

Commissioner Minutes of May 26, 2020

The Gladwin County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, May 26, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairperson Smith via "Go to Meeting". The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a short prayer was given. Roll call found all Commissioners present.

The Board reviewed the agenda with the addition of two resolutions for safety inspections of the Chappel Dam and Sugar Springs Dam. *Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Rick Grove, to proceed with the consent agenda as amended. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

The **cash balances** were read by Commissioner Taylor. *General Fund – \$73,214.10.*

The regular minutes of May 12, 2020, Committee of the Whole and Executive Session of May 20, 2020 were then reviewed. Motion by Commissioner Vernier, supported by Commissioner Smith, to approve the minutes as drafted. Ayes carried, motion passed.

Public Comments –

Mike Rajt, Wiggins Lake Authority Representative, spoke on the desire of the Wiggins Lake POA and the list of dam improvements that would be published after the inspection occurs.

Bill Lang, Tobacco Township resident, stated his concerns with the acquisition of the dam and the misinformation he was provided.

Treasurer Christy Van Tiem spoke on the hot temperatures in her office and asked if that was being looked at. Mr. Ghent is aware of the situation and has contacted the appropriate individuals to correct the issue.

Communications: none currently.

Finance Matters – Commissioner Taylor:

1. Deputy Goss has requested payment of 118 hours of unused PTO time per his union contract. *Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Vernier, to allow the Clerk to make the disbursement in the amount of \$2,894.54 from 101-316-705.000. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
2. Rick Ghent, Maintenance Supervisor, has requested the purchase of cleaning clothes from "Holy Moly" with use of the credit card. *Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Vernier, to allow the Clerk to use the card in the amount of \$69.95 to complete the purchase from 101-265-727.000. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
3. Laura Brandon-Maveal, Gladwin County Clerk, has requested permission to attend her annual conference in Ludington, Michigan August 23-26, 2020. Cost of the conference is \$250.00 for registration, \$126.00 for lodging plus applicable mileage and meals. *Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Vernier, to allow the Clerk to attend the conference as requested using 264 funds to pay for the expense. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

4. Constance Thurlow-White, Clerk's Office, has requested to donate 35 hours of sick time to an employee in the Register of Deeds Office. *Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Kyle Grove, to allow the Clerk to adjust the leave balances for both employees upon approval of this request.* Ayes carried, **motion passed.**

Committee Meetings: Documents received and filed by the Board:

- Committee of the Whole Minutes of May 20, 2020.
- Executive Session Minutes of May 20, 2020.

New Business:

1. The Declaration for State Assistance has been sent to the Governor and a Local Emergency Declaration was signed by the Chairperson on May 18, 2020. *Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Vernier, to approve the drafted documents for filing.* Ayes carried, **motion passed.**
2. Attorney Tara Hovey presented a contract for the repairs of Davidson and Burleson drains through ECT. Discussion on funding and the scope of work to be completed to repair the drains according to the court order. *Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Vernier, to allow the Chairperson to sign the contract upon presentation.* Ayes carried, **motion passed.**
3. The Board discussed the option for preparing an RFP for Equalization Services. The current contract allows for a 30-day termination clause and will be able to terminate if the RFP seeks an alternative option for director services. *Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Smith, to explore the options of an RFP and to publish the draft for bids.* Ayes carried, **motion passed.**
4. The Board reviewed the employment contract for Equalization Services with Preston Community Services. *Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Kyle Grove, to authorize the Chairperson to sign the contract as presented.* Ayes carried, **motion passed.**
5. The L-4029 establishing the levy of taxes – Tax Rate Request in Gladwin County was reviewed. *Motion by Commissioner Vernier, supported by Commissioner Kyle Grove, to approve the levy as prepared.* Ayes carried, **motion passed.**
6. The contract for Township Equalization Services was discussed. This contract has been submitted to the Townships for their review without any concerns received. *Motion by Commissioner Vernier, supported by Commissioner Kyle Grove, to approve the Equalization Director enter into this service agreement as drafted.* Ayes carried, **motion passed.**
7. Discussion on re-opening the building to the public and the need to have staffing available at the public door to handle screening. The personnel committee will meet prior to the June 3, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting to finalize their document.
8. Gladwin City is willing to co-partner on a paving project for City Park Drive that runs between the Sheriff Department and Courthouse. This will be done by RFP and would allow the county to resurface the parking areas from this street in a coordinated effort with Gladwin City. *Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Kyle Grove, to enter into an agreement through an RFP with the City of Gladwin for this project.* Ayes carried, **motion passed.**

9. The Board has reviewed the credit card use policy and would like to establish the following cardholders as county representatives: County Treasurer, County Clerk and the Veterans Director. *Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Kyle Grove, to approve the card holders and to allow the Treasurer to cancel the use of any outstanding cards and their user accounts.* Ayes carried, **motion passed.**
10. The Resolutions that have been prepared for the inspections of dams were reviewed. *Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Kyle Grove, to adopt the Resolution titled "Wiggins Lake Authority Chappel Dam Safety Inspection".* 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 2020-010 declared adopted.** *Motion by Commissioner Kyle Grove, supported by Commissioner Taylor, to adopt the Resolution titled "Sugar Springs Lake Authority Dam Safety Inspection".* 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 2020-011 declared adopted.**

Comments from the Chair: There will be a press conference today at 11:00 a.m. to provide information to the public. Chairperson Smith would like to thank Mr. North, volunteers and all who have stepped forward to assist.

