

Commissioner Minutes of September 10, 2019

The Gladwin County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, September 10, 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 – \$276,293.36. Commissioner Taylor stated that the Treasurer has started collecting taxes which is helping with the cash flow.*

The Regular Session minutes of August 27, 2019 were then reviewed. Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Vernier, to approve the minutes as drafted with the correction of the names Senator Jim Stamas and Representative Jason Wentworth in Resolution 2019-023 which were not listed in the presented resolution for adoption. Ayes carried, motion passed.

Public Comments – none at this time.

Communications:

- The Library Statistics were included for the Board's review. Chairperson Smith commented that things are going extremely well.

Finance Matters – Commissioner Taylor:

1. MSU Extension has come out with a new edition of "Guide to Michigan County Government" at a 25% discount. The committee discussed the desire to purchase two books at the cost of \$56.25 each from 101-101-727.000. *Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Vernier, to approve the purchase of two books in the amount of \$112.50 plus shipping from 101-101-727.000, authorizing the Clerk to use the credit card to complete the transaction. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

Committee Meetings:

The Committee of the Whole minutes of September 4, 2019 were accepted and filed as prepared.

Miscellaneous: no matters

New Business:

1. The Board reviewed the slate presented for the election of Canvassers for the term beginning November 1, 2019. Upon a vote by ballot and verbal confirmation from the Board, the following individuals were elected: Democrat – Joann Hoag and Republican – Barb Clough.
2. County Clerk, Laura Brandon-Maveal, presented Joann Hoag with her 10-year award for serving on the County Canvassing Board and thanked her for her

- service to the community. Clerk Maveal introduced the Canvassing Board that came to support Joann in her award as Linda Clark, LaVel Smith and Sid Hansen.
3. The Board then reviewed the request from Undersheriff Hartwell to hire for the replacement of Chris Lowery, Court Security, who resigned. The following will occur in order to handle the vacancy: Corporal Trevor DeMoines will be placed for reimbursement under the Indigent Defense Grant; promote a current part-time officer to full time to cover the vacant position; and, hire an additional part-time corrections officer by publication. *Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Taylor, to approve for the hiring of the vacant position as outlined.* Ayes carried, **motion passed.**
 4. The “Resolution Opposing Legislation to Prevent County Commissioner Candidates from Disclosing their Party Affiliation” was then reviewed and discussed. It was determined that the Board would send a letter outlining their beliefs on this matter and send it to MAC for their consideration. *Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Kyle Grove, to allow the Chairperson to sign a letter expressing their wishes once drafted.* Ayes carried, **motion passed.**
 5. A Proclamation of Appreciation has been drafted in appreciation of the Lions Club of Beaverton celebrating their 75th anniversary of service. *Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Rick Gove, to adopt the proclamation as read by the County Clerk.* 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, **Proclamation 2019-024 declared adopted.** Commissioner Grove will present this Proclamation to the Lions Club.

Comments from the Chair: Chairperson Smith commented that she will be out of state for the next 4-5 days at the National Muzzleloaders Rifle Association where she will be inducted into the Hall of Fame. Concerns can be directed to Commissioner Taylor in her absence.

Commissioner Reports by District –

Commissioner Kyle Grove reported:

- On his attendance at the VCIO meeting with IT Right, noting there are a lot of matters that are being handled. *Commissioner Grove made the motion to approve the quote from “For the Record” in the amount of \$8,756.00 for the recording software needed in three courtrooms to comply with the Windows 10 update. This purchase will come from 101-258-815.006. Motion supported by Commissioner Taylor.* Ayes carried, **motion passed.**

Commissioner Taylor reported:

- That he attended negotiations on August 27th.
- On his meeting with the State Inspector, a representative from Spicer, Robert North and the Wiggins Lake Authority Chair on the inspection of Chappel Dam. A Standard Operating Procedure is being developed for the dam volunteers and the Emergency Action Plan will be updated through EOC with the assistance from Spicer.
- On attending the Health Board meeting on August 28th. A contract has been settled with the employees. There was positive conversation on the increase in fund equity to be able to pay for the MERS obligation in 2024.
- That he participated in the Correction Officers negotiations on September 3, 2019.

- That he attended the Gladwin City meeting also on September 3, 2019.
- On the union negotiations with Correction – Command on September 4, 2019, with Court Management and the Committee of the Whole meetings that same afternoon.
- That he negotiated with the Court employees in Harrison on September 5, 2019.

