

Commissioner Minutes of December 8, 2015

The Gladwin County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, December 8, 2015. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Walters. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a short prayer was given. Roll call found all Commissioners present, except Commissioner Aultman who had been excused.

*Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Hinman, to proceed with the consent agenda as prepared. Ayes carried, **motion passed.***

Public Comments: none at this time.

Marianne Hill, Emergency Management Director, came before the Board with an update to the generator project, noting she has secured \$100,000 from the 2015 Homeland Security Grant for the project. Ms. Hill then spoke about re-organizing the LPT committee, noting she has provided the Board with a list of the new voting members. Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Hinman, to allow for the reorganization of the LPT and to appoint the members as provided. Ayes carried, **motion passed.***

The cash balances were then read by Commissioner Birgel. *General Fund – \$1,217,314.66. Unallocated has a balance of \$28,289.72. Total General Fund and Tax Unallocated Cash \$1,245,604.38. An advance of \$400,000 has been made from the Unallocated Fund for payment of bills.*

Finance Matters – Commissioner Birgel:

1. The Board reviewed the **salary schedule for 2016**. This schedule will need to be amended once the unions have finalized their contracts, but by law, the schedule must be adopted in December. Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Hinman, to adopt the 2016 salary schedule with the 2015 rates of pay with the understanding that an amendment will be done once contracts are settled. Ayes carried, **motion passed.***
2. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Hinman, to allow the Clerk to conduct the **open enrollment for the 2016 insurance year** for all active full time employees. Discussion. Ayes carried, **motion passed.***
3. The County Clerk has submitted a budget amendment for her office as follows: \$1200 from 101-215-933.000 to the following lines: \$200.00 to 101-215-860.000, \$300.00 to 101-215-850.000 and \$700.00 to 101-215-706.004. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Hinman to allow the budget amendment to be transferred as outlined. Ayes carried, **motion passed.***
4. The Board discusses the action on the approval of the insurance plan design for 2016. The current plan for 2016 will fall within the hard cap limits which makes the County of Gladwin compliant under EVIP and PA152. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Smith, to allow the BCN plan that is being used for 2015 be used for 2016 and that the Board is opting into “hard cap” coverage for 2016. Ayes carried, **motion passed.***
5. Justin Schneider, Building Official, has requested the purchase of two code books in the amount of \$254.00 from 101-371-727.001. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Hinman, to allow for the purchase as requested. Ayes carried, **motion passed.***
6. Rick Ghent, Maintenance Supervisor, has submitted a quote for a new awning for the Annex Building. A cost of \$2579.61 will be paid from 101-265-930.000 once approved. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Hinman, to approve the purchase as outlined. Ayes carried, **motion passed.***
7. The Finance Committee has discussed the placement of a Headlee Restoration question for the March 2016 ballot and reviewed language and financial information as provided by the Treasurer. In order to have the question on the ballot, the Board will need to take motion at this meeting to ensure proper certification before the December 15th deadline. Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Smith, to approve the language for placement on the March 8, 2016 ballot. Roll call vote as follows: Hinman – yes, Walters – yes, Aultman – excused, Smith –yes, Birgel – yes. 4 yes, 1 excused. Ayes carried, **motion passed.***

8. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Hinman, to allow the Treasurer to re-pay the \$400,000 advance from Unallocated. Ayes carried, **motion passed.***
9. Jamie Raymond, Friend of the Court, has submitted a proposal to remodel the FOC staffing areas and hearing room. Discussion on security issues. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Hinman, to allow for the remodel using French Builders and to allow the Clerk and Treasurer to make the payments from the respective funds. Ayes carried, **motion passed.***
10. City-County Transit has submitted a Resolution for MDOT Master Agreement for consideration and Chairman's signature. Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Smith, to accept the agreement as presented and to allow the Chairman to sign. Roll call vote as follows: Walters - yes, Aultman - excused, Smith –yes, Birgel – yes, Hinman -yes. 4 yes, 1 excused. Ayes carried, **resolution 2015-028 declared adopted.***
11. Commissioner Birgel spoke on a bill from Boyce Hydro in the amount of \$5,000. After confirming with the Treasurer, there is only \$1,300 in the fund and the Townships will still need to be billed for their portion of the costs. Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Hinman, to allow for the Treasurer to pay the bill once the money is collected from the Townships and there is funding available within the FEMA fund to cover the \$5,000 bill. Ayes carried, **motion passed.***
12. Sam Bagneski will retire from the Council on Aging Region VII Board the end of this month. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Hinman, to appoint LaVel Smith in place of Mr. Bagneski effective 1-1-2016. Ayes carried, **motion passed.***
13. The Undersheriff has requested two new computers for his department in the amount of \$1958.00 from 101-301-983.000. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Smith, to approve the purchase as requested. Ayes carried, **motion passed.***

