

Commissioner Minutes of November 23, 2010

The Gladwin County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session November 23, 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 – County Clerk, Laura Brandon-Maveal, has requested to be added to address 2011 elections and costs. The Board will make an appointment to the vacant Commissioners position following the Clerk. Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Carl to approve the agenda as amended. Ayes carried, **motion passed.**

The **Regular Session minutes of November 9, 2010** were then considered. Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Carl, to approve the minutes as presented. Ayes carried, **motion passed.**

The **cash balances** for the General Fund and the Judicial Management Fund were then read. *General Fund - \$102,184.99 231 Fund - (\$52,158.93).* Commissioner Reid commented that with the Judicial Management fund being in the red, the Board should consider allowing the Treasurer permission to allocate funds to the 231 fund from General Fund at the end of this month. Discussion. Motion by Commissioner Reid, supported by Commissioner Carl, to allow the Treasurer to bring the 231 cash balances out of the “red” at the end of November. Ayes carried, motion

The **semi-monthly Finance report totaling \$56,639.24** 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.

Correspondence from the Chairman –

- On a letter received from NMSAS announcing Sue Winter as the newly appointed Executive Director.
- On a request from **Region VII Area on Aging to make changes to their by-laws** to streamline Board of Directors terms. Motion by Commissioner Walters, supported by Commissioner Smith, to accept the changes in the by-laws as proposed. Ayes carried, **motion passed.**
- On a letter received from Kyle Kigar requesting appointment to the vacant Commissioner seat.
- On the check received from MMRMA for outstanding “flood costs”.
- On a letter received from Shari Spoelman requesting appointment to the MSU Extension District Council.

Bev Przystas, MSU, came before the Board to introduce **Shari Spoelman, MSU District Coordinator.** Ms. Spoelman spoke about the *appointment to the Extension District Council, noting a member of the Board is preferred, but would accept an appointed*

person by the Board as well. Ms. Spoelman also discussed the survey being done to review the memorandum of agreements.

Karen Blondie, Housing Commission, came before the Board to present a **3rd party administrator management plan for the "housing rehab grant"**. Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Reid, supported by Commissioner Smith, to allow the Chairman to sign the 3rd Party Plan Agreement as presented. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

County Clerk, Laura Brandon-Maveal, discussed with the Board the **2011 election activity and costs**. *Mrs. Maveal noted there would be costs to the County and to Billings Township for a February election for the following: Primary Election of a District #5 Commissioner seat and the recall of three members of the Billings Township Board at a shared cost of approximately \$5,000.00. A May election for the purpose of: General Election of the District #5 Commissioner seat and a potential recall of another Billings Township Board member. An August Election to fill the temporary position(s) of the Billings Township Board members if recalled, and a November School Election at the cost of the Schools. Mrs. Maveal only brought this to the Board's attention so that her budget could be adjusted and so that a deadline of filing for the Commissioner seat could be set. Mrs. Maveal informed the Board that the deadline for interested parties to run for the Commissioner Seat in District #5 would be Tuesday, December 7, 2010 by 4:00 p.m. in her office with petitions or a filing fee.*

The Board then took up the **nomination process to appoint a Commissioner to the vacant District #5 seat**. Chairman Rhode informed the Board that they could vote by ballot that had been prepared. *Commissioner Carl stated that ballot process has never been used and that he would make motion to fill the vacant seat by nomination process. Motion supported by Commissioner Smith. Ayes carries, motion passed.* Commissioner Carl stated that he feels that Don Birgel is the most qualified candidate, and that he received the most write-in votes during the November election. Mr. Birgel has also been requested by both Townships (Grout and Beaverton) to fill the vacancy. *Commissioner Carl then nominated Don Birgel as replacement to the District #5 vacant Commissioner seat. Commissioner Smith supported the nomination. Commissioner Whittington nominated Frank Grimes as the replacement. Commissioner Rhode supported the nomination. Roll call vote in favor of Don Birgel: Walters – yes, Carl – yes, Rhode – no, Reid – yes, Smith – yes, Whittington – no. 4 yes, 2 no. Don Birgel appointed to the vacant seat of District #5 Commissioner.*

Committee Reports –

Commissioner Walters reported:

- On attending the Veterans meeting on the 9th, noting Thomas Alward's term is up and the committee is looking for a replacement. Interested persons should submit a letter of interest and a copy of their DD214 to his attention for consideration.
- On the Sage Township meeting on the 10th.
- On speaking at the Veterans Day Service on the 11th.

- On the Sherman Township meeting on the 16th, noting he was unable to make the meeting.
- On attending the County Affairs meeting on the 18th where ORV maps were discusses and ready for March updates. Pricing was discussed and the committee is ready to move forward.
- On the Fair Board meeting held on the 19th.

Veteran Matters

Four Veterans have passed away.

Timothy Dwyer, Vietnam – Secord Township

Leon Wellman, Korea – Gladwin City

William Stevens, WWII – Clement Township

Roland Flowers, Post Korea – Beaverton Township

Commissioner Carl reported:

- On attending Bourret Township meeting on the 9th.
- On the Clement Township meeting on the 10th.
- On attending the Butman Township meeting on the 11th.
- On the Gladwin Township meeting on the 17th.
- On attending the Data meeting on the 22nd.
- On filling in at the Public Safety Meeting on the 18th.