Commissioner Reports –

Commissioner Taylor asked that the committee consider the possibility of lowering inspection fees for the victims of the flood. This matter will be placed on the June 3, 2020 agenda for discussion.

Commissioner Vernier provided the Board with an update from the Four Lakes Task Force and requested a special meeting to review an amendment that has been drafted for the agreement between Gladwin and Midland Counties and the Four Lakes Task Force. Chairperson Smith stated that she would like Midland County representatives in attendance so that all areas of the agreement can be discussed with certainty. A meeting will be set for Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 8:30 a.m.

Public Comments – Mike Rajt, Wiggins Lake Authority Representative, thanked Bob North and the Road Commission for their services during the flood.

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

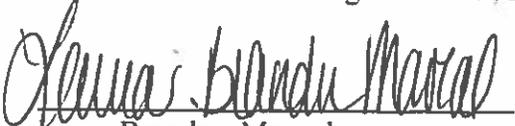
Motion by Commissioner Vernier, supported by Commissioner Taylor, to go into an executive session to discuss a personnel request from the Sheriff Department. Ayes carried, **motion passed.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION 9:43-9:46 a.m.

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

Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Vernier, to approve the FMLA request by a Sheriff's Department employee as discussed in executive session.
Ayes carried, **motion passed.**

Motion by Commissioner Vernier, supported by Commissioner Taylor, to adjourn. Ayes carried, **motion passed.** Meeting adjourned at 9:48 a.m., until the next regularly scheduled Board meeting on June 9, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. unless otherwise ordered.



Laura Brandon-Maveal
County Clerk



Sharron Smith
Chairperson

RESOLUTION 2020- 010

WIGGINS LAKE AUTHORITY CHAPPEL DAM SAFETY INSPECTION

AT A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF GLADWIN COUNTY, MICHIGAN, HELD AT 9:00 a.m, ON MAY 26, 2020.

WHEREAS, in an Order issued on December 3, 1964, the Gladwin County Circuit Court established a normal water level for Wiggins Lake as held by the Chappel Dam and vested the responsibility to maintain that level in Gladwin County; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Part 307 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (NREPA), 1994 PA 451, as amended, being MCL 324.30702(2), the Gladwin County Board Of Commissioners delegated the authority to maintain the normal lake level at the Wiggins Lake, Gladwin County, Michigan to the Wiggins Lake Authority; and

WHEREAS, on May 17 and 18, 2020 Gladwin County experienced record rainfall and extreme flooding with the Chappel Dam failing in that it had water flowing over the top and emergency efforts were undertaken to protect the dam from further damage; and

WHEREAS, to ensure the integrity and safety of the Chappel Dam a full inspection is necessary;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Gladwin County, Michigan,

That the Wiggins Lake Authority, shall have a safety inspection completed on Chappel Dam and all safety requirements and recommendation made as part of that inspection and any other inspection by State or Federal agencies shall be fully complied with and implemented.

AYES: 5

NAYS: 0

ABSENT/ABSTAIN: 0

I, Laura Brandon-Maveal, Clerk of the County of Gladwin, Michigan certify that the above Resolution for a safety inspection of Wiggins Lake Chappel Dam was adopted by the Gladwin County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held on the 26th, day of May, 2020.

Dated: May 26, 2020


Laura Brandon-Maveal, Gladwin County Clerk

RESOLUTION 2020- 011

SUGAR SPRINGS LAKE AUTHORITY

DAM SAFETY INSPECTION

AT A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF GLADWIN COUNTY, MICHIGAN, HELD AT 9:00 a.m., ON MAY 26, 2020.

WHEREAS, in an Order issued on December 8, 1970, the Gladwin County Circuit Court established a normal water level for Sugar Springs as held by the dam there and vested the responsibility to maintain that level in Gladwin County; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Part 307 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (NREPA), 1994 PA 451, as amended, being MCL 324.30702(2), the Gladwin County Board Of Commissioners delegated the authority to maintain the normal lake level at Sugar Springs, Gladwin County, Michigan to the Sugar Springs Lake Authority; and

WHEREAS, on May 17 and 18, 2020 Gladwin County experienced record rainfall and extreme flooding across the county causing damage and challenging all county dams; and

WHEREAS, to ensure the integrity and safety of the Sugar Springs Dam a full inspection is necessary;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Gladwin County, Michigan,

That the Sugar Springs Lake Authority, shall have a safety inspection completed on Sugar Springs Dam and all safety requirements and recommendation made as part of that inspection and any other inspection by State or Federal agencies shall be fully complied with and implemented.

AYES: 5

NAYS: 0

ABSENT/ABSTAIN: 0

I, Laura Brandon-Maveal, Clerk of the County of Gladwin, Michigan certify that the above Resolution for a safety inspection of the Sugar Springs Dam was adopted by the Gladwin County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held on the 26th, day of May, 2020.

Dated: May 26, 2020


Laura Brandon-Maveal, Gladwin County Clerk