

Commissioner Minutes of August 28, 2012

The Gladwin County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session August 28, 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 Carl who was absent.

The **cash balances** for the General Fund and Unallocated were then read by Commissioner Rhode. *General Fund - \$111,615.20 and Unallocated - \$4,050.58 after payroll was completed.*

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

Public Comments – *Steve and Sue Tyre, Tobacco Township residents, came before the Board on a complaint regarding the cleaning of Nestor Drain. Ms. Tyre stated they have been 5 months without access to the property, noting that their culvert has been removed without notice, and that they had to purchase a new culvert to be installed which still has not been done. Mr. Tyre commented that the ditch is now 6-7 feet deep and no soil erosion has been done. They have tried on several occasions to contact the office no calls were returned until Commissioner Smith made contact with the Drain Commissioner, then he did call and speak with them. Mrs. Tyre explained that they want the culver put back so that they can access their property to farm and clean up the large amount of wood that has been left behind. The Board stated that they understand their concerns, noting the Board does not have direct control over the Drain Commissioner, but will forward a copy of the minutes to his office so that he can address their concerns.*

Lauren Essenmacher, City County Transit, came before the Board with **two contracts** for consideration. The first, a federal grant for a **generator under section 5311 for \$75,000**. Ms. Essenmacher explained in the event of a power outage, there would be no communication with their drivers if their dispatch program was powered down. Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Walters, to approve the contract as presented. Roll call vote as follows: Walters – yes, Carl – absent, Rhode – yes, Reid – yes, Birgel – yes, Smith – yes, Whittington – yes. 6 yes, 1 absent. Ayes carried, motion passed.* Ms. Essenmacher then reviewed the second contract for revision of **operating assistance funds by \$53,050.00**. *Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Rhode, to approve the contract as presented. Roll call vote as follows: Carl – absent, Rhode – yes, Reid – yes, Birgel – yes, Smith – yes, Whittington – yes, Walters – yes. 6 yes, 1 absent. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

Commissioner Walters reported:

- On attending the County Affairs meeting regarding FEMA, noting that all of the required maps and reports have been submitted and that the County is just waiting for a reply.

- That weed control has been busy this year in Wiggins, Pratt and Lake Contos. The Lake Improvement committee has been reviewing issues.
- On attending the Gladwin City Council meeting on August 20th.
- On the Township meeting in Sherman on the 21st.
- On attending the Fair Board meeting, noting they are working hard and moving forward.
- That Thunder on the Strip will be held on September 15th at the Airport.
- On September 8th, the Airport will be holding a “mock plane crash” in cooperation with Emergency Management.
- On attending the Finance meeting on the 23rd.
- The Hazardous Cleanup was held at the Gladwin City DPW on August 25th, noting many items were collected.
- On attending the Council of Local Government meeting last night.
- That Clare will be hosting the Freedom Festival at the Clare County Fairgrounds October 5-6, 2012 from 4-9 pm to honor the Veterans.

Veterans Lost – James Poulos, Beaverton Township – Vietnam, Charles Brenske, Tobacco Township – Vietnam, Homer Stenger, Sage Township – WWII, Norman Charlick, Tobacco Township – WWII.

Commissioner Whittington reported:

- That he has not had any meetings in the last two weeks.

Commissioner Smith reported:

- On attending the Library Board meeting on the 14th. The Friends of the Library will be holding their Annual Book sale September 21-22nd.
- On the Data meeting on the 14th where they met with the Road Commission and City County Transit on the **contract for tower services**. Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Rhode, to approve the tower contract as drafted and approved by the entities involved.* Roll call vote as follows: Rhode – yes, Reid – yes, Birgel – yes, Smith – yes, Whittington – yes, Walters – yes, Carl – absent. 6 yes, 1 absent. Ayes carried, **motion passed**. The Data committee also discussed the cost of the new AS400 system. Commissioner Rhode will be addressing this matter under his Finance report.
- Calhoun Park is doing well and operating in “the black” since it’s re-opening.
- On attending the County Affairs meeting.
- That she attended the Council of Local Government meeting last night.
- On not being at the first meeting in September.

Commissioner Birgel reported:

- That his wife Linda is out of the hospital, and although he was not able to attend any of his meetings over the past couple of weeks, he is very grateful of those who covered his meetings, sent cards and flowers, and gave thoughts and prayers during this time.

Commissioner Rhode reported:

- On the 211 report for the quarter, noting there has been 531,735 calls since the center opened.
- The Unemployment rate for the County of Gladwin is 13.3% at the end of July. EDC created 18 new jobs for Gladwin County, as reported at the July meeting.

