the Governor's recommended FY 2014 revenue sharing cut to Gladwin County is \_\_\_\_\_.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Gladwin County Board of Commissioners calls upon the Governor and the state legislature to live up to their promise by fully funding revenue sharing payments to counties in FY 2014 so that what is promised in Lansing can actually be accomplished and performed by counties at the local level.**