

## Commissioner Minutes of August 13, 2019

*The Gladwin County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, August 13, 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 and the following amendments were made: 1) Addition of an Executive Session with Mr. Borushko regarding negotiations. 2) City-County Transit contracts and resolutions for an additional bus and computer software. 3) Addition of committee meeting minutes. *Motion by Commissioner Vernier, supported by Commissioner Taylor, to proceed with the consent agenda as amended. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

The cash balances were then read by Commissioner Taylor. *General Fund – \$48,028.50.*

*The Regular Session minutes of July 23, 2019, along with the Executive Session minutes from the same day, were then reviewed. Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Vernier, to approve the minutes as prepared. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

**Public Comments** – none at this time.

### **Communications:**

The following items were received and filed:

Library Statistics

Gladwin County Central Dispatch Minutes of May 30, 2019

Chairperson Smith read the letter in response to the Gladwin County Leadership program requesting Gayle Reid's continuation as a module facilitator. Chairperson Smith made response that she has prepared a letter outlining the appreciation of the Leadership Board and their involvement in this community and that Ms. Reid may continue her involvement in Module 1, without use of her personal/vacation time (paid). Any time used for Leadership involvement, after this date, will be done using her own personal time. *Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Rick Grove, to approve the letter to be signed by the Chairman as read. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

### **Finance Matters – Commissioner Taylor:**

1. Rodney Foster has resigned his position with the Sheriff's Department. Deputy Foster also served as the Salvage Inspector for the County. Discussion on the receipt of funds for these inspections and the payment for these services. Sheriff Shea is proposing that Rodney Foster continue to handle these inspections until another officer can be certified. *Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Smith, to allow Mr. Foster to remain on the county's payroll specific to handling the salvage inspections for Gladwin County. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
2. Kayla Marchington, Equalization, has requested to attend Assessing Technician Training through the State of Michigan in Okemos, Michigan September 17-20, 2019. Costs are \$150.00 for registration, \$272.85 for lodging, plus mileage and meals. This expense can be paid from 101-225-860.000 upon approval. *Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Kyle Grove, to allow the training as outlined and for the Clerk to handle the lodging request with the use of the credit card if needed. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

3. Peter Preston, Equalization Director, has informed the committee that employees Kayla and Janine Marchington need to attend a FEMA Damage Assessment Reporting Course on October 3, 2019 in Harbor Springs. The course fee is \$45.00 per attendee, plus mileage and meals. All expenses can be paid from 101-225-860.000 upon approval. *Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Smith, to approve the training as outlined. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
4. Karee Barlow, Assistant 911 Administrator, has registered Dispatcher Jennifer Matteson for online course "Stress Management" at the cost of \$297.00. This expense will be paid from 282-000-804.001 upon approval. *Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Kyle Grove, to approve the training as outlined. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
5. Jennifer Ochab, Victim Advocate – Prosecutor's Office, has requested the use of the county's credit card to purchase fluorescent light covers for the office from 101-229-835.003 in the amount of \$79.98. *Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Kyle Grove, to allow the Clerk to utilize the credit card to complete the purchase as requested. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
6. Sheriff Shea has requested the application of funding for Secondary Road Patrol through a grant with the State of Michigan. The Clerk stated she would prepare the grant paperwork, noting no administrative charge for her service on this grant beginning January 1, 2020. *Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Vernier, to allow the Clerk to draft the grant application and submit to the State of Michigan for funding in 2019/20. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
7. Anderson, Tackman & Company has prepared a quote for the extension of their contract for auditing services. Discussion on the desire to prepare an RFP for new services or granting the extension of the current contract. *Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Kyle Grove, to allow the Chairman to sign the contract extension for services with Anderson Tackman at \$29,000 annually. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
8. Matthew McGourty, Jail Administrator, has enrolled Officer Josh Vorce into the Corrections Academy at Delta College from October 7, 2019 – November 1, 2019. The expense of \$1,505.00, plus mileage, meals and overtime will be paid from 264-000-804.000 upon approval of the Board. *Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Vernier, to approve Officer Vorce's attendance at the academy as outlined. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
9. Justin Schneider, Building Official, has submitted his request to attend a continuing education course on September 12, 2019 in Freeland, Michigan. Course cost is \$40.00 and will be paid from 101-371-860.000 upon Board approval. *Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Kyle Grove, to approve the education as presented. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
10. Deputy Rodney Foster has resigned from the Gladwin County Sheriff's Office effective August 6, 2019. Mr. Foster has requested payout for all applicable items under his union contract including holiday and PTO hours in the amount of \$7,484.86. *Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Kyle Grove, to allow the Clerk to make the disbursements allowable under Mr. Foster's union contract as requested. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
11. Undersheriff Hartwell has informed the committee that Court Security Officer John Ciacelli has resigned his position with the county effective August 6, 2019. The Undersheriff is requesting authorization to hire staff for the vacant position. *Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Vernier, to allow for the hiring of this vacancy. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
12. Mike Brubaker, 911 Administrator, has requested permission to fill the vacancy of a 911 dispatcher created by the retirement of Diane Doherty. This person would be notified of employment today contingent on the Board's formal approval on August 13, 2019. *Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Kyle Grove, to allow Mr. Brubaker to formally extend an offer of employment to fill the vacancy. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

