

Commissioner Minutes of November 26, 2013

The Gladwin County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, November 26, 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 Walters, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Ayes carried, motion passed.

The cash balances were then read by Commissioner Whittington. *General Fund - \$218,867.85, 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.

Correspondence from the Chairman:

- ORV letters have been sent to the Townships. Any requests for changes will be addressed in January.
- The letter of support for the Promise Zone has been sent.
- The General Fund shows a fund deficit of \$141,000 as of November 12th. It is the opinion of the Financial Coordinator that the County will need to borrow funds by the end of December.

Sue Winter, NMSAS, came before the Board with an update on services and changes that are coming to the program. Discussion. The board thanked Ms. Winters for the information.

Commissioner Reports by District -

Commissioner Walters reported:

- On attending the Veterans meeting on the 12th, stating that the committee has a vacancy that will need to be filled. They have received two applications that will be reviewed at a later date.
- That he attended the Sage Township meeting where Joel Johnson was in attendance.
- On the Gladwin City meeting.
- That he attended the Gladwin Township meeting in place of Commissioner Carl, noting that they miss him and are eager for him to return.
- That he will be attending a Mental Health meeting in Mt. Pleasant tonight.
- On conversation with a retiree in Sherman Township regarding Elected Officials wage and benefits.

Commissioner Birgel reported:

- That the Airport hanger is complete.
- On the Beaverton City meeting, noting they are transitioning to a new Mayor.

- That he attended the ZBA meeting where they approved two requests and denied one.
- On the Fair Board meeting, commenting that they are still working on revenue alternatives. There will be a snowmobile race on February 1st.
- That he has attended three CMDHD meetings, noting that they have ratified the union contracts with the employees.
- On attending the MiWorks meeting yesterday.
- That he spoke with Dennis and he hopes he can be back as soon as possible.

Commissioner Whittington reported:

- On attending the Billings Township meeting.
- That he attended the Bentley Township meeting.
- On attending the Secord Township meeting.
- That he attended the Airport meeting.
- On attending a number of Finance and Budget meetings.

Finance Matters:

1. The line items for the Child Care appropriation needs to be amended as follows: \$32,500 to line item 292-000-699.101 and \$25,000 to line item 101-965-998.292. *Motion by Commissioner Whittington, supported by Commissioner Walters to allow the Treasurer to make the appropriate budget amendments. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
2. Ginny Grant, Veteran Affairs, has requested the following budget amendments: \$250.00 from 101-682-833.000 to 101-682-727.000 and \$269.00 from 304-000-700.000 to 101-682-833.000. *Motion by Commissioner Whittington, supported by Commissioner Walters, to allow the Clerk and Treasurer to make the appropriate amendments. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
3. The Law Library fund is in need of additional funds. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Reid, to transfer \$1500 from 101-131-817.000 to the Law Library fund. This is based on a request from the Court Administrator. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
4. An employee from the Treasurer's office would like to donate 34 hours of sick time to an employee in the Animal Control office. *Motion by Commissioner Whittington, supported by Commissioner Birgel, to allow the request per union contract. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
5. An employee from Animal Control would also like to donate 34 hours of sick time to the same employee. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Walters, to approve the request per their union contracts. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
6. The Sheriff Department has requested that supplies be ordered for 2014 operations. These supplies are minimal and should not exceed \$300.00. *Motion by Commissioner Walters, supported by Commissioner Birgel, to approve the purchase of supplies as requested. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
7. The Quill bills for October and November in the amount of \$4133.10 are due and need to be approved for payment. *Motion by Commissioner*

Birgel, supported by Commissioner Reid, to allow the Clerk to pay the bills as reviewed. Ayes carried, motion passed.

Chairman Reid reported:

- That there has been a request to hunt on the County property located on Clendening road. After discussion it was decided that there would be no action to allow for the request.
- The point addressing program is complete. The Townships will be billed for their portion of the project.
- There are four members of the Planning commission that need to be re-appointed. Dennis Carl, Mike Bassage, Richard Buell and Marsha Smith. All four of their terms expire on December 31, 2016. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Walters, to re-appoint the members as listed. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

Motion by Commissioner Walters, supported by Commissioner Reid, to go into executive session with Mr. Borushko for the purpose of Health Care negotiations. Roll call vote as follows: Carl – excused, Walters – yes, Reid – yes, Whittington – yes, Birgel – yes. 4 yes, 1 excused. Ayes carried, motion passed.

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Motion by Commissioner Walters, supported by Commissioner Whittington, to return to regular session. Ayes carried, motion passed.

Motion by Commissioner Walters, supported by Commissioner Birgel, to allow Mr. Borushko to continue dialogue with the unions on their health care benefits and authorize the Chairman to instruct the Clerk to release open enrollment paperwork when appropriate. Ayes carried, motion passed.

Public Comments – none at this time.

Motion by Commissioner Whittington, supported by Commissioner Walters, 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 11:00 a.m., until December 10, 2013 at 9:00 a.m., unless otherwise ordered.

Laura Brandon-Maveal
County Clerk

Josh Reid
Chairman