Commissioner Reid reported:

- On the Airport meeting held on the 11th, noting the fuel farm will be a “spring project”.
- On Finance meetings held on the 12th and 18th.
- On attending the Public Safety meeting on the 18th, noting conversation on Courthouse Security issues. Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Reid, supported by Commissioner Carl, to allow the purchase of Bluetooth headsets up to \$400.00 for the Courthouse Security Officers. Ayes carried, motion passed.* The committee also discussed the request of Rick Ghent to **replace the South door of the Annex building for \$1,435.00 from 101-265-930.002.** *Motion by Commissioner Reid, supported by Commissioner Carl, to approve the replacement of the door as outlined. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

Finance Matters –

1. The committee has reviewed the “Equalization Split” matter and has made the recommendation to pay the County Treasurer **\$6,500.00 as a 1099 payment.** \$3,250.00 has been paid to her to begin the process and the balance of \$3,250.00 will be paid upon the completion of the work and the training of the Equalization Director.
2. The Clerk has prepared the costs of the retiree’s health sharing proposal for 2011. If the Board chooses to keep the same match in 2011 as 2010 the cost will be **\$1,289.28 for the year.** The committee is making the recommendation not to increase the cap this year, and base cap on the 2010 proposal of \$548.84/retiree. *Motion by Commissioner Reid, supported by Commissioner Smith to not increase the retirees’ health share for 2011.* Roll call vote as follows: Carl – no, Rhode – yes, Reid – yes, Smith – yes, Whittington – no, Walters – no. 3 yes, 3 no. Tie vote, **motion fails.** *The 2011 premium for retirees will adjust to 2011 rates.*
3. The **2009 Indirect Costs** report has been compiled through Maximus. A motion is needed to allow the Clerk to sign the certification and return to Maximus for filing with the State. *Motion by*

Commissioner Reid, supported by Commissioner Walters, to allow the Clerk to sign the certification for the 2009 Indirect Cost report. Ayes carried, motion passed.

4. The Board also needs to make a motion to allow the Clerk to sign the **Group Enrollment Coverage Agreement with BCBSM**. *Motion by Commissioner Reid, supported by Commissioner Carl, to allow the Clerk to sign the Group Enrollment Coverage as requested. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
5. Justin Schnieder, Construction Codes, is requesting that the following lines be amended:

101-400-703.0		\$150.00
101-400-702.01	\$150.00	
101-400-703.0		\$331.00
101-400-727.01	\$331.00	
101-410-720.0		\$7,000.00
101-371-707.000	\$7,000.00	

Motion by Commissioner Reid, supported by Commissioner Walters, to approve the budget amendments as outlines. Ayes carried, motion passed.

6. The County Clerk has submitted a **Business Associate Agreement for MEBS from Cadillac Insurance**. The Board needs to make motion to allow the Clerk to sign into the agreement for the compliance review. *Motion by Commissioner Reid, supported by Commissioner Carl, to allow the Clerk to sign the agreement as discussed. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
7. Ron Taylor, Animal Control Supervisor, is requesting to **purchase bulk disinfectant and "Fatal Plus" from his 2010 budget at a reduced cost to provide a savings to his 2011 budget**. Total cost of **\$1,012.00** for the cleaner and **\$602.93** for the medications are both over the **\$500.00** limit and require Board approval before purchase. *Motion by Commissioner Reid, supported by Commissioner Carl, to allow the purchases as requested. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

Commissioner Reid then voiced concern on upcoming winter activities at Parks and Recreation and the need to "fine tune" the agreement with Seebeck. Discussion.

Commissioner Smith reported:

- On attending the Personnel meeting on the 10th, noting she was pleased with the progress made with the Corrections Unit contract. Commissioner Smith stated for the record that she is "In opposition of only holding meetings with the attorney present" and is not in favor of the cancellation of the next meeting for negotiations because the attorney could not be present.
- That she was apologetic she could not make the Veteran's ceremony on the 11th, noting she had a doctor's appointment with her husband.
- On the Beaverton City meeting on November 15th, commenting that the Beaverton City Tree Lighting would be December 3rd at 6:00 p.m. at Ross Lake Park. New Council members were introduced and Ed Shearer was appointed to fill the vacant seat. Beaverton City will contribute \$500.00 toward Operation Clean Sweep.
- On attending the Library Board meeting on November 16th, noting the Friends of the Library will be decorating for the holiday season on December 4th and would welcome volunteers. The Library's Genealogy group needs volunteers and the Friends of the Library have donated \$2,100.00 to the Imagination Library.
- On the special DATA meeting on November 22nd to discuss GIS access and MOS issues. DATA will meet again on December 7th at 9:00 to finalize these issues.

Commissioner Whittington reported:

- On three productive meetings with the Corrections Unit and the status of the ongoing negotiations. Commissioner Whittington commented that he did cancel the next negotiations with the Corrections unit because the Attorney could not be present and contract language needed to be changed and proposals needed to be costed out. Discussion. Commissioner Rhode commented that with contract language changes it would be wise to have the Attorney present. Commissioner Smith stated that until the Board receives the information that was negotiated in writing from the union it would be a waste to have a meeting. Commissioner Carl stated that upon receipt of the information from the Union, it should be forwarded to the Attorney for his review then back to the Board for consideration to finalize with the Union.
- On the EDC meeting held on the 10th, noting Mr. Starkweather's resignation was a mutual agreement between both parties, and a replacement is being sought.
- On attending the Finance meetings on the 12th and 18th.
- On communication received by Unit #6 to reopen their contract due to "wage increases to Elected Officials". Copies of the letter will be forwarded to the co-employers and a date will be set to address the issue.

Commissioner Rhode stated that he had received a thank you letter from "Heifer" through a contribution to the Health and Human Services Board made by Reverend Blatt.

Commissioner Reid commented on the ongoing issues with the 3rd floor vault since the flood and the need to collect overtime expenses from MMRMA.

Public Comments – *none at this time.*

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

*Motion by Commissioner Whittington, supported by Commissioner Rhode, to adjourn. Ayes carried. **Meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m. until December 14, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. unless otherwise directed.***


Laura Brandon-Maveal, Clerk

Bill Rhode, Chairman