Commissioner Vernier reported:

- That he has attended 25 meetings over the last four weeks.
- On the Wixom Lake meeting where they discussed weed treatments and the excess funding they have due to the “draw down”. They are working on algae treatments but are in good shape.
- That he is still working on the “moderate income” housing unit, noting Gladwin City’s DDA will be voting on the project tomorrow evening. Commissioner Vernier went over the site plan, commenting on the great addition it would be to the area with the expansion of the Farmers Market and Historical Village.
- MMCAA is still offering their weatherization program.
- That he attended the Council of Local Government meeting.
- On news from the Community Mental Health Board on the Swine Flu and new program that can significantly reduce stress on child victims.
- On the August 30, 2019 Michigan Works meeting. There is funding available for apprenticeship programs. The Board also sponsored two students for the Leadership program.
- The “Community Visioning Program” will be meeting tonight from 5:30 -7:00 p.m. at the Gladwin Community Arena.
- The Beaverton Activity Center will be hosting their “Fall Family Festival” on October 5, 2019 from 10:00 – 1:00 p.m.
- On the success of the Gladwin Rotary Club on the completion of Phase I of the Splash Park in Beaverton.
- There will be a fish and shrimp dinner this Friday, September 13, 2019 at the Knights of Columbus Hall to benefit the “Trail of Two Cities” program.

Commissioner Vernier then made a motion to approve the bid from Tempest Enterprises for the Chappel Dam Internet and Alarming project in the amount of \$4,902.64. The Clerk will be submitting a grant to MMRMA with anticipation of receiving 50% of the project costs. Motion supported by Commissioner Kyle Grove. Ayes carried, motion passed.

Chairperson Smith reported:

- That she has been involved in several negotiation sessions in the past weeks.
- On the Court Management meeting.
- That she attended the Committee of the Whole meeting on September 2, 2019.
- On the Tobacco Township meeting last night.
- That she had a wonderful time at the ribbon cutting event last night for the Splash Park. Please donate toward the costs of Stage II if you are able.

Commissioner Rick Grove reported:

- That he commends the Rotary Group for their investment into Beaverton with the addition of the Splash Park. Commissioner Grove then thanked the Fruchey Family for their continued attention to the park and the Christmas displays each winter.

- On the Beaverton Township meeting where they discussed the resignation of the Fire Chief and potential options to have a full-time employee in place to retain the Chief in his position. Beaverton Township also looked at an ordinance for the Amish but tabled it for the next meeting.
- That he will be attending the Grout Township meeting tonight.
- On his appreciation for Commissioner Vernier taking on so many of the Board's meetings.

Chairperson Smith commented that Commissioners Rick Grove and Kyle Grove do a fine job handling their required meetings and holding their full-time jobs, noting this is just another example of "doing our county proud".

Public Comments – Linda Clark, Vice President of the Gladwin Area Artist Guild, invited the Board to their 20th Anniversary Fall Show September 20-21, 2019 at the Gladwin Community Center.

Don Zackett gave an update on the Four Lakes Task Force, commenting that a second mailing has been sent with copies available to the Board for their distribution.

Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Kyle Grove, to go into an executive session to discuss union negotiations with Mr. Borushko. Ayes carried, motion passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION 9:42 – 10:06 a.m.

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

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 Kyle Grove, to adjourn. Ayes carried, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 10:08 a.m., until the next regularly scheduled Board meeting on September 24, 2019 at 9:00 a.m., unless otherwise ordered.



Laura Brandon-Maveal
County Clerk



Sharron L. Smith
Chairperson

2019-024

Proclamation of Appreciation

Now comes the Gladwin County Board of Commissioners, in a session assembled on September 10, 2019 and adopts the following Proclamation of Appreciation:

WHEREAS, The Beaverton Lions Club was organized in 1944 as part of Lions International and will be celebrating their Seventy-Fifth Birthday on September 27, 2019, and

WHEREAS, The Beaverton Lions Club is a pivotable part of this community providing several service programs for residents, and

WHEREAS, The Beaverton Lions Club prides themselves as principal charity workers, supporting the eye glass program to Gladwin County residents, and

WHEREAS, The Beaverton Lions Club supports other Lions' State and National projects, a Christmas Adopt-a-Family program, hearing aid assistance, community park enhancements and student scholarships, and

WHEREAS, The Beaverton Lions Club believes in the youth of our community by sponsoring the local Boy Scout Troop and the Leo Club of Beaverton High School, and

WHEREAS, The Beaverton Lions Club boasts an impressive membership of over 50 active members that are eager and willing to serve their residents by offering their guidance to these very worthy programs.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that Gladwin County, through it's Board of Commissioners, express their appreciation and gratitude to the Beaverton Lions Club for their service to the public and their community, acknowledging their seventy-five years of service to our community, with hopes for their continued success in the coming years.

A ROLL CALL WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:

AYES: Kyle Grove, Ronald Taylor, Joel Vernier, Sharron Smith, Rick Grove

NAYS: none

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED



Sharron L. Smith

Sharron L. Smith, Chairperson
Gladwin County Board of Commissioners

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Gladwin County Clerk