

Commissioner Minutes of October 23, 2012

The Gladwin County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session October 23, 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, except Commissioners Walters and Birgel who had been excused.

Motion by Commissioner Carl, supported by Commissioner Smith, 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 - \$566,536.81.*

Public Comments – *Judge Thomas Evans introduced his new Law Clerk Nicholas Madaj. The Board welcomed Nicolas to his new position.*

Chairman Reid then reviewed the communications to the Board. The contract with LNR Enterprises had been sent to Attorney Jacobson for his review. Attorney Jacobson had added a rider to the contract that if the company does not find a utility savings for the County there will be no costs due to LNR for their research. Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Carl, to allow the Chairman to enter into the contract with LNR Enterprises for their research in utility savings. Ayes carried, motion passed. Commissioner Rhode voting no.*

Molly Whetstone, Equalization Director, came before the Board with the **2012 Apportionment Report** for the Board's consideration. Ms. Whetstone did state that the report is based on current millage figures, noting that after the election, the report would have to be updated. *Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Carl, to accept the Apportionment Report as presented. Roll call vote as follows: Walters – excused, Carl – yes, Rhode – yes, Reid – yes, Birgel – excused, Smith – yes, Whittington –yes. 5 yes, 2 excused. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

Commissioner Reports by District -

Commissioner Carl reported:

- That things are well in all of his Townships.

Commissioner Whittington reported:

- His Townships are all running along smoothly.
- On attending the Insurance Committee meeting yesterday with Cadillac Insurance.

Commissioner Smith reported:

- That she attended the Tea Party's "Meet the Candidates" night with the Sheriff candidates.
- On attending the Beaverton City meeting on the 15th.

- That the Data committee met to review the costs for the copy and print services for the County. Ms. Tobin from MOS will be looking into response time on repairs and Bob Frei will be compiling figures for the committee to look at. The cell phone policy was reviewed by the committee members through email and sent to the Finance committee for their consideration.
- On attending the Beaverton School Board meeting on the 22nd.
- That Mike Novak from Gladwin City has resigned from the Library Board. They will be looking for a replacement.

Lauren Essenmacher, CCT, came before the Board on the roof repair project to the City County Transit building. Ms. Essenmacher noted that the CCT Board has made the same recommendation to repair the roof at an approximate cost of \$200,000 with monies from their retained earnings. Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Whittington, to allow for the repairs using retained earnings as proposed.* Ayes carried, **motion passed.** Commissioners Whittington and Carl voting no.

Commissioner Reid reported:

- That Commissioner Rhode will be addressing the majority of the meetings he has attended.
- The Townships should have received the Uniform Addressing information in the mail by now and that each Commissioner can address concerns with them during their meetings.
- That the FEMA billings for attorney services will be sent to the Townships this week.

Commissioner Rhode reported:

- On discussion with Northern MAC on ORV legislation. There will be work on redrafting the resolution model for the ORV legislation.
- That “**New Commissioner training**” will be held in November and December at various locations. *Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Whittington, to allow Board members to sign up for the training with the Board Secretary to attend.* Ayes carried, **motion passed.**
- On attending the “Fall Lunch and Learn” with Cadillac Insurance, noting they are still working on our 2013 insurance rates.

Finance Matters –

1. Mike Brubaker, 911 Director, asked for permission for payment of a **Radio North bill in the amount of \$1670.40** for narrowband equipment services. Bill to be paid from 280-000-933.000 if approved. *Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Carl, to approve payment of the bill as requested.* Ayes carried, **motion passed.**
2. Jan Stoike, 911 Ass’t Director, has scheduled two (2) dispatchers for “**Mental Health Dispatching**” on December 5-6th in Traverse City. Total cost if \$698.00 plus lodging and meals. Total cost of the training to come from 282-000-804.001 once approved. *Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Smith, to approve the training as outlined.* Ayes carried, **motion passed.**
3. The **Child Care fund budget needs to be certified to the State.** Permission is needed to allow the Chairman to sign the necessary documents to certify the fund’s budget upon presentation.

- Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Carl, to allow the Chairman to provide the necessary signatures for this budget as presented. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
4. **The Animal Control** will have a "Supervisory" position open the first of the year. The committee has prepared a **job posting** and is included in your Board folder. A motion is needed to approve the wording for the job posting. Discussion on drug testing for employees. *Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Smith, to approve the job description for posting. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
 5. **Animal Control** has asked that their old 4x4 truck be sold under sealed bid. A motion is needed to allow the secretary to place the sale ad in the paper, with sealed bids to be returned to the County Clerk's Office. Discussion on the ad being placed a week earlier in error. The Clerk has received three bids that could be considered today. *Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Carl, to sell the truck as advertised. Ayes carried, motion passed.* The Clerk then opened the three bids. Dan Stepaniak - \$652.00, Rick Ghent - \$402.00 and Keith Fisher - \$675.00. *Motion by Commissioner Carl, supported by Commissioner Smith, to accept the high bid from Keith Fisher for the sale of the vehicle. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
 6. Attorney Jacobson has drafted an agreement with **Waste Management** that has lowered the cost of out monthly contract and to provide a small refund of past services. A motion is needed to allow the Chairman to enter into the new **contract of \$236.99/month**. *Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Smith, to allow the Chairman to enter into the agreement as negotiated. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
 7. Mike Greer, District Court Magistrate, has requested that he be able to hire a **temporary part time employee in the probation department** while the regular employee is off work for approx. 4-6 weeks. This employee would be hired at the wage of \$10.80 and work the part time hours per week as normally scheduled in the probation department. *Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Carl, to approve the hiring of the temporary part time employee as requested. Ayes carried, motion passed. Commissioner Reid voting no.*
 8. Sgt. **Steven Townsend** has requested **payout of 40 hours of PTO** time per his contract. Total payment of **\$879.20** to be paid from 101-301-706.000 upon approval. *Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Smith, to make the payment of PTO hours as outlined. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

The Board then considered the resolution drafted by Equalization to adopt the millage rates as required by the **Truth in Budgeting Act**. *Motion by Commissioner Carl, supported by Commissioner Smith, to adopt the resolution as presented.* Roll call vote as follows: Carl – yes, Rhode – yes, Reid – yes, Birgel – excused, Smith – yes, Whittington – yes, Walters – excused. 5 yes, 2 excused. Ayes carried, **resolution 2012-018 declared adopted.**

Commissioner Rhode then noted that the Finance Committee had reviewed the **salary of the Drain Commissioner and has considered setting the salary based on a three day work week** to fall in line with the days the office is open. Discussion. Mr. Evans stated that his office is only open three days, and would like it to be open four days, but is still working 50-60 hours a week. Further discussion on budgets and the priority of cleaning drains and funding the projects. *Motion by Commissioner Carl, supported by Commissioner Smith, to reduce the wage of the Drain Commissioner to reflect a three day work week.* Roll call vote as follows: Rhode – no, Reid – no, Birgel – excused, Smith – yes, Whittington – no, Walters – excused, Carl – yes. 2 yes, 3 no, 2 excused. **Motion fails.**

Commissioner Reid stated that Commissioner Birgel had to take his wife back to the hospital and that the Board should keep him in their thoughts over the next few days.

Public Comments –

Sheriff Shea commented on the passing of Vivian Edick, noting her importance in the community over the past years. Sheriff Shea also addressed the October 10th article in the Gladwin County Record noting “solve rate” of his department at 17.6%. Sheriff Shea stated he is upset with this figure and that the information printed is not correct. According to the MSP data base, Gladwin County is in the top 5% of Michigan agencies for “solve rate” and that his deputies are doing a wonderful job and should be commended.

Commissioner Whittington reminded the Board that the “Meet the Candidates” forum will be held tonight at the Beaverton Community Center at 7 p.m.

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

*Motion by Commissioner Whittington, supported by Commissioner Carl, to adjourn. Ayes carried, **motion passed.** Meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m., until November 13, 2012 at 9:00 a.m., unless otherwise ordered.*

Laura Brandon-Maveal
County Clerk

Josh Reid
Chairman

GLADWIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Resolution 2012-018

WHEREAS, Public Act 2 of 1968 as amended by Public Act 41 of 1995 required the adoption of a Truth in Budgeting Act; and

WHEREAS, the Truth in Budgeting Act requires the approval of all mills of Ad Valorem property Taxes to be levied and the purpose for same; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Gladwin County Board of Commissioners hereby Adopts the following millage rate for the winter collection with a total of 3.7500 mills with the following breakdown:

Dar: .50000
R&B: 2.0000
Seniors: .50000
911: .75000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above millage levy will be spread to support the General Appropriations Act.

Resolution proposed by Carl

Supported by Smith, and adopted as follows:

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Absent/Abstain 2

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I, Laura Brandon-Maveal, Gladwin County Clerk, certify that the above Resolution

was adopted at a meeting of the Gladwin County Board of Commissioners on

10-23, 20102 Laura Brandon-Maveal