**Committee meetings:** The following meeting minutes were received and filed:

The Committee of the Whole minutes of August 7, 2019

The Courtroom Security minutes of August 9, 2019

Chairperson Smith read the following motions into the record for the enhancement of staffing for the Courtroom Security department.

*Motion to allow the Undersheriff to post for a supervisory position within the Jail – Corporal or Sergeant, to fill the vacancy and provide a supervision role for the department of Court Security.*

*Motion to promote a current full-time corrections officer to a corporal position to replace the employee transfer from Jail to Court Security.*

*Motion to transfer a current part time officer to a full-time officer.*

*Motion to allow the Undersheriff to fill the vacancy of a part time corrections officer as part of this process.*

Chairperson Smith commented that this supervisor position that is moved into the Court Security office will still fall under the Corrections contract and be subject to all terms of that contract. There is currently funding within the 333 – Courthouse Security budget to pay for this position through the end of the year which is approximately \$16,000. *Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Vernier, to approve the motions as read onto the record. Ayes carried, motions passed.*

#### **New Business:**

1. Commissioner Taylor outlined each of three resolutions prepared by City-County Transit for replacement buses and computer software. The Board acted as follows:

*Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Smith, to approve Agreement 2017-0052, Project 17 in the amount of \$326,750 for two (2) buses with lifts. Roll call vote as follows: Kyle Grove – yes, Ron Taylor – yes, Joel Vernier – yes, Sharron Smith – yes, Rick Grove – yes. 5 yes, 0 no. Ayes carried, **Resolution 2019-018 declared adopted.***

*Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Smith, to approve Agreement 2017-052, Project 18 in the amount of \$100,000 for one (1) computer and software. Roll call vote as follows: Ron Taylor – yes, Joel Vernier – yes, Sharron Smith – yes, Rick Grove – yes, Kyle Grove - yes. 5 yes, 0 no. Ayes carried, **Resolution 2019-019 declared adopted.***

*Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Smith, to approve Agreement 2017-052, Project 19 in the amount of \$166,375 for one (1) bus. Roll call vote as follows: Joel Vernier – yes, Sharron Smith – yes, Rick Grove – yes, Kyle Grove – yes, Ron Taylor - yes. 5 yes, 0 no. Ayes carried, **Resolution 2019-020 declared adopted.***

Chairperson Smith “gave kudos” to Josh Reid for his grant applications and his work on replacing the aging fleet of buses. Discussion.

2. Attorney Tara Hovey presented the final agreement for the “Midland and Gladwin Counties and Four Lakes Task Force”, noting the many revisions that have been done to get to this point. Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Vernier, to allow the Chairperson to sign the contract as drafted contingent upon Midland County’s approval. Ayes carried, **motion passed.***
3. Ken Roberts, Veterans Director, has drafted a Letter of Intent for application of funds from the Veterans Service Fund Grant. Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Vernier, to allow Mr. Roberts to sign the drafted letter and submit to the State of Michigan. Ayes carried, **motion passed.***
4. Mr. Roberts then asked for the Board’s consideration in the adoption of the drafted resolution in support of Veterans Services Grant Funding. *Motion by*

*Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Smith, to approve the resolution as drafted. Roll call vote as follows: Sharron Smith – yes, Rick Grove – yes, Kyle Grove – yes, Ron Taylor – yes, Joel Vernier – yes. 5 yes, 0 no. Ayes carried, **Resolution 2019-021 declared adopted.***

5. A letter has been drafted to Secord Supervisor Colin Combs in response to the request to purchase the marine boat. *Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Kyle Grove, to allow the Chairman to sign the letter as drafted for mailing to Mr. Combs. Ayes carried, **motion passed.***

**Comments from the Chair:** An appointment letter has been drafted to Laura Nickel placing her on the Animal Control Committee effective August 13, 2019 – December 31, 2020. *Motion by Commissioner Rick Grove, supported by Commissioner Taylor, to make the appointment as outlined. Ayes carried, **motion passed.***

### **Commissioner Reports by District –**

#### **Commissioner Kyle Grove reported:**

- On the Planning Commission meeting where they reviewed a request for a cell tower in Grout Township.

#### **Commissioner Taylor reported:**

- That he participated in the meeting between the Drain Commissioner and the Road Commission on July 29, 2019. The Road Commission will hold their Board meeting tomorrow, then schedule a date for a follow up meeting.
- On the Court Management meeting held on August 7, 2019, noting conversation regarding negotiations and security features.
- That he attended the Committee of the Whole meeting on August 7, 2019.
- On conversation with Robert Hauch, MMRMA, after the committee meeting on August 7<sup>th</sup>, noting good discussion.
- That he attended the Airport meeting on August 8<sup>th</sup>, noting all is well and fuel sales are a success. Discussion on the use of land between the Airport and the Animal Shelter.
- On the Court negotiations held in Harrison on August 9, 2019, commenting they are making headway.

#### **Commissioner Vernier reported:**

- That he has attended 20 meetings in four weeks.
- On the GABA meeting, commenting they secured a \$16,000 grant for the downtown speaker system.
- On the MMCAA meeting where they spoke on the 32-unit housing development unit in Gladwin City. This project involves no County or City funding and will address the lack of moderate housing levels in Gladwin County. MMCAA still has applications available for the weatherization program.
- That he attended the Grant Writing workshop on July 24<sup>th</sup>, commenting it was excellent and well received.
- On the semi-annual meeting of the Basic Needs Committee on August 1, 2019 where the Sacred Heart Mission was awarded \$5,000 and Shelterhouse \$8,000.
- That the Census Committee met on August 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> and received information from a government presenter. Last census showed a 22% shortage in the count. The Census Committee will be seeking a proclamation from the Board for a “Complete Census Count” for promotional funding.

- This Thursday, the Four Lakes Task Force will meet and he will be appointed to their committee.
- That he attended the Secord Lake Association meeting, commenting there is still confusion on the acquisition process and that education is key in providing this information to the public.
- On his attendance at all his Township meetings.
- That on the request of Emergency Management Director, Bob North, he will be attending two upcoming meetings for a planned exercise.

**Chairperson Smith reported:**

- That she also attended the meeting between the Drain Commission and the Road Commission on July 29, 2019.
- On the Court Management meeting to discuss the new job classifications for the court employees, noting it was very interesting.
- That she attended the Committee of the Whole meeting on August 7, 2019. There will be a personnel committee set up to review the policies and communication with the Sheriff on methods to retain staffing.
- On a meeting with Robert Hauch, MMRMA, about the insurance coverage for the dams. There will be a Risk Control Team that will walk all properties to assess possible risks.
- That she attended the Airport meeting on August 8<sup>th</sup>. Thunder on the Strip will be held on September 7 – 8, 2019.
- On the Hay Township meeting on August 8, 2019, commenting they are all great people doing a nice job.
- That she participated in the Court Security meeting on August 9, 2019 with the Clerk, Jail Administrator and Undersheriff.
- On the drafting of a response to the inquiry by the Leadership Board.
- That she attended the Tobacco Township meeting last night.
- On the progress of the Splash Park in Beaverton.
- That the Michigan Territorial Championships will be held at the Gun Club in Beaverton this weekend. Chairperson Smith stated she has been honored by the National Muzzleloader Association as an inductee into their Hall of Fame. She will be the fourth inductee from Michigan and the first woman.

