

Commissioner Minutes of February 26, 2019

The Gladwin County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, February 26, 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 Kyle Grove, to proceed with the consent agenda as prepared. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

The cash balances were then read by Commissioner Taylor. *General Fund - \$135,319.52, before the payment of the bills.*

The Regular and Executive minutes of February 12, 2019, along with the Committee of the Whole minutes from February 20, 2019, were then reviewed. Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Kyle Grove, to approve the minutes as prepared. Ayes carried, motion passed.

Public Comments –

Joel Vernier introduced himself and stated his interest in filling the District #3 vacancy.

Don Zackett, Four Lakes Task Force, commented that four of the informational meetings have been held with two remaining.

Bill Lang, Tobacco Township resident, questioned the authority the County has given to the Four Lakes Task Force. Discussion. This topic will be continued at the conclusion of the meeting.

Bruce Grzegorzewski, Sage Township resident, provided the Board with three concerns that he would like response to. Mr. Grzegorzewski asked that the Board responds within 30 days, hoping that would provide them with an ample amount of time. Mr. Grzegorzewski spoke on his past career as an engineer and project manager, stating he is “partially retired” but willing to help the county on any projects that they may have for him.

Communications:

Chairperson Smith spoke on the letter received from Commissioner Sandra Aultman stating her resignation.

Finance Matters – Commissioner Taylor:

1. Undersheriff Hartwell has requested permission to replace Deputy Maniez, who has resigned effective March 14, 2019. Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Rick Grove, to allow the Undersheriff to post the vacant position for replacement. Ayes carried, motion passed.

2. Matthew McGourty and Susan Walker have requested to attend the Michigan Sheriff's Association Summer Conference at Crystal Mountain June 9-11, 2019. Total lodging costs are \$617.16, registration fees of \$425.00, plus mileage and meals. All costs can be taken from the 264 fund. Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Rick Grove, to allow for the conference expense as outlined. Ayes carried, motion passed.
3. Undersheriff Hartwell has prepared a transfer of funds from the 285-training fund to the General fund in the amount of \$1,090.00. Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Kyle Grove, to allow the Treasurer to transfer \$1,090.00 from 285-000-804.000 to 101-301-804.000 for the 2018 expenses.
4. Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Kyle Gove, to allow the Sheriff and Emergency Management Director to attend the Homeland Security Conference in Grand Rapids. Lodging expense is \$149.00/room per night plus registration costs, mileage and meals. Ayes carried, motion passed.
5. Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Rick Grove, to allow the Clerk to pay all 2018 bills, as submitted, through Thursday, February 28, 2019. Ayes carried, motion passed.
6. Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Kyle Grove, to allow the Clerk to handle the year end budget amendments for 2018 on February 28, 2019. Ayes carried, motion passed.

New Business:

1. The Board reviewed the contract with Clare County for Karen Moore to act as the Managed Assigned Counsel Administrator for the Indigent Defense Program. Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Rick Grove, to allow the Chairperson to sign the contract as presented. Ayes carried, motion passed.
2. The Indigent Defense grant with Clare County has also been drafted for signature. Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Kyle Grove, to allow the Chairperson to sign the grant agreement as drafted. Ayes carried, motion passed.
3. A letter has been drafted to Governor Gretchen Whitmer requesting removal of Bob Evans from his position as Drain Commissioner. Motion by Commissioner Kyle Grove, supported by Commissioner Taylor, to allow the Chairperson to sign the letter as drafted. Ayes carried, motion passed.
4. The request from Gayle Reid to participate in Leadership activities was reviewed. Commissioner Taylor made the motion to allow Board Secretary, Gayle Reid, to volunteer her time to leadership, as a County employee, for up to two days a year. Discussion. Commissioner Kyle Grove commented that he can not support the motion if the request is specific to only one person. Commissioner Rick Grove stated that he believes it is great what she is doing for the community. Motion fails for lack of support. Secretary Reid will use her own vacation time to volunteer for these activities.
5. The amended Zoning Enforcement agreement will be tabled until the March 6, 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting so that they can have discussion with Justin Schneider on the legality of the changes.
6. Justin Schneider, Building Official, has requested the Board allow him to enter into an agreement with Building Place Consultants for the revision of the County's Master Plan. Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by

- Commissioner Kyle Grove, to approve the proposal as furnished. Ayes carried, motion passed.
7. Ken Roberts, Veterans Director, has requested remote voicemail access to his office to better serve the veterans of the community. Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Taylor, to allow for the service through Radio North as requested. Ayes carried, motion passed.
 8. Commissioner Kyle Grove has researched the following IT projects to bring to the Board's consideration:
 - a. Motion by Commissioner Kyle Grove, supported by Commissioner Smith, to enter into a 6-month contract with IT Right in the amount of \$25,000 for IT Services. Ayes carried, motion passed.
 - b. Motion by Commissioner Kyle Grove, supported by Commissioner Taylor, to use IT Right for the purchase of 54 computers per the quoted price of \$670 / \$780 each. Ayes carried, motion passed.
 - c. Motion by Commissioner Kyle Grove, supported by Commissioner Taylor, to implement Windows 365 countywide at a cost of \$8.25/user per month. Ayes carried, motion passed.
 9. The Sugar Springs Lake Authority resolution was read by the Clerk. Motion by Commissioner Smith to adopt the resolution as read. Discussion and questions. Motion failed for lack of support. Matter will be referred to the March 6, 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting for further explanation.

