

Commissioner Minutes of November 12, 2013

The Gladwin County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, November 12, 2013. 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 Commissioner Carl who had been excused.

Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Whittington, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Ayes carried, motion passed.

The cash balances were then read by Commissioner Whittington. *General Fund - \$448,934.66, noting that the Unallocated Fund still has an advance of \$300,000 that will need to be re-paid by the end of the year.*

Public Comments – none at this time.

Chairman Reid reviewed the correspondence that has been received, noting the ORV ordinance letter that was received from the State. Discussion. The Board will draft a letter to the Townships asking them to submit all road changes before March for consideration.

Bill Mason, Equalization Director, presented the revised 2013 Apportionment Report. Mr. Mason reviewed the recap of totals based on the November 5th election results. Discussion. Motion by Commissioner Walters, supported by Commissioner Birgel, to accept the revised totals and allow for the report to be certified to the State. Roll call vote as follows: Carl – excused, Walters – yes, Reid – yes, Whittington – yes, Birgel – yes. 4 yes, 0 no, 1 excused. Ayes carried, motion passed.

Chairman Reid stated that the re-appointments to the Planning and Zoning Board of Appeals would be voted on at the next meeting.

Commissioner Reports by District -

Commissioner Walters reported:

- That he attended the Council of Local Government meeting on the 28th.
- On attending the Mental Health meeting in Mt. Pleasant on the 29th.
- That he attended the Gladwin City meeting on November 4th, noting the water tower should be down by the end of the month and that there were discussions on Personal Property Tax.
- On speaking with Rick Seebeck on meeting to review the blue prints of the commercial kitchen project at the Lodge.
- That Veterans Day went very well.
- That he would like to wish his good friends Jim and Rema Forgie a Happy 60th Anniversary on November 7th.

Veterans Lost - Carl Hanson, Buckeye Township – Korea
Harold Plauman Jr., Sherman Township – WWII
Leroy Grant, Gladwin City – Army

Donald Beierschmitt, Sage Township – Korea
Gordon Campbell, Tobacco Township – Korea

Commissioner Birgel reported:

- On attending the Shelterhouse meeting and discussion on the emergency food organization, noting there is an increase in the homeless numbers and the need to allocate additional funding to help provide for them.
- That he attended the CMDHD meeting where they finalized the Teamster union negotiations and discussed a large bill for the taxes and fees from the Affordable Care Act.
- On attending the Beaverton Township meeting.
- That he attended the Grout Township meeting.
- On attending the Region 7B meeting at Michigan Works where a presentation was given on the “Promise Zone”, noting that Gladwin County was well represented.
- That he attended the Council of Local Government meeting where there was a presentation on Cemetery management and the ability for Townships to hire for a survey of their plots. Discussion.

Commissioner Whittington reported:

- That he attended the Billings Township meeting, noting several residents had questions on what will happen after the failed millage.
- On attending the Bentley Township meeting where he was asked questions on what is happening in the Drain Commissioner’s Office.
- That he will be attending the Grim Township meeting this afternoon and the Bourret Township meeting tonight.

Finance Matters:

1. Motion by Commissioner Whittington, supported by Commissioner Birgel, to allow the Treasurer to appropriate an additional \$15,000 to the 292 Child Care fund to pay their outstanding invoices. Ayes carried, motion passed.
2. The 269 fund (Law Library) is out of money. Darrel Schlese, Court Administrator, has requested that the Board allow the Treasurer to transfer \$1,500 from 101-131-817.000 to the Law Library Fund to fund their expenses through the end of the year. There was no motion or support on this request. No action taken.
3. Darrell Schlese has also requested that two new computers be purchased for the Circuit Court and Probate Court and transferring the funding from the following lines to pay for the purchases.

101-131-817.000	\$800.00
101-131-933.000	\$800.00
101-148-706.003	\$800.00
101-148-933.000	\$800.00

There was no motion or support on this request. No action taken.

4. Bill Mason, Equalization Director, has asked that the Board authorize prepayment of postage funds for the personal property statements that will be printed and mailed from the vendor. Estimated cost is \$587.00 and will be paid from 101-225-727.002 upon approval. Motion by Commissioner Whittington, supported by Commissioner Walters, to allow for the prepayment of postage money upon billing. Ayes carried, motion passed.
5. Karee Barlow, Dispatcher, has requested payment for 80 hours of unused PTO time effective on her 11-17-13 anniversary date. Total cost of \$1,334.40 to be paid from 101-422-704.000 upon approval. Motion by Commissioner Whittington, supported by Commissioner Birgel, to allow for the payment as outlined. Ayes carried, motion passed.

