

Commissioner Minutes of December 28, 2010

The Gladwin County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session December 28, 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 Commissioner Carl who had been excused.

Agenda – *no corrections or additions.*

The Regular Session minutes of December 14, 2010 were then considered. *Motion by Commissioner Walters, supported by Commissioner Smith, 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 - \$4,282.04 231 Fund – \$445.74.*

The **semi-monthly Finance report totaling \$47,617.60** was then considered for payment. *Motion by Commissioner Whittington, supported by Commissioner Reid, to approve the bills for payment as presented. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

Public Comments – *Laura Brandon-Maveal, County Clerk, commented on the February 22, 2011 election, noting per the State there would not need to be a “primary” race for the Commissioner seat. Clerk Maveal also stated that she would be sending out the 2010 Board Rules for their review and that any changes or additions should be sent to the Clerk for preparation by Thursday, December 30, 2010 for the Organizational meeting that would be held January 3, 2011.*

Correspondence from the Chairman –

- On receipt of the 2010 Zoning Report.
- That a listing of the **2011 Sub-Committee Appointments** have been given to the Board members for their review. Commissioner Smith commented that Gil Lyons is no longer on the NMSAS Board and should be removed from the listing and replaced. *Motion by Commissioner Reid, supported by Commissioner Walters, to approve the appointment listing with the correction. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
- On the need to appoint members to the **Land Bank committee** as their terms will expire. Members to a three year term expiring 12-31-2013 are: Josh Reid, Kerry Posey and Terri Newman. Members to a two year term expiring 12-31-2012 are: Bob Moffit and Tom Hinman. *Motion by Commissioner Whittington, supported by Commissioner Walters, to approve the appointments as requested by the Treasurer. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

Committee Reports by District

Commissioner Walters reported:

- On attending the Sherman Township meeting on the 21st.

- On the County Affairs meeting held on the 27th to discuss the Nativity Scene. Commissioner Walters noted that a number of people attended the meeting and there was no representative from the Freedom from Religion group. Commissioner Walters stated the committee reviewed the Midland County policy and have made a few changes before forwarding to the County Attorney for revisions and drafting. Pastor Brad Withrow spoke and thanked the Board members for their support in this matter, noting the Ministerial Association is grateful for their voice and will continue to assist the Board as needed. Walt Hart presented the Clerk with petitions in support of the Nativity Scene remaining, noting that 566 signatures had been collected over the past 10 days in support.
- That the Mental Health meeting in December had been cancelled.

On Veterans Matters-

That two County Veterans have passed away. Fritz Kliewoneit, Grout Township - WWII and Lloyd Tire, Tobacco Township – Post Korean War.

Commissioner Walter then introduced his son Dominique that was home from the service after graduating from boot camp. Dominique will be leaving for Iraq after further training is completed over the next several weeks in New York. The Board and members of the public gave Dominique a round of applause.

Commissioner Reid reported:

- On attending Secord Township's meeting and discussion on FEMA and the Sunday sale of alcohol.
- On attending the Building and Grounds and Public Safety meeting on the 16th.
- On the Data meeting on the 21st.
- On attending the Buckeye Township meeting and discussions regarding FEMA.
- On the Finance meeting held on the 22nd.

Building and Grounds Matters –

1. On Parks and Rec issues with Deer Blinds being placed on the property. DNRe was contacted and the blinds have been removed.
 2. On issues with horses being in the Park.
 3. An agreement has been drafted by the County Attorney between the County and Mr. Seebeck. Discussion. Commissioner Whittington commented on the need to state "who" in the County would be responsible for giving Mr. Seebeck "permission" as stated in item #3. It was discussed the permission would be given by the County Board as recommended by the Parks and Rec committee. Discussion was heard on item #6 to include the addition of rules to be approved by the Board. *Commissioner Smith stated she is confident with the agreement as presented and would make a motion to approve the agreement with the changes discussed. Supported by Commissioner Reid. Ayes carried, motion passed. Commissioners Rhode and Whittington voting no.*
- That Serve Pro has come back into the Courthouse to work on further problems found relating to the flood.

Public Safety Issues –

John Nielson and Leo Gary are working on several new protocols bases on recommended improvements by Mr. Nielson.

