

Commissioner Minutes of November 13, 2014

The Gladwin County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, November 13, 2014. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Walters. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call found all Commissioners present, except Commissioner Carl who has been excused.

Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Aultman, to proceed with the agenda as presented. Ayes carried, motion passed.

The unapproved minutes of October 28, 2014 and the Committee of the Whole minutes from October 28th and 29th were then reviewed. Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Aultman, to approve the minutes as prepared. Ayes carried, motion passed.

The cash balances were then read by Commissioner Birgel. General Fund - \$2,007,745.80. Unallocated has a balance of \$96,986.02. Total General Fund and Tax Unallocated Cash \$2,104,731.82. The TAN note of \$1.3 million is included in the totals.

Public Comments – Mike Greer, District Court Magistrate, asked about the proposed telephone system, inquiring of the cost and the ‘security’ features. Commissioner Smith stated that the company will be here for a walk through on November 24th.

Finance Matters – Commissioner Birgel:

1. **Fund 205 has been utilized for the collection of the MSU millage funds.** Shari Spoelman spoke on her appreciation of the passing of the millage and the resignation of the 4-H Coordinator. Ms. Spoelman will work on creating a new budget for the changes in her office and submit to the Board. Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Aultman, to authorize for the posting of a part time position with the starting date to be determined. Ayes carried, motion passed. Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Aultman, to allow the creation of line items within fund 205 for millage funding. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
2. Bill Mason, Equalization Director, has requested to make payment on the **printing and mailing of personal property statements.** The estimated costs are \$593.49 and will be invoiced back to the individual units. The estimated postage will be approximately \$308.55 and will be invoiced back to the units also. (see memo) *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Smith, to allow Equalization to proceed with the printing and mailing of the personal property statements as requested. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
3. Commissioner Birgel spoke on the need to implement **hard cap coverage for the 2015 insurance year,** noting the Board will recognize changes in the future if needed. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Smith, to adopt the hard cap coverage for 2015 insurance coverage. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
4. IT Right has provided the DATA committee with a quote for a **web filter in the amount of \$2,250.00.** *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Smith, to allow the installation for the Barracuda Web filter from 101-258-815.002. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
5. IT Right will also be able to **create and maintain a County webpage.** Cost of \$500.00 per year for the maintenance of the web page and \$275.00 for a one time set up charge. This cost, if approved, will come from 101-258-815.006. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Smith, to allow IT Right to implement and maintain a webpage at the cost outlined. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
6. After discussion, the Finance committee has made the recommendation to **move the Gypsy Moth Department and their employees into the Equalization department and layoff the Gypsy Moth Secretary effective 1-1-2015 to preserve the funding that is left in the 239 fund.** *Motion by*

Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Aultman, to facilitate the transfer of departments and notice the employee of layoff as discussed. Ayes carried, motion passed.

7. The Sheriff Department has received their new computer for the front counter and now is in need of a **newer version of QuickBooks** for use. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Smith, to authorize the purchase of \$649.95 for the software and to allow the Clerk to use the credit card for the purchase. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
8. Discussion on sending the **Commissioners' Secretary to new Commissioners' Training Workshop in December.** *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Smith, to send Amy to training. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

Old Business: Discussion on the **hanger contract for the Airport.** *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Aultman, to authorize the Chairman to sign the contract upon review of the Airport financials. Commissioners Birgel and Aultman have an Airport meeting tomorrow and will ask for the reports. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

Commissioner Reports by District –

Commissioner Birgel reported:

- That he has been very busy with Budget and Finance meetings over the past two weeks.
- On attending the Grout Township meeting where the request to contribute to the GIS project was discussed. At this time the Township is not motivated to participate based on the funding amounts.
- That he attended the Beaverton Township meeting where similar thoughts were discussed on the GIS project.
- On participating in the three County “round table” discussion, noting there was beneficial information exchanged.
- That he attended the Veteran’s day celebration, stating it was a good program and well attended.