Finance Matters –

1. The County has set aside a payment of \$30,000 in their 2012 budget for payment toward the 80% funding of the MERS group retirement. Payment will be made in the month of October after the Clerk receives the new actuarial figures for application of the payment. *Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Walters, allow the Clerk to make the payment as directed by the MERS actuarial once received. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
2. The committee met with Ron Taylor on a retirement option beginning January 2013. A letter of Understanding has been drafted for the Board's consideration and approval. Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Reid, to approve the Letter of Understanding as revised pending final union approval. Roll call vote as follows: Reid – yes, Birgel – yes, Smith – yes, Whittington – no, Walters – yes, Carl – absent, Rhode – no. 4 yes, 2 no, 1 absent. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
3. Lt. Troy Rabidue has requested to send three (3) officers to the PPCT Instructor Re-Certification Course at Kirtland College. Total cost is \$750.00 to be paid as follows: \$500.00 from 285-000-804.000 and \$250.00 from 264-000-607.000. *Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Walters, to approve the training as requested. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
4. The County Clerk reviewed the plan for her vault with the committee. This plan was reviewed in March and tabled until the County had better funding for the project. A motion is needed to allow the Clerk to order the vault at a cost of \$20,600 to be paid from 101-900-970.215 with the billing to be deferred until December and installation of the vault after the first of the year. The Clerk will have over revenues in her line items to cover the expense by December. *Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Smith, to allow for the purchase and installation of the vault plan as reviewed. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
5. Undersheriff Hartwell asked that he be allowed to fill three vacant positions in the jail based on 2 terminations and 1 resignation. Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Walters, to allow the hiring of 3 positions as discussed. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
6. Undersheriff Hartwell also made the request to purchase a new bullet proof vest for the Corrections Officer at a cost of \$589.56 plus shipping from 101-301-758.000. *Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Birgel, to allow the purchase of the vest. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
7. The Undersheriff continued in asking for the purchase of three taser units at a cost of \$4,591.40 to be paid for as followed: \$1500 from the Prosecutor's Drug Forfeiture line. \$1391.40 from the Sheriff's Drug Forfeiture line. \$1200 from an MMRMA Rap Grant. \$500.00 from 101-301-727.000. *Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Smith, to allow for the purchase as outlined. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
8. The committee sat through a presentation with Scott Pratt with the National Utility Refund Program. Discussion. Commissioner Birgel stated that after reviewing the contract he does not feel comfortable with most of the provisions of the contract and would like to see the Board reconsider any actions with this company until more information can be gathered, or the contract

wording changed. Further discussion. The matter will be tabled until the committee can get more information on the subject.

9. Justin Schneider, Building Official, communicated with the Board on the need to replace a Plumbing and Mechanical Inspector, as the current will be retiring within a few weeks. Discussion on hiring as a contractual position vs. payroll and liability insurance coverage. *Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Walters, to allow Mr. Schneider to post the position for hiring. Ayes carried, motion passed*
10. Rick Ghent, Maintenance Supervisor, has submitted a request to purchase an order of garbage bags for the year at a cost of \$1694.00. The total cost will be split between each of the departments. *Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Birgel, to allow Mr. Ghent to make the purchase as requested. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
11. The AS400 Court System is outdated and needs to be replaced in October. The County will share the cost with Clare County. Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Smith, to pay \$14,000 toward Gladwin County's portion of a new AS400. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

Comments from the Chairman:

- The Council of Local Government meeting was well attended.
- That he had attended Gladfest.
- On the upcoming meeting with the Sheriff's employee unions on the MERS benefit offer as part of the contract re-opener.
- On discussions on the ORV maps and the closing of some of the State land roads in Grim and Bentley.
- There was a public notice sent to Buckeye Township on gas and oil well drilling and the safety of drinking water. The public notice will be forwarded to all the Townships for their review.

Public Comments – *Commissioner Walters stated that there will be an open house for the new Gladwin City Police Department on August 30th from 2-5 p.m.*

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

Motion by Commissioner Whittington, supported by Commissioner Walters, to adjourn. Ayes carried, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 10:02 a.m., until September 11, 2012 at 9:00 a.m., unless otherwise ordered.

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RESOLUTION OF INTENT

Resolution# 2012-014

The following resolution was offered by Rhode

And supported by Walters

Be it resolved, that the County of Gladwin does hereby approve the proposed Contract submitted by the Michigan Department of Transportation.

Be it resolved that Josh Reid, Board Chairman and Lauren Essenmacher, Executive Director be authorized and directed to execute Contract No. 2012-0083 Project No. 113156, Auth No. P2 for and on behalf of the County of Gladwin.

Resolution Declared Adopted.

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RESOLUTION OF INTENT

Resolution# 2012-015

The following resolution was offered by Smith

And supported by Rhode

Be it resolved, that the County of Gladwin does hereby approve the proposed Contract submitted by the Michigan Department of Transportation.

Be it resolved that Josh Reid, Board Chairman and Lauren Essenmacher, Executive Director be authorized and directed to execute Contract No. 2012-0083 Project No. 115329, Auth No. P1/R1 for and on behalf of the County of Gladwin.

Resolution Declared Adopted.

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