

Commissioner Minutes of September 9, 2014

The Gladwin County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, September 9, 2014. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Walters. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call found all Commissioners present, except Commissioner Carl who has been excused. A short prayer was given before the meeting.

*Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Aultman, to proceed with the agenda as presented. Ayes carried, **motion passed.***

*The unapproved minutes of August 26, 2014 were then reviewed. Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Aultman, to approve the minutes as prepared. Ayes carried, **motion passed.***

The cash balances were then read by Commissioner Birgel. General Fund - \$874,930.05. Unallocated has a balance of \$94,494.42. Total General Fund and Tax Unallocated Cash \$969,424.79. There has been an advance from the 216 fund (911 millage funds) in the amount of \$400,000 and the TAN note of \$1.3 million is included in the totals.

Public Comments – none at this time.

Linda Kaufman, Executive Director from Central Michigan Community Mental Health and Craig Derror, Program Director, came before the Board with a program update. Ms. Kaufman reviewed several programs that are in place and the need for the Board to write an inter agency agreement by October 1, 2014. Discussion. Questions and answers were handled.

Paul Graveline, Sobriety Court Administrator and Member of NMSAS, came before the Board to discuss the liquor tax funds for Gladwin County. Mr. Graveline explained that NMSAS is recommending that the Board make action to forward the excess funding to MidState Substance Abuse programs after they take over the NMSAS programs. Discussion. The Board will receive a formal letter from NMSAS asking for their decision in the matter. Mr. Graveline then spoke on the Sobriety Court program and the shared funding between Clare and Gladwin counties.

Mike Greer, District Court Magistrate, spoke on the “People vs. Cunningham” case, noting bills are being introduced today to take care of the issue. Discussion.

Bob Balzer, EDC, spoke to the Board on various projects, noting the poker run was a huge success with 100 participants. Mr. Balzer commented that the Broad ban surveys have had a great response, with approximately 1,400 being returned so far. He noted he will be working with GIS to get the data plotted.

Christy VanTiem, County Treasurer, spoke to the Board on the changes in the State transfer of funds for the Child Care fund and the Social Welfare fund. Discussion on the shortage of funding in the Child Care fund and the possibility of additional funding being requested by the end of the year. *Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Aultman, to give the Chairman authorization to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with DHS as the Executive Director for the County. Ayes carried, **motion passed.***

Finance Matters – Commissioner Birgel:

1. The committee has reviewed the request of Gladwin City for Airport Appropriations in the amount of \$15,000. After discussion, it has been decided to ask Attorney Jacobson to draft a letter to Gladwin City asking them to reduce or forgive the appropriations until further notice. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Smith, to allow Attorney Jacobson to negotiate with the City on reducing the appropriations charge by the Airport. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
2. The wages for the Veterans Director are incorrect in the budget. The below budget amendment needs to be done to correct the issue before the end of the year:
Increase 101-682-703.000 - \$2,793.00 Decrease 101-682-833.000 - \$2,793.00
Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Smith, to allow for the Clerk to make the budget amendment as outlined. Ayes carried, motion passed.
3. Matt McGourty, Jail Administrator, has requested permission to attend the Michigan Sheriff's Association Conference October 19-21st in Battle Creek, Michigan. Costs are \$275.00 for registration and \$198.00 for two nights of lodging. Total expense to be paid from 264-000-607.000 once approved. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Aultman, to allow the Jail Administrator to attend the conference as outlined. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
4. Sheriff Shea has requested permission to enter into a business agreement and sign a contract with Caring and Compassionate HCA, LLC for jail inmate nursing. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Aultman, to allow the Sheriff to sign the agreement as requested. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
5. Commissioner Birgel has offered to take over the duties of Commissioner Carl as the Board representative on the Planning Commission. *Motion by Commissioner Walters, supported by Commissioner Smith, to appoint Commissioner Birgel to the balance of the term effective today. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
6. Aaron Miller, Prosecuting Attorney, came before the committee to ask permission to reinstate his part time employee (reduced from full time approximately 6 weeks ago) back to full time. Mr. Miller explained the grant reimbursement process for his department and the additional funding he will receive beginning in October to offset some of the additional costs. Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Aultman, to allow his part time staff to be reinstated to full time with an effective date of September 9, 2014. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

Commissioner Reports by District –

Commissioner Birgel reported:

- That he attended the Beaverton Township meeting last night where they discussed the expansion at East Jordan. Residents also commented that they were pleased with the mosquito spray program this year.
- On also attending the Grout Township meeting last night. They discussed the EPA and DEQ along with concerns over “Amish smoke”.
- On meeting with the retirees on health care coverage issues. Dirk Presidio and Doug Janes were there to answer any questions the retirees had.
- That he has received preliminary figures for the 2015 insurance costs, noting Blue Care Network will have a 0% premium increase for 2015, but will still be looking at all healthcare areas as quotes become available.
- On a meeting to be scheduled for September 22nd with the retirees to discuss the APSA program.
- On the upcoming MERS conference, noting the County will not be attending this year, but after research feels confident about the County's position right now.

Commissioner Aultman reported:

- On attending the Billings Township meeting, noting they will have a road millage on the November ballot. They also discussed an issue with feral cats.
- That she also attended the Bentley Township meeting last night where they are working on plans for a ball field.

- That she has provided the Board with Michigan Works employment stats for the month of July.

Commissioner Smith reported:

- On attending the Land Bank meeting.
- That she attended the Buckeye Township regular meeting.
- On the Data committee meeting. There is a list that has been provided to the Board of projects that will need to be completed before Bob Frei retires at the end of the month. Mr. Frei did a walkthrough with the technician from IT Right so that they are aware of all the projects.
- The Data committee is recommending that the Board adopt a written archive policy, with full department input, so that all the items that require archiving can be handled in the proper manner.
- On attending the Finance meeting on September 4th.
- That she attended the Republican Steak Fry on September 6th.
- On attending the Tobacco Township meeting on September 8th, noting discussion on Boyce Hydro and the possible draw down of Wixom Lake in the fall of 2015.
- That she has provided a copy of the Library circulation report for August to the Board for their review.

Comments from the Chairman:

- On the need for continued thoughts for Dennis Carl.
- That a department head meeting was held where suggestions were made for: an updated smoking policy and a countywide suggestion box.
- The Finance Committee will be looking at an updated master plan for next year.
- On prayers and thoughts being needed for Ken Thurlow and his family.
- That Commissioner Birgel will be taking over as Board representative on the DHS Board.
- The Verizon tower in Secord Township should be in operation by the end of the month.

Public Comments –

Don Zackett inquired on the progress of the wireless emergency alerts. Mr. Zackett would ask that the Emergency Management Director provide an update at the next meeting.

Sheriff Shea spoke on the impact of the retiree health plan vs. the collective bargaining agreements with the employees. Discussion.

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

*Motion by Commissioner Aultman, supported by Commissioner Smith, to adjourn. Ayes carried, **motion passed.** Meeting adjourned at 10:02 a.m. until the next regular Board meeting on September 23, 2014 at 9:00 a.m., unless otherwise ordered.*



Laura Brandon-Maveal
County Clerk



Terry Walters
Chairman