**Commissioner Rick Grove reported:**

- That he attended the Beaverton Township meeting last night, commenting on discussion regarding the drain assessments and further work that will need to be done to the county drains. Commissioner Grove commented that he believes the drains are fine and hates to see the property owners land opened back up and re-assessed to correct an error. There was also discussion at the meeting regarding the damage to roads by steel wheels and horseshoes. There will also be a small retail business coming to M-18.
- On communication with the Beaverton City Manager regarding the grant for the placement of modular homes in the City of Beaverton. The City is also working on the placement of a blight officer to help enforce the areas that need to be cleaned up.
- The Splash Park has the main water line installed and is ready for plumbing and concrete.
- On an update to the Courthouse air conditioning system, noting it should be running this week.

*Chairperson Smith commented that she is thankful that the Board members are so involved in our community and for the work they do.*

**Public Comments** – Nancy Bodnar, Gladwin City Council, invited the public to attend the community picnic at North Park from 5-7 p.m. There will be a bounce house and slip and slide and the council is asking for input on ideas to develop the park.

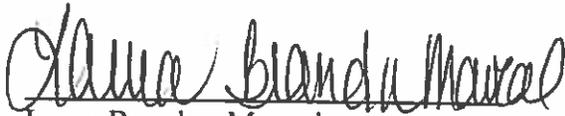
*Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Vernier, to go into executive session to discuss union negotiations. Ayes carried, **motion passed.***

**EXECUTIVE SESSION 9:50-10:19 a.m.**

*Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Vernier, to return to regular session. Ayes carried, **motion passed.***

*Motion by Commissioner Vernier, supported by Commissioner Taylor, 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 10:23 a.m., until the next regularly scheduled Board meeting on August 27, 2019 at 9:00 a.m., unless otherwise ordered.*



Laura Brandon-Maveal  
County Clerk

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Sharron L. Smith  
Chairperson

Date: June 24, 2019  
Agreement No.: 2017-0052  
Authorization No.: P17  
Job No.: 208305  
Agenda: COM

**PROJECT AUTHORIZATION  
GLADWIN COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
FY 2019 SECTION 5339  
BUS AND BUS FACILITIES  
FORMULA PROGRAM**

This information is required by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) in order to record agreement of utilization of funds provided by the Federal Transit Administration, United States Department of Transportation and MDOT. The funds provided shall be used by the AGENCY in accordance with the above referenced Master Agreement.

Authorization Effective Date:

Authorization Expiration Date: Three years from the effective date of the authorization.

Fiscal Year or Effective Contract Clauses: 2019

The Federal grant associated with the PROJECT AUTHORIZATION is Permanent No. MI-2016-012-03. Award Year: 2019

The Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number for the AGENCY is 620239822.

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number for the Federal Transit Administration Bus and Bus Facilities Formula Program is 20.526.

The Department of Labor Certification of Transit Employee Protective Arrangements requirements were issued by the United States Department of Labor in a letter dated . A copy of this letter will be included with this awarded authorization.

The AGENCY agrees to prepare and submit to MDOT quarterly milestone reports for Section 5339. Reports are due 10 days after the end of each quarter.

Timely Expenditure of Funds

The funds included in this PROJECT AUTHORIZATION must be obligated (i.e., place orders for buses, issue third party contracts, purchase equipment, complete facility improvements) within six months of receiving an awarded PROJECT AUTHORIZATION. If funds have not been obligated within twelve months, MDOT may cancel this PROJECT AUTHORIZATION and the AGENCY will no longer have access to the funds. MDOT will not extend this PROJECT AUTHORIZATION beyond three years except for very unique circumstances as determined by MDOT. MDOT will allow for additional time for new facility construction projects if sufficient progress is being made to complete the project.

