

Commissioner Minutes of September 10, 2013

The Gladwin County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, September 10, 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 Walters, supported by Commissioner Reid, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Ayes carried, **motion passed.***

The **cash balances** were then read by Commissioner Whittington. *General Fund - \$491,448.97, before the bills have been paid. Chairman Reid stated that there would be a meeting on Thursday at 7:30 with Borushko and the Financial Coordinator to get a strategy for upcoming negotiations. The Chairman will also place an executive session on the agenda for the meeting of the 24th to talk about union negotiations with Attorney Jacobson, Mr. Borushko and the Financial Coordinator.*

Public Comments –

Kelly Miller came before the Board with literature on the responsibilities of a County Commissioner. Mr. Kelly stated that he sent a FOIA to find out that the County is paying Attorney Jacobson \$975.00/month and asked, “Where did this lawsuit originate from”. Chairman Reid stated because there is ongoing litigation, the Board is very limited in what they can talk about. There was a very long discussion on the processes of complaint to litigation and the actions of the Planning Commission. The Board assured Mr. Miller that they would continue to listen and be informed until the matter is resolved.

Tom Dunn also spoke to the Board on the lawsuit regarding the “mud bog”. Mr. Dunn pointed out that he believes the Board missed steps prior to filing the lawsuit and that there is a communication gap between the Planning commission and the Board. Discussion. Chairman Reid stated that he will speak with Gladwin Township on this matter, since they contract with the County to handle the Zoning matters.

Commissioner Reports by District -

Commissioner Walters reported:

- That he attended the Mental Health meeting in Reed City on the 29th.
- On September 3rd, he attended the Gladwin City meeting, noting it was very interesting.
- That he will attend the Veterans meeting this afternoon.
- On the Farm Bureau dinner tonight, stating that he will not be able to attend due to having two other meetings to attend.
- His Township meetings are coming up.

Commissioner Birgel reported:

- That he attended the Beaverton Township meeting, commenting that East Jordan will be adding more lines to their business which will increase jobs.
- On attending the Grout Township meeting.

- That he attended the Beaverton City Board meeting.
- On the Central Michigan Health Department meeting and the retirement dinner of Mary Kushion, noting her last day will be next week.
- That he attended the Region 7B meeting. Gladwin County is now 76th in the State for unemployment.
- On attending the Fair Board meeting. The Fair only made \$5,000 this summer and financially they are struggling. The Fair Board will have a lot to take action on unless there is some type of positive action for them.

Commissioner Whittington reported:

- He doesn't have much to report this time.
- On not attending the Billings and Bentley meetings last night because he was at his birthday party.
- That the EDC and two of his Township meetings are coming up.

Finance Matters:

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1. Gina Conrad, Gypsy Moth, has requested to attend the **MiCamp conference at Boyne Mountain**. Membership costs are \$25.00 and she plans to share lodging with other counties to reduce costs. The room costs will not exceed \$75.00/night and will be billed to us from the County that makes the reservations. *Motion by Commissioner Whittington, supported by Commissioner Birgel, to allow the Clerk to pay for the registration, lodging reimbursement and mileage payment as they are submitted. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
2. Bill Mason, Equalization Director, has requested to attend the **MAA conference in Traverse City**. Registration cost is \$150.00, lodging for three nights at \$45/night and mileage reimbursement. *Motion by Commissioner Whittington, supported by Commissioner Walters, to allow the Clerk to make the reservation and pay for the reimbursements upon submission. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
3. The Financial Coordinator has made the below recommendations to amend the **2013 General Fund Budget** based on estimates to final 2013 budgets:

Decrease	101-000-402.000	\$285,113
Increase	101-852-720.006	\$27,000
Increase	101-965-998.292	\$15,000

Motion by Commissioner Whittington, supported by Commissioner Walters, to allow the Financial Coordinator to make the above adjustments to the 2013 budget. Ayes carried, motion passed.

Chairman Reid spoke to the Board about the Child Care Fund, stating that it will need additional funding by the end of the year and the concerns that the Financial Coordinator has voiced. The Finance committee will need to sit down with the Judge to discuss the issue to see if the matter can be resolved.

Commissioner Reid reported:

- That he attended the Tobacco Township meeting last night. The Township has asked the Board to draft a letter of support for a “water use project” with Edenville. Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Reid, supported by Commissioner Whittington, to have Attorney Jacobson draft a letter of support for Board review. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
- On the need to have a rider on the County’s policy with MMRMA to cover the equipment stored at the Sports Complex. Discussion. Chairman Reid will check into the matter.

County Clerk, Laura Brandon-Maveal, then held an election for the expired canvasser terms. The nominations by Party were:

Republicans – Judy Ford, Darlene Conner and Cherri Beck.

Democrats – Bob Wilton, Dennis Perry and Marti Miller.

After a vote, Judy Ford and Bob Wilton were elected to serve another 4 year term (November 1, 2013 – October 31, 2017).

Public Comments –

Sheriff Mike Shea asked about the proposed savings to 911 funds, based on a proposal by an employee for a retiree health care plan . The Board has reviewed the matter with Mr. Borushko and the next step would be to get a written proposal from the employee.

*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 10:11 a.m., until September 24, 2013 at 9:00 a.m., unless otherwise ordered.*

Laura Brandon-Maveal
County Clerk

Josh Reid
Chairman