

## Commissioner Minutes of October 11, 2011

*The Gladwin County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session October 11, 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, except for Commissioner Whittington who had been excused.*

**Agenda – no changes.**

The **Regular Session minutes of September 27, 2011** were then considered. *Motion by Commissioner Carl, supported by Commissioner Smith, 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 - \$781,120.42.*

The **monthly Finance report totaling \$170,398.44** was then considered for payment. *Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Carl, to approve the bills for payment as presented. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

**Public Comments – none at this time.**

### **Correspondence from the Chairman:**

- On receiving a letter from Joe Myers regarding playground equipment for the Sports Complex. The equipment would be stored for the winter and installed next spring. They are accepting donations for the mulch and installation.
- On minutes and meeting notice for Region VII Area on Aging.

**Rick Seebeck, Gladwin Schools Superintendent**, came before the Board to present information on the **Headlee Restoration question that will be placed on the November ballot**. Discussion on use of the funds and school programs. Mr. Seebeck reviewed the changes and reductions that he has made over the past few years. The Board thanked Mr. Seebeck for coming in.

### **Committee Reports by District**

#### **Commissioner Walters reported:**

- On attending the Farm Bureau dinner on the 13<sup>th</sup>.
- On the Sherman Township meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup>.
- On the FEMA conference call on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- That he attended the Mental Health meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup>, noting that they are trimming their budget and looking at cuts.

*Veterans Matters –*

Staff Sergeant Nicholas A. Sprovtsoff of Davison died September 28, 2011 in Afghanistan.

Specialist Chazray C. Clark of Ecorse died September 18, 2011 in Afghanistan.

Local Veterans Lost –

David S. Allam – Beaverton City, WWII US Army

Nelson Basner – Gladwin Township, Vietnam US Army

*Commissioner Walters shared with the Board that his son Domonic would be home today from Afghanistan for 15 days.*

Commissioner Carl reported:

- On the bid that has been advertised for the Beaverton Water Tower.
- On communication from Ron Taylor on replacing the doors and windows at the Animal Shelter.
- That the Circuit Court offices have again been stripped, sanded and primered for new paint.
- That the snow plow contract has been placed for bid.
- On FEMA issues and the need to put together a chronological listing of events for the Township's consideration in the event the matter goes to Court.

Commissioner Smith reported:

- On attending the Library Board meeting.
- That she has attended several Personnel and Finance meetings.
- On the Tobacco Township meeting last night.
- On the circulation report provided by the Library, noting use for the month of September. Commissioner Smith urged each of the Board members to share the information with their Districts.
- On the invitation to attend the "75<sup>th</sup> Birthday" celebration at the old Beaverton High School building on Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>. There is a community group that would like to see the building converted to a recreation center.
- That the Friend of the Theatre will be opening their new play this weekend in the City Park.

Commissioner Smith then asked the Board's consideration to allow the **Lodge to remain open for rentals until January 2, 2012 before winterizing the building.** Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Carl, to allow the building to remain open until January 2, 2012 for holiday rentals, providing reservations are made by November 1, 2011. If no reservations are made the building will be winterized.* Ayes carried, **motion passed.** Commissioner Reid commented that the residents of Buckeye Township in favor of keeping the grounds open and active. Commissioner Smith added that the Gladwin Cross Country team hosted a meet there last Saturday with over 1900 people in attendance.

**Commissioner Babcock reported:**

- On attending the Grout Township meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- On the FEMA meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup>.
- On attending the Finance and Personnel meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup>.
- On the Beaverton Township meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup>.
- On the article published on Civil War Cannons, noting Gladwin County's were mentioned in the article.

**Commissioner Rhode reported:**

- On EDC matters, noting bids for the Farmers Market building have been collected and approved for building with the "blessing" of the USDA.
- On **Letter of Agreements drafted for the Unions consideration of the BCN insurance**. There are some language corrections that need to be handled with Units 6 and 7. Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Smith, to approve the Letter of Agreement with Unit 6 and 7 upon their acceptance by union vote. Ayes carried, motion passed.* Commissioner Rhode then stated that the Corrections, Deputies and Dispatchers all approved their Letter of Agreements. *Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Carl, to accept the Letter of Agreements as approved by the Sheriff Union Groups. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
- On a request from Prosecutor Miller to have a **wall mount pamphlet holder installed for his office**. *Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Smith, to allow the installation as requested. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

**Finance Matters –**

1. Justin Schneider, Building Official, has requested that **\$300.00 be moved from 101-410-932.000 – Vehicle Maintenance to 101-410-756.000 – Gasoline**. *Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Carl, to approve the transfer as outlined. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
2. Lt. Rabidue has requested that Sue Walker attend a **LERMA training for FOIA**. There is no registration cost for the training. Hotel cost will be \$60.00 plus meal allowance. Expense to come from 101-301-804.000 if approved. *Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Carl, to allow the training as requested. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
3. **NACO has sent the County a 2012 Dues notice for \$516.00**. The Board needs to consider membership with NACO by motion. The Board stated they saw no benefit to the membership in 2011. *Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Carl, to not join NACO in 2012. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
4. Laura Brandon-Maveal, County Clerk, provided a copy of the **CherryLan contract** she signed for her office for the Finance Committee's review.
5. Mrs. Maveal also submitted a voucher for **grant payment in the amount of \$3066.64** for 2011 grants. *Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Walters, to approve the grant payment as provided. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
6. Ron Taylor, Animal Control Supervisor, supplied the committee with a quote for **new tires for his 2007 Ford truck. Total cost is \$723.72** and has been priced through State Purchasing. If approved, the purchase will be made from 101-430-932.000. *Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Carl, to approve the purchase as outlined. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
7. Ron Taylor, Animal Control, also provided the work quote from Cady Construction to the committee for the replacement of **four (4) metal slab doors at the Shelter** per the recommendation of the State Inspector. Cost of **\$1,370.00** to be paid from 701-000-366.430

(building fund – donations). *Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Carl, to allow the replacement of doors as quoted above. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

8. Ray Hartwell, Undersheriff, has asked for permission to prepare a grant for four (4) taser units. Total cost will be approximately \$5,884.91 with the following agencies making contributions:

Ten Sixteen Recovery Network - \$500.00

Gladwin County Prosecutor - \$1,300.00

Crime Stoppers - \$2,442.00

MMRMA will contribute \$400 per Taser if the grant is approved. This would leave a small cost to the County of approximately \$45.00 which could come from the Sheriff's budget. *Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Carl, to allow Undersheriff Hartwell to write the grant as requested. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

**Commissioner Reid reported:**

- On attending the Buckeye Township meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup>.
- On the meeting with Judge Evans and staff regarding the paint in the Circuit Court offices.
- On the Finance meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup>.
- On attending the Department Head meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup>.
- On the Finance meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup>.

*Commissioner Reid then took time to thank everyone that has been involved with the Budget process, noting the change to the BCN coverage took care of a large portion of the 2012 budget deficit.*

**Public Comments –**

*Sheriff Shea spoke about the change in the BCN health care and the Letter of Agreements with the Unions. Sheriff Shea asked that the Board consider all of the same provisions with the Command Unit who has agreed to pay a 50/50 share of rate increases over the term of their contract.*

*Rick Ghent spoke about the building being partially closed for Columbus Day, noting that the lights were left on in the building overnight.*

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

*Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Walters, to adjourn. Ayes carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m. until the October 25, 2011 Committee of the Whole meeting beginning at 9:00 a.m. unless otherwise directed.*

Laura Brandon-Maveal, Clerk

Josh Reid, Chairman