Commissioner Aultman reported:

- That she has attended all of her Township meetings and things are going well.
- On the failure of the road millage question in Billings.
- All of her Townships have discussed the GIS proposal for funding, commenting that only two Townships may be on Board.
- That she attended the Michigan Works meeting and provided statistics for the Board to review.
- On attending the District Health department meeting where they spoke on the preparedness of an “Ebola Outbreak”, noting Michigan is very well prepared to handle the issue.

Commissioner Smith reported:

- That she attended the Beaverton Activity Center announcement party on October 29th. Thanks to 425 donors, over \$300,000 has been raised for the repurposing of this building. Plans are for it to be opened in the spring.
- On attending the Wine and Cheese party held to celebrate the completed renovation of the Lodge at the Gladwin County Recreation Area. This beautiful building has been refurbished and is available for renting for all parties. Charges are listed on the website.
- That the DATA committee met on November 5th and discussed the following items:

1. Darrell Schlese gave a heads-up on mandated replacement of the AS400 in 2016 or 2017.
2. Marianne Hill asked for approval to purchase a new computer with grant funding.
3. Millennium Telecom gave a demonstration of a new phone system. They will need a copy of phone bills, do a walk through site survey, and a mapping of the current phone system. They will then be able to present a bid for the final system.
4. Ann Manning is requesting new software to be paid from her special fund. IT Right will install this software. This will be an ongoing process.
5. Ray Hartwell has requested a new computer for the front desk of the Jail. This item has been installed.
6. IT Right presented a bid for a new web filter at the cost of \$2,498.00.
7. IT Right will also be able to create and maintain a county web page for \$275.00 with an annual \$500.00 maintenance fee.
8. Caleb from IT Right will be ordering the 2015 version of Quick Books for the new computer in the Jail.

- That she attended the Committee of the Whole Finance meeting on the 6th.
- On participating in the Department Head meeting on November 6th.
- On attending the Round Table Discussion with Clare and Ogemaw counties on November 6th. Next discussion will be on January 29, 2015.
- On an additional DATA meeting held on November 10th to cover GIS issues. The committee responded to written questions from Billings Township and costs associated with new fly over imagery. The BS&A training for the assessors will be November 19, 2014.
- That she forgot to attend the Tobacco Township meeting last night with apologies.
- On attending a birthday party for Dale Whaley, a WWII veteran, who was 97 years old on November 11, 2014.
- The final sight-in days are today through Friday. Good luck to all the hunters.
- The swearing in ceremony for all elected officials will be Thursday, December 18th, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. followed by the County Christmas party.

Comments from the Chairman:

- On speaking with a concerned citizen regarding the ORV law, noting he will continue to follow up with him.
- That he attended the Veterans Committee meeting where they will begin to advertise for their new position.
- On attending the Finance meeting on the 6th.
- That he attended the Veterans ceremony yesterday, commenting that it went well despite some PA issues. Commissioner Walters stated that the County has lost 33 veterans since May 2014 and that he appreciates the service they gave.
- The mosquito millage in Sage Township passed.

Veterans Lost -

Lyle McDaniel – WWI, Beaverton City
 Cornell Bactuch – Korea, Butman Township
 Kenneth Thurlow – Vietnam, Sage Township
 Richard Thombs – Vietnam, Butman Township

Public Comments –

Sheriff Shea spoke on the employee that has been increased from part time to full time beginning 2015, noting the extensive amount of savings she has provided to the County. Discussion.

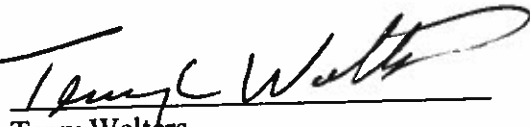
Bill Rhode gave an update to the EmCOG project and the community projects that are slated for funding. Discussion. Mr. Rhode asked that the County keep EmCOG in mind for County projects.

New Business: Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Smith, to appoint the following individuals to the Construction Codes Board of Appeals – Don Kehoe, Craig Wolfe, Joe Pleiman and George Alward. Ayes carried, **motion passed.**

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

Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Aultman, to adjourn. Ayes carried, **motion passed.** Meeting adjourned at 9:58 a.m. until the next regular Board meeting on November 25, 2014 at 9:00 a.m., unless otherwise ordered.


Laura Brandon-Maveal
County Clerk


Terry Walters
Chairman