

Commissioner Minutes of September 25, 2012

The Gladwin County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session September 25, 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.

Motion by Commissioner Carl, supported by Commissioner Walters, to approve the consent agenda with the addition of Robin Smith-Martin and discussion of Drain activities. Ayes carried, motion passed.

The cash balances for the General Fund were read by Commissioner Rhode. General Fund - \$76,591.92 after payroll and repayment of Gypsy Moth funds. Discussion of repayment of Unallocated funds. Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Carl, to allow the Treasurer to begin re-payment to the fund as tax collection becomes available. Ayes carried, motion passed.

Public Comments – Rick Seebeck, Gladwin Schools Superintendent, came before the Board with an “academic update” and information on the upcoming RESD election proposal. Discussion and questions answered.

Mr. Seebeck then gave an update to the Parks and Recreation area, noting trails are being remarked, bathroom remodeling and that the lodge has been re-chinked. Discussion on the payment of the electrical bills. *Motion by Commissioner Reid, supported by Commissioner Carl, to forward the resolution to the electrical billings dispute as drafted by Attorney Jacobson to Mr. Seebeck for his review and approval and that the Board of Commissioners consider the agreement acceptable after consent and review by the Seebeck Foundation. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

Commissioner Reports by District -

Commissioner Walters reported:

- On attending the Farm Bureau dinner, noting Joel Johnson’s message on vocational training programs through MMCC and other schools to benefit our students.
- On attending his Township meetings.
- That County Affairs had met with Animal Control over a complaint letter that had been resolved. The Attorney will be drafting a letter in response to the complainant.
- That he had attended Thunder on the Strip, commenting that it was a nice event but attendance was down.

Veterans Lost - Clarence Wagner, Billings Township – Korea
Lawrence Fick Sr., Bentley Township – WWII
Carl Kruger, Bentley Township - WWII

Commissioner Carl reported:

- That his Township meetings begin tonight, noting there has been a lot of discussion and concern on drain issues. The comments are that there was not proper notice in the newspaper and that the Drain Commissioner did not go through a bid process. Commissioner Carl stated that he did not have answers to these questions, but urged the residents to speak to the Drain Commissioner. Commissioner Carl asked that the letter that is being drafted by Attorney Jacobson should be available to the Board along with a list of the policies the Board is looking into, noting that this whole issue needs better communication. Discussion.
- There is a payment due to FEMA and the Task Force needs to meet to review the final billing for approval. The Board will try to set up an evening meeting so that more Township Officials can attend.

Commissioner Whittington reported:

- On the EDC meeting, noting things are moving along well.
- The he attended the Airport meeting.
- On attending the DPW meeting.
- On the issues with County Drain issues, questioning why the Board is getting involved with their Attorney? Commissioner Reid commented that it is only to make sure the County's liability is protected.

Commissioner Smith reported:

- That she is thankful that Commissioner Reid was able to fill in for her while she was "shooting".
- On attending the Beaverton City meeting with discussions on Calhoun Park and the RESD millage.
- On attending the Library Board meeting on September 18th.
- On attending the 97th Birthday Celebration from Mr. Redman, noting that he received over 160 cards.
- That she attended the Open House for the "Beaverton U" Community Center.
- That the GAFT swiss steak dinner will be held this Saturday at the Eagles beginning at 4:00 pm.

Commissioner Smith then read a letter from Robin Martin and allowed the Board to view the photos she had taken on the "drain project" that had been dug on her property. Discussion. Commissioner Reid noted that he and the Board has concern over the projects that have been done. Commissioner Carl commented that the Board has submitted a letter to the Drain Commissioner asking him to cease digging until he can afford the projects and arrange the "drain districts". Commissioner Smith went on record to say that she has extreme concern to the actions that the Drain Commissioner has taken without prior knowledge of the impact property owners.

Commissioner Birgel reported:

- That he also attended the Airport meeting and things are moving along smoothly.
- On the Fair Board meeting and the committee that has been established to look into fundraising and grant application.

- On attending the Grout Township meeting last week, noting he assisted the property owners by locating and highlighting the drains in their area that could affect them.

Commissioner Rhode reported:

- On attending the EDC meeting, reporting that in August 14 new jobs were created bringing the total to 180 jobs since January 2012.
- That he has passed out the benefit sheet on belonging to EMCLG asking that each Commissioner take a moment to review it.
- On strategy planning by MSU for export of business products in small communities. EMCOG is working on putting this strategy into our county.
- That several grants have been completed this year by the Laura Maveal with payment due to her. *Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Walters, to make the payment as completed. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
- That continued education on 211 programs needs to get out in our Townships. Please continue to inform the Townships each month.