6. Sergeant Steve Townsend has also requested payment of 50 hours of unused PTO time effective on his anniversary. \$1,120.50 will be paid from 101-301-706.000 upon approval. Motion by Commissioner Whittington, supported by Commissioner Birgel, to make the payment as outlined. Ayes carried, motion passed.
7. Matthew McGourty, Jail Administrator, has submitted for payment of an annual Fire Inspection in the amount of \$350.00 as required by the DOC. Payment to come from 101-351-930.000 upon approval. Motion by Commissioner Whittington, supported by Commissioner Birgel, to allow the billing to be paid upon submission. Ayes carried, motion passed.
8. The Actuarial Valuation for the calculation of the Retiree Health Care plan has been quoted for completion of years 2014-2016. Total cost is \$8,800.00 and is required under GASB for the audit. This cost will be a 2014 expense that will need to be budgeted for. Commissioner Birgel asked that this matter be tabled until the next meeting to assure that all the facts have been reviewed. Matter tabled.
9. Jim Maveal, Animal Control Supervisor, has requested that he be allowed to contract with his "weekend employee" for office work upon his Clerk going on maternity leave. This employee would work 16-20 hours per week at the \$8.00 she is currently paid for the approximate 6-8 weeks that his Clerk will be off. The committee discussed the option of the Animal Shelter closing to the public in the afternoon, allowing for complaints to be handled. Mr. Maveal stated that he would try to stay open in the mornings for adoptions and other public business and close in the afternoon, but asked that the Board authorize that he be allowed to hire the individual on a temporary part time basis in the event that it does not work. Motion by Commissioner Whittington, supported by Commissioner Walters, to allow for the temporary part time clerk only as needed. Ayes carried, motion passed.
10. Mr. Maveal also requested payment of 59 vacation hours that he has not been able to use this year due to him being the only certified officer. A motion is needed to allow for the payment of unused time as requested. Payment of \$1,280.30 to be paid from 101-430-703.000 once approved. Motion by Commissioner Whittington, supported by Commissioner Walters, to approve the payment as outlined. Ayes carried, motion passed.
11. Jim Maveal, Animal Control Supervisor, submitted a bill for the boarding of 5 horses. These horses were part of a neglect case in which the owner signed over his rights to the horses. Total bill of \$1425.00 to be paid from 101-229-831.001 once the Board has made approval. Motion by Commissioner Whittington, supported by Commissioner Walters, to approve the billing for payment as presented. Ayes carried, motion passed.
12. The sealed bids for the 2007 Crown Victoria were opened. Jordon Welke was the only bidder at \$415.09. Motion by Commissioner Reid, supported by Commissioner Walters, to approve the sale of the Crown Victoria to Jordon Welke. Ayes carried, motion passed.

Chairman Reid reported:

- That the Board has received a copy of the "Child Well Being" book. It is available in the office for anyone that would like to view it.
- The meeting with the Parks and Rec committee and Mr. Seebeck will be posted once there is a time and date scheduled.
- On attending the Tobacco Township meeting, noting there was discussion on the Boyce Hydro and FEMA issues. The Board may have to call a FEMA meeting with the Townships if Boyce does not turn over the data to FEMA for their use.
- There are still no 2014 health care rates.
- The committee will meet with the Courts tomorrow to discuss insurance options.
- The Insurance committee will meet on Thursday at 1:00 p.m.
- The Board will need to extend Mr. Borushko's contract through 2014. Commissioners Reid and Whittington will work with him on a contract and bring it back to the Board for their consideration.
- The committee will also be looking at the cost for a County Attorney, noting that they may want to bid for these services.

- That he believes the County should give the Townships up to 12 months to reorganize and reconsider the counties position in zoning. This will be a savings to the County budget and reduce the amount of lawsuits cased by zoning issues.
- On the Finance committee meeting with Department Heads to discuss fund equity and potential reductions in 2014. The budgets have been given to the Department Heads for their consideration and are due this Thursday the 14th. Commissioner Whittington stated there are several residents in his district that are concerned that there is no budget adopted or union negotiations completed. Discussion on health care rates.

Public Comments – none at this time.

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

*Motion by Commissioner Walters, supported by Commissioner Reid, to adjourn. Ayes carried, **motion passed.** Meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m., until November 26, 2013 at 9:00 a.m., unless otherwise ordered.*

Laura Brandon-Maveal
County Clerk

Josh Reid
Chairman