Finance Matters –

1. Martin Lee, Financial Coordinator, is requesting final payment of his contracted amount. If approved \$5,000.00 to be paid from 101-101-802.000. *Motion by Commissioner Reid, supported by Commissioner Walters, to approve the payment as requested. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
2. Justin Schneider, Building Official, has had to hire a “temporary” plumbing and mechanical inspector. Mr. Schneider believes this will only be a 2-3 week replacement. The inspector will be paid per inspection and will be issued a 1099 at the end of his service. *Motion by Commissioner Reid, supported by Commissioner Birgel, to accept the replacement as hired. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
3. Mr. Schneider has also requested that he be allowed to purchase a new vehicle from this year’s budget rather than next from 101-900-981-371. Mr. Schneider has enough over revenues and short expenses to handle the expense. The purchase will be less than \$19,400.00 and will be offset by the sale of two older County trucks. *Motion by Commissioner Reid, supported by Commissioner Smith, to allow the purchase of the vehicle at State Purchasing price. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

Motion by Commissioner Whittington, supported by Commissioner Walters, to go into Public Hearing to discuss the Special Funds budget.

PUBLIC HEARING – 2011 Special Budgets were reviewed.

Return to Regular Session-

Motion by Commissioner Whittington, supported by Commissioner Walters, to return to regular session and adopt the 2011 special funds budgets as prepared. Ayes carried, motion passed.

Finance Matters Continued-

4. The committee reviewed a request from the County Clerk to have ALL paystubs sent via e-mail effective February 1, 2011. The Clerk is still printing 90 paystubs for people and has had complaints about exposed social security numbers in the current practice. It is the recommendation of the committee to have the Clerk work with County Affairs to draft a policy and begin collecting e-mail addresses so that this policy can begin on February 1st. *Motion by Commissioner Reid, supported by Commissioner Smith, to have the Clerk work with County Affairs to draft the policy to begin February 1, 2011. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
5. Gina Conrad, Gypsy Moth Director, has requested the below listed budget amendment.

239-00-910.0	\$8108.85	
239-00-860.0	\$1000.00	
239-00-802.0		\$9108.85

Motion by Commissioner Reid, supported by Commissioner Walters, to approve the Budget Amendments as requested. Ayes carried, motion passed.
6. Attached are the semi-annual budget amendments for the General Fund. Review and Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Reid, supported by Commissioner Walters, to approve the Budget Amendments as prepared. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

Commissioner Birgel reported:

- On attending the “new commissioner training” in Frankenmuth.
- On the County Affairs meeting.
- On Data Management issues that are now being resolved.

Commissioner Smith reported:

- On attending the Personnel meeting on the 14th for union negotiations, noting she was pleased at the working relationship of this meeting.
- On the Beaverton City meeting on the 20th, commenting that the new council members were sworn in and the winners of the citywide lighting contest were introduced.
- On attending a special DATA meeting on the 21st with the following topics discussed: About half of the printing machinery was sold at the December sale. Bob Frei is receiving calls and wants to schedule another sale in January. That sale will be open to all comers and will be held January 20th and 21st, Townships and their residents will be notified. Discussion about leasing, purchasing of supplies, and costs of doing business with MOS. The April meeting will be set for a review of the costs and possible savings/losses on the contract with MOS.
- On the Library meeting on the 21st, noting the Library Board meetings will be held the 3rd. Tuesday of each month in 2011 at 6 p.m.
- The City council asked for information about the library, and as a result of their interest and discussion, I am asking each Commissioner to convey the following information to their respective townships each month:
 - a. Registered Patrons report: Total 16,216
 - b. Circulation Report: Total Nov-10 12,239
 - c. Each Commissioner will receive this Circulation Report from the Board with their Board packet each month. We hope that by keeping Gladwin County citizens informed, they will continue to support the library millage in the future.

Commissioner Whittington reported:

- On attending numerous Personnel meetings.
- On the Building and Grounds meeting.
- On the Letter of Agreement for Insurance changes for the Unions.

Chairman Rhode then took a recess to consult the Attorney on the Letter of Agreements.

Recess 9:45 a.m.

Chairman Rhode called the meeting back to order at 10:10 a.m.

Commissioner Whittington then explained the Letter of Agreement to be signed by all Unions and the changes made to items C and F of the Letter. The Board would need to make motion to accept the Letter of Agreement with the changed items contingent on the acceptance of the Union. Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Reid, supported by Commissioner Smith, to accept the Letter of Understanding with the modifications*

provided by the Attorney and upon acceptance by the Unions. Ayes carried, motion passed. Commissioner Walters voting no.

Public Comments – none at this time.

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

Commissioner Whittington then took time to wish the Board members a “Happy New Year”.

Motion by Commissioner Reid, supported by Commissioner Whittington, to adjourn. Ayes carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m. until January 3, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. unless otherwise directed.


Laura Brandon-Maveal, Clerk

William Rhode, Chairman