Comments from the Chairman:

- A request has been made by DHS for further appropriation to the Child Care Fund. Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Carl, supported by Commissioner Smith, to allow the Finance committee to meet with DHS and make a recommendation at the next Board meeting. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
- Attended and spoke at the ribbon cutting event at the new Shopko.
- On attending the Land Bank meeting on the 13th, noting there were 18 side lot transfers completed with a list of homes for sale still available.
- That he did sign the grant extension for the Housing Commission and attempted to speak with Ms. Essenmacher on the roof project but she was busy,
- On looking to hold ZBA meetings quarterly vs. monthly to save costs. The committee will look at that during the budget process.
- The Finance Committee has been working on the budget and making sensible cuts where needed and checking the revenues by department to make sure everyone is hitting their goals.
- The Cedar Trail used for ORV purposes will be closed during deer season. This was a verbal agreement with the family that they allowed the trail to run through their property during the ORV trail project.

Commissioner Walters commented that many of his Townships are looking into implementing a fireworks ordinance. Any findings will be shared with the entire Board to take back to their townships for consideration.

Public Comments –

The County Clerk spoke on the compliance of the November General Election ballots, noting that Gladwin County met their deadline in having the ballots delivered by September 22nd to the Township and City Clerks.

Robin Martin thanked Commissioner Smith for reading her letter to the Board on the Drain issues involving her property and asking the Board for any assistance they could give her regarding this dispute.

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

*Motion by Commissioner Walters, supported by Commissioner Carl, to adjourn. Ayes carried, **motion passed.** Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m., until October 9, 2012 at 9:00 a.m., unless otherwise ordered.*

Laura Brandon-Maveal
County Clerk

Josh Reid
Chairman

Commissioner Minutes of October 9, 2012

The Gladwin County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session October 9, 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.

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

The cash balances for the General Fund were read by Commissioner Rhode. *General Fund - \$861,174.72 after payroll and repayment of Gypsy Moth and Unallocated funds.*

Public Comments – none at this time.

The Board then reviewed the **Resolution for a Zoning Ordinance Revision**. Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Walters, supported by Commissioner Carl, to adopt the resolution as proposed.* Roll call vote as follows: Walters – yes, Carl – yes, Rhode – yes, Reid – yes, Birgel – yes, Smith – yes, Whittington – yes. 7 yes, 0 no. Ayes carried, **resolution 2012-017 declared adopted.**

Commissioner Walters then asked the Board for their consideration in allowing the Chairman to draft and sign a **Letter of Appreciation for Pat Dean**, Secord Township and Member of the Central Dispatch Committee. *Motion by Commissioner Walters, supported by Commissioner Smith, to allow the letter to be drafted and signed.* Ayes carried, **motion passed.**

Commissioner Reports by District -

Commissioner Walters reported:

- That his Township meetings are coming up.

Veterans Lost - Daniel Damron, Butman Township – Vietnam
Franklin Cornell, Tobacco Township – Vietnam

Commissioner Carl reported:

- That his Township meetings begin tonight.
- On meeting with the FEMA Task Force Committee, noting that the payment of \$20,000 was approved and everything looks to be on schedule for the publication of the Study in January.
- That each Board member should have received the letter from Sherman Township in their efforts to get information from the USEPA. Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Carl, supported by Commissioner Smith, to allow the Chairman to draft a letter of support of Sherman Township's request.* Ayes carried, **motion passed.**
- That John Wolski, Butman Township Trustee, would be retiring after 20 years, noting, "I would like to take this opportunity to recognize John Wolski, Butman Township Trustee, who is retiring after 20 years of service to the residents of

Butman Township and the Sugar Springs community. John's leadership and insight have contributed greatly to the growth of both Sugar Springs and Butman Township and he will be missed on the Board. I wish him well on his retirement and pray for his good health."

Commissioner Whittington reported:

- On attending the Bentley and Billings Township meetings last night.
- That the Grim Township meeting is tonight at 4:00 p.m.
- That the EDC meeting will be held tomorrow.

Commissioner Smith reported:

- On attending the Tobacco and Beaverton Schools Board meetings last night.
- That GAFT is presenting "Picnic" this Thursday – Saturday at the theatre in the Gladwin City Park.
- MMCC will be presenting the play "Leaving Iowa" November 6th - 8th and the 13th – 15th.
- The Library report has been left for each Board Member to review and circulate to their Townships.
- Tobacco Township Muzzleloaders will be holding their sight in days November 10th -14th.
- On the upcoming meeting with Data to review the costs and plans of the MOS contract with the County.

Commissioner Birgel reported:

- That Beaverton Township Supervisor, Jeff Roehrs, will be retiring at the end of the month. The Board looked at doing a press release to encourage voting for the write in candidate in Beaverton Township to save the costs of a Special Election. Commissioner Birgel will draft a letter of proclamation for Jeff Roehrs for the Board to adopt at the next meeting.