<u>Line No.</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Line Item</u>	<u>Federal</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Total</u>
1	Revenue vehicles: Two <30 ft replacement buses with lifts	11.12.04	\$261,400	\$65,350	\$326,750

**Funding sources:**

2019/C87750/3120 \$261,400 (F)  
 2019/C87750/1120 \$ 65,350 (S)

PRF No.: 2019-453

**GLADWIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

*Sharron Smith*

Signature

Sharron Smith, Board Chairman

Print Name and Title

Signature

Josh Reid, Transportation Director

Print Name and Title

**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

Title: Department Director

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RESOLUTION OF INTENT

Resolution# 2019-018

The following resolution was offered by Taylor

And supported by Smith

Be it resolved, that the County of Gladwin does hereby approve the proposed Contract submitted by the Michigan Department of Transportation.

Be it resolved that Sharron Smith, Board Chairman and Josh Reid, Transportation Director be authorized and directed to execute Contract No. 2017-0052, Project No. 208305 Auth No. P17 for and on behalf of the County of Gladwin.

Resolution Declared Adopted.

CERTIFIED

Laura Brandon-Maveal

Laura Brandon-Maveal  
Deputy County Clerk

August 13, 2019  
Date

Date: June 19, 2019  
Agreement No.: 2017-0052  
Authorization No.: P18  
Job No.: 205106  
Agenda: MA

**PROJECT AUTHORIZATION  
GLADWIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
FY 2019 SECTION 5311 CAPITAL  
FORMULA GRANTS FOR  
RURAL AREAS PROGRAM**

This information is required by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) in order to record agreement of utilization of funds provided by the Federal Transit Administration, United States Department of Transportation and MDOT. The funds provided shall be used by the AGENCY in accordance with the above referenced Master Agreement.

Authorization Effective Date: July 30, 2019  
Authorization Expiration Date: July 29, 2022  
Fiscal Year of Effective Contract Clauses: 2019

The Federal grant associated with the PROJECT AUTHORIZATION is Temporary No. 1207-2018-4/Permanent No. MI-2018-034-01. . Award Year: 2019

The Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number for the AGENCY is 620239822.

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number for the Federal Transit Administration Formula Grants for Rural Areas Program is 20.509.

The AGENCY will be financially and legally responsible for the terms and conditions of the Special Section 5333(b) labor warranty as agreed to in your annual application. The Special Section 5333(b) warranty can be found at: [www.dol.gov/dol/esa/public/regs/compliance/olms/13factsheet.htm](http://www.dol.gov/dol/esa/public/regs/compliance/olms/13factsheet.htm).

The AGENCY agrees to prepare and submit to MDOT quarterly milestone reports for Section 5311. Reports are due 10 days after the end of each quarter.

**Timely Expenditure of Funds**

The funds included in this PROJECT AUTHORIZATION must be obligated (i.e., place orders for buses, issue third party contracts, purchase equipment, complete facility improvements) within six months of receiving an awarded PROJECT AUTHORIZATION. If funds have not been obligated within twelve months, MDOT may cancel this PROJECT AUTHORIZATION and the AGENCY will no longer have access to the funds. MDOT will not extend this PROJECT AUTHORIZATION beyond three years except for very unique circumstances as determined by MDOT. MDOT will allow for additional time for new facility construction projects if sufficient progress is being made to complete the project.

<u>Line No.</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Line Item</u>	<u>Federal</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>Terminal/office equipment:</u>				
1	Computer and software	11.42.11	\$80,000	\$20,000	\$100,000

**Funding sources:**

2019/56150/3120 \$80,000 (F)  
 2019/C87750/1120 \$20,000 (S)

PRF No.: 2019-531

**GLADWIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

  
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Sharron Smith, Board Chairman  
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 Print Name and Title

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 Signature

Josh Reid, Transportation Director  
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 Print Name and Title

**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

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 Title: Department Director



RESOLUTION OF INTENT

Resolution# 2019-019

The following resolution was offered by Taylor

And supported by Smith

Be it resolved, that the County of Gladwin does hereby approve the proposed Contract submitted by the Michigan Department of Transportation.

Be it resolved that Sharron Smith, Board Chairman and Josh Reid, Transportation Director be authorized and directed to execute Contract No. 2017-0052, Project No. 205106 Auth No. P18 for and on behalf of the County of Gladwin.

Resolution Declared Adopted.