Mike Kruchkow, Gypsy Moth, presented the Board with the 2018 spray statistics and suggested spray areas for 2019. Mr. Kruchkow introduced Greg Dunham, Soil Erosion Administrator for Gladwin County. Mr. Dunham provided the proposed ordinance for the Board's consideration and approval. This matter will be placed on the March 6, 2019 Committee of the Whole agenda for further consideration after review by Attorney Hovey. Mr. Kruchkow asked the Board to consider his proposal for 2019 spray services through Al's Spray Services. Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Kyle Grove, to approve the spray proposal in the amount of \$9,415.00. Ayes carried, motion passed.

Chairman Smith commented that Dick Andrist has been appointed as the Local Government Representative to the Gladwin County Central Dispatch committee.

Commissioner Reports by District –

Commissioner Kyle Grove reported:

- That he was unable to attend some Township meetings due to the flu.
- On attending the Four Lakes Task Force meeting, commenting there were lots of good questions and it was an interesting meeting.

Commissioner Taylor reported:

- That he attended the Sage Township meeting, noting it was a good meeting and he gave the Board information on some of the County projects that are being worked on.

- The interview process has started for the new Emergency Management Director.
- On the budget meetings that have been held, commenting that they will need to have another meeting to continue their work to amend.
- That he will be traveling to Harrison tomorrow to attend the Mid-Michigan Health meeting.

Chairperson Smith:

- That she attended the regular airport meeting.
- On working on the budget on February 14, 2019.
- That she attended the Hay Township meeting on February 14th.
- On the HSCB meeting on February 19th.
- On attending the Library Board meeting on February 19th.
- That she participated in the Committee of the Whole meeting on February 20th.
- The she attended a special airport meeting where there was discussion on contract costs with the Cities of Beaverton and Gladwin.
- On the Buckeye Township meeting held February 20th.
- That she participated in the Budget workshop on February 22nd.
- On her work to prepare a list of all town halls that have generators for emergency services to our citizens at the request of Consumers Power.
- That she attended the Council of Local Government meeting on February 25th. The next meeting will be held April 29th at 7:00 p.m. in Secord Township with Bourret Township hosting.

Commissioner Rick Grove reported:

- That he attended the Grout Township meeting, noting interest from ISP Management for a tower location to improve service in this area.
- On the Animal Control meeting where they are working to promote their spay and neuter program.
- That he also attended the Council of Local Government meeting last night, commenting it went well, he met good people and it was very interesting.
- On his participation in the Four Lakes Task Force meeting.

Administrative Reports:

Chairperson Smith commented that the Board is taking letters of interest, or resumes, for the vacant position of County Commissioner District #3. This position will be filled by the first meeting in March due to the 30-day limitation given to the Board by the State.

Public Comments – Many individuals had further questions on the Wixom Lake lake level and the Four Lakes Task Force. Mr. Zackett, Attorney Jacobson and the Board addressed the public on the following topics:

- Grant application for \$5 million.
- Legislative actions.
- Petition to enact lake levels.
- The maintenance of the dams (Public vs Private ownership).
- Court process and dates.

- Assessment districts.
- Inclusion of Boyce Hydro in the transition process.
- The April 5, 2019 court date that will establish lake levels.
- The request of the Board to have the knowledge of what is negotiated prior to Court action.

There was a motion to appoint Bill Lang to the Wixom Lake Authority and to participate in all negotiations as the Board's representative. This matter was tabled to the March 6, 2019 Committee of the Whole for further research by Attorney Hovey.

Christy Van Tiem asked the Board to establish a meeting date and time to review the request received by Attorney Hovey for financial information for DEQ. Discussion. The committee will meet on March 4, 2019 at 9:30 to satisfy the request of DEQ.

*Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Kyle Grove, to receive and file various correspondence and reports. Ayes carried, **motion passed.***

*Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Smith, to adjourn. Ayes carried, **motion passed.** Meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m., until the next regularly scheduled Board meeting on March 12, 2019 at 9:00 a.m., unless otherwise ordered.*



Laura Brandon-Maveal
County Clerk



Sharron L. Smith
Chairperson