

## Commissioner Minutes of October 26, 2010

*The Gladwin County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session October 26, 2010. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Rhode. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call found all Commissioners present, except the vacant seat created by the resignation of Commissioner Killian.*

**Agenda** – no additions or corrections.

The **Regular Session minutes of October 12, 2010** were then considered. *Motion by Commissioner Carl, supported by Commissioner Smith, to approve the minutes as prepared. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

The **cash balances** for the General Fund and the Judicial Management Fund were then read. *General Fund - \$1,327,691.54 231 Fund – (\$9,336.72).*

The **semi-monthly Finance report totaling \$74,327.92** was then considered for payment. *Motion by Commissioner Carl, supported by Commissioner Walters, to approve the bills for payment as presented. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

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

*Frank Starkweather, EDC Director, spoke on EDC developments and Broad Ban trunk line advancements.*

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

- The County received a check from MMRMA for the Register of Deeds water damage.
- Clare County forwarded the County's portion of the Energy Grant money
- On communication from Grout Township recommending the appointment of Don Birgel to Commissioner Killian's vacant seat.
- On a letter from Don Birgel requesting the same.

*Chairman Rhode then inquired of the Board if the Personnel Committee should sit down an additional time with the Corrections Unit to discuss negotiations before bringing in their attorney. Discussion. Four Board Members commented that the Committee should be allowed to meet with the Corrections Unit one additional time without attorney assistance.*

*Laura Brandon-Maveal, County Clerk, then asked the Board to elect a Democrat Canvasser to fill the vacancy on the Board created by Mary Offenbecker. After a ballot election **Heather Proctor** was elected.*

Dan Bolle, Equalization Director, came forward with the **Apportionment report for 2010**. Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Carl, to approve the Apportionment Report as presented. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

**Commissioner Walters reported:**

- On attending the Sage Township meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup>.
- On the Public Safety meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup>.
- On attending the Sherman Township meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup>.
- On the Fair Board meeting also held on the 19<sup>th</sup>, noting that Ron Morley was nominated President again.
- That he will be attending the Mental Health Finance meeting in Mt. Pleasant tonight.

#### **Veterans Matters**

Norman McCormick, Army, Clement Township passed away on August 29, 2010 after 30 years of military service.

#### **Parks and Recreation Matters**

County Affairs met with Attorney Jacobson to discuss the insurance coverage for Mr. Seebeck. The Committee will be reviewing the options bring a report to the Board at a later date.

#### **Commissioner Carl reported:**

- On the Bourret Township meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup>.
- On attending the Clement Township meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup>.
- On the Butman Township meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup>.
- On attending the Data committee meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup>.
- On the Gladwin Township meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup>.
- That the Community Mental Health meeting is coming up on the 5<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Commissioner Reid reported:**

- On the EDC meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup>.
- On the Airport meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup>, noting the Fuel Farm is moving slowly.
- On attending the hay Township meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup>.
- On the meeting in Secord on the 20<sup>th</sup> where the noise ordinance, and it's enforcement, were discussed.

#### **Building and Grounds Matters**

- The HVAC system for the Courthouse was discussed and costs were reviewed. The Board needs to look into Grant opportunities to fund the cost
- There was an issue with "popped" electrical breakers on the second floor due to an office "cooking". The committee would like to remind the offices that there is no cooking, electrical heaters or hanging of décor on the walls permitted. There will be a memo sent out to the departments in regard to this matter.
- The Maintenance Department bought a new vacuum.

#### **Public Safety Matters**

- The surveillance portion of the Jail is in need of a large monitor. The \$1,500.00 has been set aside from Securus Grant monies.
- Undersheriff Hartwell presented the committee with quotes and "sketches" of the proposed **office remodel in the Sheriff's Department**. The lowest bid was from Hardwood Hills in the amount of **\$5,162.00** and will be coming from the Sheriff's Department Building maintenance line item. Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Reid, supported by Commissioner Carl, to fund the project and*

award the work to Hardwood Hills in the amount \$5,162.00. Ayes carried, motion passed.