CERTIFIED

Laura Brandon-Maveal

Laura Brandon-Maveal  
Deputy County Clerk

August 13, 2019  
Date

Date: July 15, 2019  
Agreement No.: 2017-0052  
Authorization No.: P19  
Job No.: 208576  
Agenda: COM

**PROJECT AUTHORIZATION  
GLADWIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
FY 2019 100% STATE**

This information is required by the Michigan Department of Transportation in order to record agreement of utilization of funds. The funds provided shall be used by the AGENCY in accordance with the above referenced Master Agreement.

Authorization Effective Date:

Authorization Expiration Date: Three years from the date of award of the authorization.

Project Description: Vehicle replacements.

<u>Line No.</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Activity Code</u>	<u>State</u>
	<u>Revenue vehicles:</u>		
1	One <30 ft replacement bus	819	\$166,375

The AGENCY agrees to prepare and submit to MDOT quarterly milestone reports. Reports are due 10 days after the end of each quarter.

Timely Expenditure of Funds

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**Funding source:**  
2019/C87750/1120 \$166,375 (S)

PRF No.: 2019-637

**GLADWIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**



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Sharron Smith, Board Chairman  
Print Name and Title

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Josh Reid, Transportation Director  
Print Name and Title

**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

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Title: Department Director



RESOLUTION OF INTENT

Resolution# 2019-020

The following resolution was offered by Taylor

And supported by Smith

Be it resolved, that the County of Gladwin does hereby approve the proposed Contract submitted by the Michigan Department of Transportation.

Be it resolved that Sharron Smith, Board Chairman and Josh Reid, Transportation Director be authorized and directed to execute Contract No. 2017-0052, Project No. 208576, Auth No. P19 for and on behalf of the County of Gladwin.

Resolution Declared Adopted.

CERTIFIED

Laura Brandon-Maveal  
Laura Brandon-Maveal  
Deputy County Clerk

August 13, 2019  
Date

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-021 VETERANS SERVICES GRANT FUNDING

WHEREAS, MCL 35.623a(5)(a), as amended, establishes a "base amount" of \$50,000 per County for "veterans service operations;" and

WHEREAS, MCL 35.623a(5)(b) provides for a "per capita amount" for the "number of veterans residing in each county;" and

WHEREAS, the plain language of MCL 35.623a(5) provides that disbursements to counties are to be determined by "combining" these amounts; and

WHEREAS, the distinction between a "base amount" of \$50,000 per year and a variable "per capita amount" strongly suggests that the base amount may be interpreted as being fixed; and

WHEREAS, the statute can reasonably be interpreted to mean that the \$50,000 base amount would be ongoing, and would thus sustain County initiatives, provided the County complied with the provisions of MSC 35.623a; and

WHEREAS, the Gladwin County Department of Veterans Affairs has taken all steps prescribed by MVAA to achieve the eligibility requirements established in MCL 35.623a and thus to qualify for continued funding into the new fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, Gladwin County has, in fact, relied on this "fixed" base amount in implementing plans for services to veterans, to wit, hiring a highly qualified part-time Veterans Service Officer, with further plans to fund their VA Accreditation Training; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency has a long history of promoting an increase in the number of Veterans Administration Accredited Representatives to serve Michigan Veterans; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to disbursing the statutorily mandated funds for 2019, the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency briefed the Michigan Association of County Veterans Counselors that the grant funding is programmed to be reduced to a \$25,000 "base amount" for Fiscal Year 2020 due to funding constraints; and

WHEREAS, this reduction contravenes the plain language of the statute and will undermine steps taken by Gladwin County to provide services to our veterans; and

NOW, THEREFORE,, be it resolved, that the Gladwin County Board of Commissioners urges compliance with the plain language of MCL 35.623a, and calls upon the State Legislature and the Governor to fully fund the County Veterans Service Fund Grant in FY 2020 and beyond; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Whitmer, Senator Stamas, Representative Wentworth, the Michigan Association of Counties, and Veterans Services Offices in all Michigan counties.

Certification I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Gladwin County Board of Commissioners at its regular meeting on \_\_\_\_ in the

Commissioners' meeting room in the Gladwin County Courthouse, pursuant to the required statutory procedures.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sharron Smith, Chair  
Gladwin County Commissioners

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Laura Brandon-Maveal,  
Gladwin County Clerk

Dated: August 13, 2019