

Commissioner Minutes of October 25, 2011

The Gladwin County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session October 25, 2011 for purposes to adopt the 2011 Apportionment Report. 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 changes.

The **Regular Session minutes of October 11, 2011** were then considered. *Motion by Commissioner Carl, supported by Commissioner Walters, to approve the minutes as presented. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

Public Comments – none at this time.

Correspondence from the Chairman:

- On receipt of the 211 report for September.
- On correspondence from MMRMA dated 10-12-2011.
- On a request from John Satawa to place a nativity scene at the Courthouse.

Motion by Commissioner Carl, supported by Commissioner Walters, to go into Executive Session to discuss Unit #6 grievance #01-2011. Ayes carried, motion passed.

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Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Carl, to return to regular session. Ayes carried, motion passed.

Commissioner Smith made motion to deny the resolution of grievance #01-2011 as reviewed in executive session. Ayes carried, motion passed. Commissioner Reid voting no.

Molly Whetstone, Equalization Director, came before the Board with the **2011 Apportionment Report**. Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Carl, supported by Commissioner Walters, to accept the millage rates to be levied against the taxable value.* 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, **motion passed**. The Board asked questions of Ms. Whetstone. Commissioner Walters stated that the Townships would like to meet her, and that she may consider scheduling time to meet with each Township to answer any of their questions.

Gina Conrad, Gypsy Moth Director, came before the Board with a **3rd quarter update for the WebMap program**. Ms. Conrad commented that the business accounts are “taking off” and she feels as though the system is paying for itself.

Committee Reports by District

Commissioner Walters reported:

- On attending his Township meetings.
- On meeting with the new Equalization Director.
- On the death of Captain Drew Russell of Scotts, Michigan on October 8, 2011 in Afghanistan.
- That his son Domonic is home from the service for a few more days and has brought doughnuts and cider to share with the Board and guests.

Commissioner Carl reported:

- On attending his Township meetings.
- That the Judge's office has been repaired and repainted and that the Board is waiting on the air quality tests.
- That the **bids for snow plowing** the County areas were advertised in the paper with only one interested business. The Board opened the bid from DeLisle Lawncare. Discussion on pricing from last year, noting that they did not increase their pricing this year. *Motion by Commissioner Carl, supported by Commissioner Walters, to accept the bid from DeLisle Lawncare for 2012 plowing services. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
- That Cady Construction is installing the doors and windows at the Animal Shelter today.
- On the FEMA meeting on the 19th, noting that the Townships signed a resolution of appeal on the Flood Plain mapping. Discussion on the extension through May 2012.
- On attending the Council of Local Government Harvest Dinner.
- That there will be a Central Michigan District Health meeting tonight.
- On attending Michigan Works in place of Commissioner Walters on the 28th.
- That the **electrical bids were received for the South Tower in Beaverton**. The Board opened the sealed bids as follows: Rowley Electric - \$1,480.00, L&K Electric - \$1,619.00, Alward - \$2,240.00 and Master Electric - \$1,808.75. *Motion by Commissioner Carl, supported by Commissioner Whittington, to accept the bid from Rowley Electric for \$1,480.00. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

Commissioner Whittington reported:

- On the EDC meeting, noting there will be a meeting on November 10th with the Townships.
- That the Airport Fuel Farm is underway.

Commissioner Smith reported:

- On the Personnel meeting on the 11th with Judge Farrell
- On attending the Beaverton City meeting on the 17th.
- On the Friends of the Library used book sale where they profited \$800.00.
- On attending the Personnel and Finance meeting on the 19th.

- On discussion at the Park and Rec meeting on November 17th. Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Carl, to recommend that the County Board to direct the County Attorney to work with the Seebeck Foundation on creation of a draft agreement between the Seebeck Foundation and Gladwin County for management of the Gladwin County Recreation Area.* Ayes carried, **motion passed**. Commissioner Whittington voting no.
- On reviewing the IT report created by Bob Frei. Discussion on topics. Mr. Frei has asked that he be allowed to price search and lock in a low price on nine (9) new machines for 2012 replacement within various departments. **Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Walters, to allow the purchase up to \$6,165.00 to be paid from the department's respective budget upon purchase.** Ayes carried, *motion passed*.

Commissioner Smith commented that she enjoyed Domonic's party on Saturday and would commend him for his service to his Country.

Commissioner Babcock reported:

- On attending the Fair Board meeting on the 16th.
- On the bi-weekly FEMA meeting.
- On attending the Council of Local Government Harvest Dinner.
- On the Michigan Works meeting.

Commissioner Rhode reported:

- On many health care meetings.
- On discussion on cost savings measures with the Undersheriff. *Commissioner Rhode then made motion to allow the Clerk to conduct an actuarial through MERS on the Corrections Contract. Motion supported by Commissioner Smith.* Ayes carried, **motion passed**.
- On the need to vote on the enforcement of PA 157. *Motion by Commissioner Rhode, supported by Commissioner Carl, to use the "caps enforcement" on the Elected Officials, Non-Union and all unsigned Union Contracts beginning January 1, 2012 to be in compliance with the State Healthcare law; by recommendation of the County Attorney and our Healthcare Administrator.* Ayes carried, **motion passed**.

Commissioner Reid reported:

- On attending many Finance meetings, noting thanks to all who have assisted in narrowing the gap on the 2012 budget deficit. There will be an article in the paper tomorrow on the progression. The Board discussed the cuts that have been made through 2011 to provide savings. Discussion. Commissioner Carl noted that Clare County is looking at the 4-day proposal that our County has implemented. Commissioner Reid noted that the County offices will be open from 7:30 – 4:30 Monday – Thursday. The Courts will be open Monday – Friday from 8:30 – 4:30. The Clerk's Office will be open Monday – Thursday 7:30 -4:30 and Fridays from 8:30-4:30.

Public Comments –

Mike Brubaker commented that he has aerial photos for the VanDyke tower project if anyone was interested in viewing them.

Commissioner Smith stated that the muzzleloader club on M-18 has sight in days November 10-14th from 9-5 each day. Cost is \$5.00/firearm. She also received notice today that she took 3rd at Nationals in the offhand tournament.

*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 9:55 a.m. until November 8, 2011 Regular Session meeting beginning at 9:00 a.m. unless otherwise directed.***

Laura Brandon-Maveal, Clerk

Josh Reid, Chairman