

Commissioner Minutes of September 27, 2011

The Gladwin County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session September 27, 2011. 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.

Agenda – *no additions or changes.*

The **Regular Session and Executive Session minutes of September 13, 2011** were then considered. *Motion by Commissioner Carl, supported by Commissioner Walters, to approve the minutes as presented. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

The **cash balances** for the General Fund were then read by Commissioner Rhode. *General Fund - \$114,508.25.*

Chairman Reid commented that the contract with Great Lakes Assessing would begin October 3, 2011.

Correspondence from the Chairman

- On a resolution from the Treasurer to **authorize the transfer of \$8000 from the 290 Social Welfare fund to the 291 Child Care fund per the request of DHS.** *Motion by Commissioner Carl, supported by Commissioner Rhode, to allow the Treasurer to make the transfer as requested by DHS. Roll call vote as follows: Walters – yes, Carl – yes, Rhode – yes, Reid – yes, Babcock – yes, Smith – yes, Whittington – yes. 7 yes, 0 no. Ayes carried, resolution 2011-016 declared adopted.*
- On a letter from DHS for additional funding. The County Attorney is looking into the matter.
- On the payment schedule from MMRMA showing payments to contractors for the air quality tests and other 3rd floor renovations.

Commissioner Whittington commented on the **Resolution forwarded from Lapeer County** and his desire to not support the resolution. Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Whittington, supported by Commissioner Smith, to not support the resolution as forwarded from Lapeer County. Roll call vote as follows: Carl – yes, Rhode – yes, Reid – yes, Babcock – yes, Smith – yes, Whittington – yes, Walters – yes. 7 yes, 0 no. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

Public Comments – *none at this time.*

Sue Fortune, East Michigan Council of Governments came before the Board with a project overview for Gladwin County and the Region. Discussion. The Board thanked Ms. Fortune for her time.

Chairman Reid commented that **two additional grants had been secured from USDA for patrol vehicles.** Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Walters, supported by*

Commissioner Carl, to move forward with the purchase of two patrol vehicles with USDA grant funding. Ayes carried, motion passed.

Committee Reports by District:

Commissioner Walters reported –

- On FEMA matters that he has been involved with.
- On the bids received for four vehicles the County had for sale. The bids were opened. *Motion made by Commissioner Walters, supported by Commissioner Carl, to accept the highest bid for each vehicle as listed:*

2008 Crown Victoria	John Rhode	\$1133.00
2005 Crown Victoria	Barb Beaty	\$ 500.00
2002 GMC Truck	Dakota Goodwin	\$1001.00
2001 Taurus	Scott Rhode	\$ 631.00

Ayes carried, **motion passed**. Commissioner Reid commented that next sale we try and auction process.

Bob Evans, Drain Commissioner, spoke briefly on the conference call with FEMA and updates to the process. Discussion.

Commissioner Carl reported –

- That the Animal Control was told by the State Inspector that they need to replace or repair the kennel doors. The department is working on obtaining quotes for the repairs and will submit them to the Board for approval at the next meeting.
- That the repairs to the Circuit Court office areas have been completed and the Judge has been moved back in. There will be a paint technician from Sherwin Williams in to look at the peeling paint.

Commissioner Whittington reported –

- That he had attended the DPW meeting.

Commissioner Smith reported –

- That she would like to thank those Board members who sat in for her while she was at Nationals.
- On attending Finance meetings.
- On the Data report submitted by Bob Frei, noting that the **BS&A system upgrade** would need to be done this year with the payment for the software to be spread over the next three years from 101-258-815.006. *Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Carl, to approve the project as outlined in the Data report. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

Commissioner Babcock stated he has nothing to report.

Commissioner Rhode reported –

- On many budget workshop meetings and the shortage of over \$800,000 for the 2012 budget. The Finance Committee has looked at proposing a Letter of

Understanding with the Unions for a reduction of work hours to a 4-day workweek, changing to the BCN insurance coverage only in exchange for a 2.5% raise. Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Smith, to allow the Finance committee for move forward with the Letter of Understandings with the Unions to reduce costs for the 2012 budget year.*

Discussion. Commission Carl questioned the State's 80/20 insurance proposal and the impact on the employees if they did not take the proposal. Commissioner Reid stated that there is a considerable savings by giving the employees at raise in exchange for the shortened workweek and BCN insurance coverage, noting the 4-day workweek would start the week of 10-31-2011 and the BCN and proposed raise to begin January 1st and that the Non-Union and Elected Officials would be moved in 2012 to the BCN with the proposed raise. Commissioner Walters commented that the employees should not be "given" a raise in order to take something the Board is offering. Discussion. Commissioner Reid stated that this does not apply to the Court staff, but could work with them on the same transition package if they are interested. Commissioner Whittington stated that the employees are sick of hearing the layoff threats and the County needs to do a better job of figuring a total of what they need to be cost neutral. Discussion. Commissioner Smith commented that is only makes sense to offer one insurance plan and that the Board meet with the Union to discuss the Letter of Understandings so that the Board can act on the Union decision by their October 11th meeting. Ayes carried, **motion passed**. *Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Carl, to move the non-union and Elected Officials to the BCN plan effective January 1st with a proposed 2.5% raise.* Ayes carried, **motion passed**. *Commissioner Whittington voting no.*

- On the approved **Command contract** that requires the Chairman's signature. *Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Carl, to sign the Command Contract as approved by the Union.* Ayes carried, **motion passed**.
- On a note received from Attorney Stoker on the State Health Care proposal that is effective today, noting it will not apply to any of the Unions that have already signed their contracts.
- On the 211 program, noting there were 1084 calls made last month.
- That the Unemployment rate is down from last year at this time at 13.4%.

Commissioner Reid reported –

- On a GIS grant for 911 through the State of Michigan for "**PSAP boundary polygon layer and a standard road centerline layer**", noting all deadlines for application and completion are fast approaching. Gina Conrad, GIS Coordinator, spoke about the project. 911 Director Mike Brubaker supported the program and asked that the Board take action to allow Ms. Conrad and himself to pursue the Grant application. *Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Smith, to allow Ms. Conrad to make grant application as discussed.* Ayes carried, **motion passed**. *Mr. Brubaker spoke briefly on the need to "regroup" the Uniform Addressing Committee, noting the benefit of the Committee to this project.*

- On the cooperation and assistance for the Department Heads and Elected Officials on working with the Finance Committee on the Budget for 2012.

Public Comments –

Commissioner Walters stated that there was a memorial held last Saturday for Brian Gross, noting it was well attending and put together.

Mike Brubaker commented on the lightening strike to the Tower over Labor Day weekend and the communications with the vendors to stage a plan of preventative measure. Rick Ghent commented on the process.

Commissioner Smith stated she was happy to see the South Tower project started.

Gina Conrad spoke about the conference she recently attended and the GIS revenue sales she has had.

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

*Motion by Commissioner Carl, supported by Commissioner Smith, to adjourn. Ayes carried. **Meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m. until the Regular Board meeting at 9:00 a.m. on October 11, 2011.***

Laura Brandon-Maveal, Clerk

Josh Reid, Chairman