

Billings Township
Special Meeting Minutes
February 25th, 2011

The special township board meeting was called to order by Supervisor Nephew at 9:00am, with all board members, and 4 guests present, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The agenda was approved after motion by Nelson, and second by Grell.

Discussion for replacement of the recently recalled township clerk "Where do we go from here". Nephew suggested add in paper. Nelson noted that appointment needs to be accomplished quickly in order to pay bills. Nelson pointed out that there are too many issues with having an "Interview process" and that it opens the township up for a discrimination suit. Grell stated that it wouldn't be a good thing to rush into an appointment. Nelson reminded the board that the bills cannot be paid without a township clerk. Nephew mentioned that whoever is appointed should want to run for the elected position in the August election. Nephew suggested contact township attorney for advice on appointment of clerk and a way to pay bills prior to appointment of clerk, Nelson stated that it seemed like a waste of money. Nelson made a motion, Johnson second, in which the board will accept letters of interest to fill the vacancy of the clerk until March 4th, and if there aren't any qualified candidates, the board will place an ad in the Gladwin County Record, roll call, all yeas.

Nelson stated as long as all board members were present, he could add something to the agenda. Nelson went on to add that he has been inquiring into purchasing township accounting software, and that the Pontem Suite was more equitable for the township because of the price, compatibility with the county, and the support. Nephew suggested the township hires an intern C.P.A. for helping the new clerk, and digging the township out of the accounting mess. Johnson made a motion to purchase the Pontem Suite, second by Nelson, roll call, all yeas.

Nelson also wanted to discuss garbage assessment on parcel#030-115-018-027-00, 1039 Ashton. The landowner claims that the land is "landlocked" and that he is asking the board to remove the assessment from his vacant lot. Johnson makes motion to leave the assessment as it stands, second by Nelson, M/C

Public Comments were heard.

Board comments: Grell stated that the Gladwin County Record already had an article in it about Billings Township not having a Clerk anymore due to a recall, and it might not do any good to put an ad in the paper for the clerk's position.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 am on motion by Nephew, second by Nelson, M/C

Submitted by Brian Johnson, Billings Township Trustee