Commissioner Reid reported:

- On the resignation of EDC Director, Guy Alderton. The meeting tomorrow will discuss the options for replacement.
- On attending many Finance/Budget meetings, noting that the committee is working hard, and doing a great job, on shaving numbers to balance the budget.
- That the Finance Committee has referred the cell phone policy to Data for their consideration of costs and which employee should have the \$30/month stipend.

Commissioner Rhode reported:

- That Michigan Works has received an additional \$700,000 in funding for dislocated workers.
- That the unemployment rate in July was 13.3:
- On attending the Gladwin City Council meeting.
- On making a presentation to Grout Township on Uniform Addressing, noting that he will be working with the Townships and answering questions as they come up.

Finance Matters –

1. The Finance Committee met with **DHS** and discussed the additional **\$15,000** appropriation. *Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Carl, to advance the extra funding as requested and allow the appropriate budget amendments to be made by the Clerk and Treasurer. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
2. Justin Schneider, Zoning Administrator, has requested a **change in the zoning fees schedule**. *Motion by Commissioner Rhodes, supported by Commissioner Carl, to amend the fees as reflected in the Board folder. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
3. Darrell Schlese, Court Administrator, has requested an addition **\$25,000** appropriation to the **Child Care Fund**. *Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Walters, to allow the Clerk and Treasurer to make the appropriate budget amendments. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
4. The jail has made request for the purchase of a **new conveyor toaster**. The current toaster has caused safety issues over the past couple weeks. Total cost is \$597.78 and can come from 101-351-930.001 once approved. *Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Carl, to approve the purchase as outlined. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
5. **Sergeant Cuddie** has requested **80 hours of PTO** time per his union contract. Total payment of \$1758.40 to come from 101-301-706.000 upon approval. *Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Walters, to approve the payment as requested. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
6. Mike Greer, District Court Magistrate, has received a proposal for an **upgrade to his current recording software for the Courtroom**. Total cost is \$2445.00 and will come from 101-136-715.000 if approved. *Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Walters, to approve the purchase as requested. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
7. Commissioner Rhode then read a list of the **grants prepared by Laura Maveal for the 2012 year**, noting the majority of the grants had wages calculated in to cover the expense of grant writing. *Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported Commissioner Carl, to approve the payment of \$6,396.89 as requested. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

Public Comments –

Mike Brubaker inquired on a letter that was sent regarding signatures on billings. Commissioner Reid explained that signatures need to be legible and that any department that issues gas cards need to update the names for each card the employee is using.

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 9:17 a.m., until October 23, 2012 at 9:00 a.m., unless otherwise ordered.

Laura Brandon-Maveal
County Clerk

Josh Reid
Chairman

RESOLUTION 2012-017
GLADWIN COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE REVISION

WHEREAS, Public Act 110 of 2006, being MCLA 125.3101 through 125.3702 as amended, enables a county board of commissioners to adopt a county zoning ordinance to regulate the use of land, and

WHEREAS, Gladwin County adopted a county zoning ordinance pursuant to Public Act 110 of 2006, and such zoning ordinance becoming effective on February 1, 2008, and

WHEREAS, the Gladwin County Planning Commission reviewed zoning districts boundaries established by the zoning ordinance and has initiated a revision to change specific boundaries to allow new business uses in certain areas, and

WHEREAS, required notices were published in the *Gladwin County Record*, first class mailings were completed, a public hearing was held by the Gladwin County Planning Commission, and the Planning Commission has presented a summary of the comments received at the public hearing along with its recommendation for revision to the Gladwin County Board of Commissioners,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Gladwin County Board of Commissioners approves the recommended revision to the Gladwin County Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Revise zoning district from Business One (B1) to a Residential-Farming, (R-F) to property in the following location: Beaverton Township, Section 12, part of the SE1/4 of the SE¼, address of 3018 Crockett Road, Beaverton, MI 48612.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner Walters, supported by Commissioner Carl. Upon roll call vote, the following voted "aye":

7 "nay": _____ absent: 0

The Chairperson declared the resolution adopted.

Laura Brandon-Maveal
Clerk, Laura Brandon-Maveal

I, Laura E. Flach, the duly elected and acting Clerk of Gladwin County, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, 2012-017 was adopted by the Gladwin County Board of Commissioners at a regular meeting of said Board held on October 14, 2008, at which meeting a quorum was present, by roll call vote of said members as hereinbefore set forth; and that said resolution was ordered to take effect 10-10-2012.

Laura Brandon-Maveal
Clerk, Laura Brandon-Maveal