#### **Finance Matters –**

1. Sue Walker, Sheriff's Secretary, has made a request to purchase **new winter jackets for the Correction Officers**. Cost of \$703.00 to come from uniform line # 101-351-758.000 once approved. *Motion by Commissioner Reid, supported by Commissioner Walters, to approve the purchase as requested. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
2. County Clerk, Laura Brandon-Maveal, is asking that the Board amend her office fees to include a **"Marriage License Waiver Fee" of \$15.00**. All revenue associated with this fee will go toward general fund line item #101-000-482.215 if approved. *Motion by Commissioner Reid, supported by Commissioner Carl, to allow for the fee adjustment as requested. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
3. Christy VanTiem, County Treasurer, is asking for Board direction on **repayment of the Unallocated Fund in the amount of \$820,000 from General Fund** as borrowed to fund expenses from April – August 2010. *Motion by Commissioner Reid, supported by Commissioner Walters, to repay the Unallocated Fund as outlined. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
4. Mrs. VanTiem also has requested that she be allowed to **collect \$5,305.00 from the Disaster Contingency fund to repay a 2004 loan from General Fund**. *Motion by Commissioner Reid, supported by Commissioner Carl, to make the repayment. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
5. Darrell Schlese, Circuit Court Administrator, has requested **additional appropriations in the amount of \$60,000 for 292 Child Care Fund costs**. Mr. Schlese asked that the Board appropriate \$30,000 now and then review at the end of the year the balance needed. *Motion by Commissioner Reid, supported by Commissioner Walters, to appropriate an additional \$30,000 as requested. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
6. Mike Brubaker, 911 Director, has scheduled Jan Stoike for a **"Train the Trainer" class** in Harrison, Michigan November 8-10<sup>th</sup>. Total cost of \$499.00 will be paid from 282-000-804.001 upon approval. *Motion by Commissioner Reid, supported by Commissioner Carl, to allow the training request as outlined. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
7. The Jail is in need of a **large monitor for the surveillance room**. *Motion by Commissioner Reid, supported by Commissioner Carl, to approve the purchase as requested. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

#### **Commissioner Smith reported:**

- On attending the Beaverton City Council on October 18<sup>th</sup>, noting Halloween will be celebrated this Saturday, Oct. 30th.
- That she attended a Special DATA meeting on the 19th. Close examination of current phone system and which company deserves our business with the next contract was the topic of discussion. **The Committee is recommending that the County enter into a contract with CMC.** *Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Carl, to approve the contract with CMC. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
- On attending the "Meet the Candidates Night" on Wednesday, October 20, 2010, noting that she found it informative and would like to thank the Chamber of Commerce for hosting and providing the refreshments.
- On the "Council of Local Government" Monday night. Commissioner Smith stated the food was great, and the information was worthwhile. For those of you who were not in attendance, Judge Farrell asked each of us to take back to our townships the information that the court is looking for areas where people who appear before the court can be assigned community service. For example, if the townships have mowers then someone can be assigned to mow parks, township grounds, etc. Contact Judge Farrell for further information.

- On attending the Personnel Meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Commissioner Whittington reported:**

- That most of the committee reports he was included with were already given.
- On the Personnel meeting with POLC and Corrections and the need to continue to follow the advise of the County Attorney.
- On attending the Finance Meeting.
- That the Meet the Candidates night was interesting and well put together.
- On attending the EDC meeting.
- On the Airport meeting, noting the Fuel Farm project will not be completed this fall.
- On attending the Building and Grounds meeting.

**Commissioner Rhode reported:**

- On the Human Health Services Coordinating Body meeting, noting that a 211 report was presented.
- On the MAC meeting, commenting that budgets are being adjusted and the 2012 budget is estimated to be 6 billion short.
- On attending the Cadillac Insurance "Fall Lunch and Learn" last Friday. Insurance rates and increases were discussed.

*Commissioner Rhode then stated that there have been two interested parties willing to be appointed to the vacant position created by Commissioner Killian. Commissioner Rhode noted that both of the individuals have filed as write in candidates and that the Board will decide on an appointment at the next Board meeting pending the results of the election, explaining that if either of the write in candidates receive more votes than Commissioner Killian who is printed on the ballot then there will not need to be a special election.*

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

**Public Comments –**

*Darlene Conner spoke on the appointment to Commissioner Killian's vacancy, noting she was in favor of Don Birgel.*

*Bev Przystas spoke on the "Haunted Barn" handled by the 4H members.*

*Motion by Commissioner Walters, supported by Commissioner Carl, to adjourn. Ayes carried, **meeting adjourned at 9:52 a.m. until November 9, 2010 unless otherwise directed.***

*Laura Brandon-Maveal*  
Laura Brandon-Maveal, Clerk

William Rhode, Chairman