

Commissioner Minutes of November 24, 2015

The Gladwin County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, November 24, 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.

*Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Hinman, to proceed with the consent agenda as amended with the correction of term dates from the November 10, 2015 minutes as listed: Don Birgel, Bob Killian and Richard Christie to 12-31-2018, George Alward to 12-31-2017 and Sharron Smith to 12-31-2019. Ayes carried, **motion passed.***

The cash balances were then read by Commissioner Birgel. *General Fund – \$1,364,333.26. Unallocated has a balance of \$28,211.94. Total General Fund and Tax Unallocated Cash \$1,392,545.20. An advance of \$400,000 has been made from the Unallocated Fund for payment of bills.*

Public Comments: *Kelly Gower, Gladwin City Resident, announced her candidacy for the 97th House seat in 2016. Ms. Gower discussed with the Board her qualifications and thanked them for their past support.*

Justin Schneider, Construction Codes, came before the Board to request permission to post for a 34 hour/week full time position effective January 2, 2016 due to the vacancy left by Barb Stahl's upcoming retirement. Mr. Schneider continued by saying is the position is filled internally, then he would also need permission to post for his part time 27.5 hour/week position. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Smith, to allow for the posting the vacant position(s) as outlined. Ayes carried, **motion passed.***

Marianne Hill, came before the Board with an update to the EOC program. Ms. Hill stated that the region has approved additional funding for projects and that it was decided that a fixed generator would be purchased for the Courthouse. Discussion. There will also be two additional sirens purchased for the Sage and Bentley areas.

Finance Matters – Commissioner Birgel:

1. Darrell Schlese, Court Administrator, has requested additional funding for the Law Library, Fund 269. Mr. Schlese is anticipating an additional \$3,150 in costs through the end of the year. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Aultman, to authorize the Treasurer to authorize the Treasurer to allocate up to \$3,150 to the Law Library fund as needed through the end of the year for bills. Ayes carried, **motion passed.** Commissioner Hinman voting no.*
2. The committee would like Board discussion on the participation in MAC and the payment of 2015-16 dues in the amount of \$8,089.62. Commissioner Birgel commented on his experience with MAC response on several issues. The Board will table the matter until a representative from MAC can make a presentation on the benefit of membership. *Motion by Commissioner Hinman, supported by Commissioner Smith, to table the matter until the first meeting in December. Ayes carried, **motion passed.***
3. Rau's has provided the County with a quote to repair and clean the internal stairways in the Courthouse. Total quote of \$3,950.00 will be paid with 245 funds. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Aultman, to allow for the project from 245 as outlined. Ayes carried, **motion passed.***
4. Veteran's Alarm Company has provided a price to relocate existing security cameras into the Annex Building. Total cost is \$1,000 and will be paid from 245 funds if approved. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Hinman, to allow the project as outlined. Ayes carried, **motion passed.** Treasurer VanTiem commented on the balance of the 245 fund after the two projects that have*

been approved. She stated that she will be painting her office soon and wanted to make sure that there would be funding available in the fund for the expenses. Discussion.

5. Justin Schneider, Building Official, has requested a budget amendment for the Planning Department. \$50.00 from 101-400-860.000 to 101-400-727.000. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Hinman, to authorize the Clerk to transfer the funds as requested.* Ayes carried, **motion passed.**
6. The 292 Child Care Fund is in need of additional appropriations in order to make payments through the end of the year. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Hinman, to appropriate up to an additional \$30,000 to the 292 fund through the end of the year for the payment of bills.* Ayes carried, **motion passed.**
7. Deb Lechner, Construction Codes employee, has requested a donation of 5 days (42.5 hours) of sick time to a fellow employee in the Prosecutor's Office who is undergoing medical treatments. *Motion by Commissioner Birgel, supported by Commissioner Smith, to allow the Clerk to adjust the sick balances for both employees as requested.* Ayes carried, **motion passed.**

Commissioner Reports by District –

Commissioner Hinman reported:

- That he has attended four of his Township meetings.
- The Butman Township Supervisor has resigned and the Board will be making an appointment to the vacancy at the next meeting.
- On receiving the news that the Clement Township Treasurer has passed away, noting he wishes her family condolences.
- That the Sherman Township meeting was under an hour and all is well there.
- On attending the Gladwin Township meeting where Clerk, Onalee Greer and her husband, Trustee Rollin Greer, retired. Onalee had 31 years in as Clerk.
- On participating in several budget meetings.
- That he will be negotiating with the Corrections group today.
- On commending the efforts of the Sheriff and Detective on the recent homicide.

