

Commissioner Minutes of April 23, 2019

The Gladwin County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, April 23, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairperson Smith. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and a short prayer was given. Roll call found all Commissioners present.

The Board reviewed the agenda. *Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Vernier, to proceed with the consent agenda as prepared. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

The **cash balances** were then read by Commissioner Taylor. *General Fund – (\$185,376.95).* Commissioner Taylor commented that the Board will need to act to allow the Treasurer to advance from the 210 fund as needed for general fund expenses. *Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Vernier, to allow for the advance with repayment by December 31, 2019. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

The Regular and Executive Session minutes of April 9, 2019, along with the Committee of the Whole Executive Session minutes from April 11th and 17th, were then reviewed. Motion by Commissioner Kyle Grove, supported by Commissioner Taylor, to approve the minutes as prepared. Ayes carried, motion passed.

Public Comments –

Bill Lang, Tobacco Township resident, stated that he has reviewed the proposed purchase contract for Wixom Dam with his Attorney. Mr. Lang stated that he disagrees with the Board's present legal opinion. Chairperson Smith thanked Mr. Lang for his comments and assured him that the Board has consulted with another attorney to review the terms of the contract.

Chris Waugh, Gladwin City resident, spoke on her areas of concern on the budget preparation process, the lack of transparency for the public to view information and the involvement of the department heads. Ms. Waugh also commented on her issues with the County's website and the materials that are outdated. Chairperson Smith responded to the concerns. Discussion. Commissioner Taylor asked Ms. Waugh to please put her unanswered questions in writing and the Board will respond, giving her the information she is requesting.

Sheriff Mike Shea read the award that will be presented to Detective Sergeant James Cuddie for his life saving efforts on December 13, 2018.

Bill Lang then asked if the Gladwin Board would be meeting with the Midland County Commissioners to review the agreement. Chairperson Smith stated they are working on a time and location to meet.

Communications:

The minutes of the Gladwin County Central Dispatch committee were reviewed.

Finance Matters – Commissioner Taylor:

1. The Prosecutor's Office is asking for pre-approval to order new furniture for the Child Support Specialist. This cost is part of the remodeling grant offered through the State of Michigan. There will be no cost to the County. *Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner*

Vernier, to approve the purchase of the furniture, under grant, as requested. Ayes carried, motion passed.

2. Jail Administrator, Matt McGourty, has provided two quotes for a repair to the Jail's transport van. This repair is for a new engine as follows: Triple M - \$5,757.76 and Myers for Tires - \$5724.47. The Jail Administrator has requested that the Board approve the quote from Myers for Tires, with payment to be shared between 101-351-975.001 and Securus funding. *Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Smith, to allow the Jail Administrator to make the repairs, using Myers for Tires. \$2,000.00 from 101-351-975.001 with the balance to be paid with Securus funding. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
3. Discussion on the monthly telephone stipend for the Emergency Management Director. *Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Kyle Grove, to allow the Clerk to pay Robert North, Emergency Management Director, a monthly telephone stipend of \$50.00. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
4. Karee Barlow, Assistant 911 Director, has scheduled the following individuals for training with expenses to be paid from 282-000-804.001.
 - a. Necole Burkhart, 911 Ethics and Liability for Dispatchers training, Auburn Hills, Michigan May 22 – 23, 2019. \$200.00 plus lodging, meals and mileage.
 - b. Charles Peters, Domestic Violence and Anger Management training. This is an online course of \$594.00 total.
 - c. Amanda Valley, Homeland Security for the Telecommunicator training, Traverse City, Michigan May 2, 2019. \$275.00 plus lodging, meals and mileage.

Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Vernier, to allow the Clerk to pay the registration fees, meals and mileage upon presentation and to use the credit card for reservations as required. Ayes carried, motion passed.

5. The GIS department will be preparing and printing maps for the EOC department. Once complete, they are requesting reimbursement for their supplies and ink, which can be handled by a journal entry. *Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Kyle Grove, to allow the Clerk to transfer the funds by journal entry once the project is completed. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
6. The Construction Codes department would like to order business cards and labels online from "Uprint" in the amount of \$135.15. *Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Vernier, to allow the Clerk to use the credit card to complete this purchase and for the expense to be paid from 101-371-727.000. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
7. Undersheriff Hartwell has informed the committee that Deputy Nieten has resigned and will need to replace his position immediately. *Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Vernier, to allow the Undersheriff to hire for the vacancy. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

New Business:

- Bob Brown, Executive Director of Region VII Area on Aging, provided the Board with an update on their services and provided service statistics and fiscal year 2018 funding levels. Discussion. Mr. Brown answered questions of the Board, and the Board thanked him for attending.
- The Board then spoke on the meeting time for the Committee of the Whole meeting. The dates of the meeting will remain at the Wednesday prior to the Board meeting. *Motion by Commissioner Kyle Grove, supported by Commissioner Vernier, to set the meeting time at 2:00 p.m. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
- Commissioner Vernier spoke on the benefit in having Board members attend the BABA and GABA meetings. After discussion, Commissioner Vernier volunteered to attend GABA (Gladwin Area Business Association) and Chairperson Smith will attend BABA (Beaverton Area Business Association). *Motion by Commissioner Vernier, supported by Commissioner Taylor, to make these appointments as outlined. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
- Commissioner Taylor asked the Board for review of the Airport Financials and their request for payment of the \$12,500.00 appropriation from the County.

Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Smith, to pay the \$12,500.00 appropriation to the Airport and to further review their budget in October before paying the second annual appropriation. Ayes carried, motion passed.