Commissioner Reports by District –

Commissioner Birgel reported:

- On attending the Grout and Beaverton City meetings.
- The he has had several Personnel and Finance meeting with Commissioners Hinman and Walters.
- That the County is currently at a \$260,000 deficit on their 2016 budget, noting this is after several cuts and reduction of proposed staffing increases. Discussion on solutions to balance the deficit. Commissioner Hinman stated that deeper cuts will need to be made that may include personnel before the budget is adopted on December 22nd. Discussion.

Commissioner Hinman reported:

- On attending the Union meeting on November 24th.
- That he has participated in three budget meetings since November 25th.
- On sitting in for the Chairman at the Finance meeting on December 4th.
- That the DATA committee is working on a computer replacement plan.
- On the domain name for Gladwin County and the need to secure the ID before moving forward.
- That Michael Mahaffey is interested in filling the ZBA vacancy effective 1-1-2016. Motion by Commissioner Hinman, supported by Commissioner Birgel, to appoint Mr. Mahaffey to the ZBA. Ayes carried, motion passed.
- On attending the Central Dispatch meeting, noting all went well. John Shaffer was re-appointed Chairman and the next meeting will be January 28, 2016.

Commissioner Smith reported:

- That she would like to thank Commissioners Hinman and Aultman for filling in at the DATA meeting for her. The County will continue to pursue the reclaiming of gladwinco.com domain from EJournal. The committee will turn the matter over to the Attorney for his review.
- That work is continuing on the phone system.

- On attending the Beaverton Tree Lighting ceremony, noting it was very nicely done.
- That everyone is welcome to attend the special meeting tonight at the Beaverton Activity Center sponsored by the League of Women Voters. It will be held from 6-8 p.m. and the topic is gerrymandering.
- The Beaverton Activity Center will be hosting their first concert of the “Calverymen” on Sunday, December 13th. This concert will be a “free will” donation. In January, the concert will be “Beaverton’s got Talent – Kids”.

Comments from the Chairman:

- That he was in Ohio hunting last week, noting Commissioner Hinman filled in for him.
- On his attendance in Lansing yesterday with the Sheriff on the views of Amish safety and damage to the roads. Joel Johnson and several others spoke on the matter and the recommendation was to turn the issue over to the Attorney General for an opinion.
- On attending the Gladwin City meeting last night where paving projects were discussed.
- That the Christmas Lights Parade was a success with Chemical Bank awarded 1st place, Dr. Allen – 2nd place and Members First Credit Union – 3rd place.
- Gladwin City is having great success with their new BS&A program

Commissioner Hinman stated that the next DATA meeting is scheduled for December 21st.

Public Comments: *Treasurer VanTiem spoke on the budget process and her suggestion to review the history of the revenue collection with the Departments to ensure the proper amount is being budgeted. Discussion.*

Chairman Walters stated that the Christmas Party will be on December 16th from 11:30 a.m – 1:30 p.m.

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

*Motion by Commissioner Hinman, supported by Commissioner Smith, to adjourn. Ayes carried, **motion passed.** Meeting adjourned at 9:59 a.m. until the regularly scheduled Board meeting on December 22, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.*

Laura Brandon-Maveal
County Clerk

Terry Walters
Chairman