Commissioner Smith reported:

- On attending the Hay Township meeting on November 12th, noting they have appointed Tom Olson as the new Supervisor and he is doing a great job.
- That she attended the Human Services meeting on November 17th where the following items were discussed:
 - There were guest speakers from Gladwin Area and Midland Area Community Foundations. The grant cycles are four times a year for applications. The scholarship program was discussed and the cycle runs from December 1st to March 1st. Applicants can use the Midland Foundation website for scholarships that can be awarded to Gladwin County students.
 - The Souper Challenge fundraiser for Gladwin County will be March 5, 2016 at the KC Hall.
 - The Foundation applied for a non-emergency medical/health transportation grant from the State. If awarded, it will be administered through 211 and will be a model for other agencies in the State.
 - Shelterhouse reported that the Adopt a Family program is listed on the 211 website.
 - Christmas Kindness is in need of coats, noting they may be dropped off at the Arnold Center.
 - Michigan Works is in need of volunteers who can teach basic computer skills to the applicants at Michigan Works.

- On attending a Library Board meeting on November 17th, noting “business is booming” in both locations. Commissioner Smith gave the usage numbers for both branches and asked that the Board continue to share with their Townships.
- That she attended the Buckeye Township meeting on the 18th, stating all is well in the Township.
- On the “phone” DATA meeting this morning to begin the required process to regain the domain of gladwinco.com. She would like to thank Rhonda and Christy for their help.
- That she would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Commissioner Birgel brought the resolution of intent for the City County Transit before the Board for their consideration. Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Hinman, supported by Commissioner Hinman, to authorize the Chairman to sign the project authorization as prepared.* Roll call vote as follows: Hinman – yes, Walters – yes, Aultman – yes, Smith – yes, Birgel –yes. 5 yes, 0 no. Ayes carried, **resolution 2015-027 declared adopted.**

Commissioner Birgel reported:

- On attending the CMDHD meeting.
- That he attended the Beaverton City meeting.
- On the Recreation Plan meeting, noting the plan is almost finished.
- On attending the LPT / Hazardous Mitigation meeting where the location of the EOC was discussed. The location will need to move due to ADA requirements.
- That the presentation to the retirees on the health care options went well.
- That he attended a fundraiser at the Riverwalk for the Child Advocacy program.
- On discussion with employees from MERS on the “flat rate increase” on several of our budgets for the 2016 year. Discussion on 457 plans and HSA options.

Commissioner Aultman reported:

- That the EDC meeting was cancelled on Veterans Day.
- On the Airport meeting on November 12th. They are currently working on their audit and the Christmas fly in will be December 5th.
- That she participated in the MMCAA training class on November 13th.
- On attending the Township meetings of Secord, Grim and Bourrett, noting they all had discussion on the hook-up costs of the generator.
- That she attended the Mid Michigan Health meeting.
- That Michigan Works cancelled their December meeting.
- On attending the Adoption Ceremony.
- That there will be a Christmas Bizarre on November 28th.
- The Pilots Association will be having their annual Christmas potluck on December 17th at 5:00 p.m.

Comments from the Chairman:

- That he attended the Veterans service, noting it was very nice and had a good turnout.
- On the MERS meeting with Commissioner Birgel on November 12th.
- That he met with Dale Sheltroun on November 14th.
- On attending the Gladwin City meeting on November 16th.
- That he attended the Finance and LPT meeting on November 19th.
- On working with IT Right on the domain project yesterday.
- On attending the Gladwin Township meeting where Onalee Greer retired.

Commissioner Hinman spoke on the changes to the retiree plan that was presented at the retiree meeting by Dirk Presidio. Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Hinman, supported by Commissioner Smith, to allow the retirees that are 65 and older to enroll in the Medicare Advantage Plan, Seniors Choice Plan or other 65+ based plan as offered by the Board. Once the retiree leaves the “active based plan” to enroll in one of the 65+ age plan options, they will not be able return to the “active based plan” during future open enrollment years.* Discussion. Ayes carried, **motion passed.**

Commissioner Smith stated that she would like the Board to explore the options of having a “late night” option to be open to the public. Discussion.

Commissioner Hinman spoke on the interest of Michael Mahaffy to be appointed to the ZBA committee. After discussion, the Board tabled the matter until the next meeting.

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

Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Hinman, to adjourn. Ayes carried, **motion passed.** Meeting adjourned at 10:07 a.m. until the regularly scheduled Board meeting on December 10, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

Laura Brandon-Maveal
County Clerk

Terry Walters
Chairman