- The service contract with Hamilton Electric was reviewed in the amount of \$2,945.00 for generator services. *Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Vernier, to allow the Chairperson to sign the service agreement as presented. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
- The Pitney Bowes lease agreement was discussed. *Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Kyle Grove, to allow the Chairperson to sign the lease for the new machine to become effective upon availability. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
- The Equalization contract for services with Pete Preston will be tabled for review at the Committee of the Whole meeting on May 8, 2019.
- The Equalization contracts for service to the Townships were reviewed. *Motion by Commissioner Rick Grove, supported by Commissioner Taylor, to approve the contracts for distribution to the Townships. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
- The Board then reviewed the proposed job description that has been drafted for the Board's Secretary. *Motion by Chairperson Smith, supported by Commissioner Vernier, to approve the contents of the job description and to allow the Chairperson to sign the document as drafted. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

Comments from the Chair: The appointment letters for John Clexton and Joel Vernier were discussed. *Motion by Commissioner Vernier, supported by Commissioner Kyle Grove, to make the following appointments: John Clexton to the EDC Board expiring 12-31-2025 and Joel Vernier to the Michigan Works Consortium Board expiring 12-31-2020. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

Commissioner Reports by District –

Commissioner Kyle Grove reported:

- That his Townships are all doing well. Brian Owens, Sherman Township Supervisor, has resigned and the Board is working their way through the appointment process.
- On attending Leadership on April 12, noting they toured local factories and the interesting work that is done in this county.
- That he participated in the Northern Michigan Association of Counties meeting on April 15th. Dena Bosworth briefed the thirty counties in attendance of what is happening at the State level.
- On the “dam tour” on April 22nd, commenting it was an interesting vision on this real estate.

Commissioner Taylor reported:

- That he attended the Sage Township meeting, noting they are doing well.
- On the Airport meeting where they reviewed the budget and plans for a grant in the amount of \$1.5 million to replace the lights on the runway.
- That he will be attending the Central Michigan District Health Department meeting tomorrow.
- That the month of May will begin the many Lake Board meetings he will be attending.

Commissioner Vernier reported:

- On attending the Secord Township meeting, noting continued lake concerns.
- On the EDC meeting where the Beaverton City Manager, Health Caplin, has committed \$2,500.00 to EDC appropriations for 2019.
- That he attended the HSCB meeting at the United Way building. The attendees participated in a Heart Safe module where they learned CPR and AED training. Discussion on the availability of this training to our community and how to become a “Heart Safe Community”.
- On the Census workshop he attended through Michigan Works and hosted by Bob Balzer, stating the census has a huge impact on funding.
- That he attended the Wixom Lake Board meeting presentation which was attended by the Four Lakes Task Force.

Chairperson Smith reported:

- On the EDC meeting and the importance of the census. Discussion.
- That she attended the Airport meeting on April 11th.
- On the Committee of the Whole meeting on April 11th to discuss the draft agreement presented by the Four Lakes Task Force.
- On attending the Legislative Breakfast on April 12th.
- That she participated in the Library Board meeting, noting the Friends of the Library will be holding their annual used book sale May 17-18th.
- On the Committee of the Whole meeting on April 17th.
- On attending the Buckeye Township meeting, also on April 17th.
- That she participated in the “dam tour” yesterday, commenting the information was extremely beneficial, it was a great presentation and the required service levels of a dam were discussed.
- The she and the Sheriff were part of a telephone conference with legal counsel last night in preparation for upcoming litigation.
- On a presentation from Gladwin Rotary on the new “splash park” in Beaverton at Ross Lake Park. Rotary is accepting donations toward their matching fund requirements.

Commissioner Rick Grove reported:

- That he has been working with Brando Enterprises on an “energy audit”, commenting that he conducted a brief walk through with maintenance staff and representatives.
- On attending the meeting with the Four Lakes Task Force on April 11th.
- That he participated in the meeting with Attorney Hovey and Affiliated Researchers on the County’s drains.
- On attending the CTE event on April 18th as a judge. This event sponsors students from many schools to build a deer blind.

Chairperson Smith noted that the Council of Local Government would be meeting in Secord Township at 7:00 p.m. on April 29th with Bourret Township hosting the meeting.

Public Comments –

Undersheriff Raymond Hartwell thanked the Treasurer, on behalf of the Court Security employees, for the portion of office space she gave up making their office larger and cooler for the summer months. The Undersheriff then asked the Board to move forward on the tabled matter regarding the LEIN service line. Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Vernier, supported by Commissioner Taylor, to allow the County to be*

*established on an encrypted-secure public internet through MSP. The set-up cost will be \$306.00, with a quarterly payment of \$387.00. Ayes carried, **motion passed.***

Jerry Holycross inquired is there were any new updates with the Drain Commissioner. Chairperson Smith commented that due to pending litigation, not much can be commented on at this point.

LaVel Smith, Advisory Council – Region VII, stated that she will be pleased to meet with the County Board quarterly to provide updates on this very important committee. Mrs. Smith stated she has a lot of interest in this topic and is a large proponent of this community and the elderly members. LaVel shared the engagements she has attended this year and the upcoming events with the Board and left a packet of information for their review. The Board thanked LaVel for providing them with an update and attending the meeting.

Lori Stout, Council on Aging, thanked Commissioner Kyle Grove for participating in the “March for Meals” program.

Lauren Essenmacher, Council on Aging, thanked Amanda, their Nutrition Director, and her staff for taking care of the Senior Meal program during the terrible winter months and poor road conditions.

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

*Motion by Commissioner Vernier, supported by Commissioner Kyle Grove, to adjourn. Ayes carried, **motion passed.** Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m., until the next regularly scheduled Board meeting on May 14, 2019 at 9:00 a.m., unless otherwise ordered.*



Laura Brandon-Maveal
County Clerk



Sharron L. Smith
Chairperson