

Commissioner Minutes of July 28, 2020

The Gladwin County Board of Commissioners met at 8:45 a.m. on Tuesday, July 28, 2020 to conduct a public hearing for the application of USDA funds for a new vehicle for Construction Codes. Chairperson Smith explained that the Michigan Construction Codes Act provided that the Codes Department must be established as department 371 which is within the County's budget. The Chairperson then provided information from the State of Michigan Chart of Accounts that shows department 371, Construction Codes, is recognized under the public safety range. No questions. Public Hearing adjourned at 8:48 a.m.

The Gladwin County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, July 28, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Smith, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call found all Commissioners present.

The Board reviewed the agenda with no additions or corrections to be made. *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 - \$67,277.79.*

The regular Board minutes of July 14, 2020, were then reviewed. Motion by Commissioner Vernier, supported by Commissioner Taylor, to approve the minutes as prepared. Ayes carried, motion passed.

Public Comments:

Dave Pettersch, Road Commission, gave an update on area road conditions since the flood. Discussion. The Commissioners then expressed their gratitude to the Road Commission for the excellent job they've done.

Colin Combs, Secord Township Supervisor, spoke on the Township's Board being 100% in support of the FLTF and their dealings with Lee Mueller in the past, stating how unpleasant he and his company could be.

Kim Krenz, Sugar Springs resident, expressed his thanks for Marine Patrol on their lakes this summer and the influx of traffic due to other lake closures.

Communications:

1. The Chairperson spoke on the updates from Robert North and FEMA, stating how it was essential everyone get registered for reimbursement.
2. The Gladwin Household Hazardous Material Collection Program will be August 22, 2020, at the City of Gladwin Public Works.
3. It is imperative for everyone in Gladwin County to complete the Census, as the last one in 2010 was under reported by 22%.
4. Motion by Commissioner Vernier, supported by Commissioner Rick Grove, to approve the letter drafted by the County Clerk to the Department of Treasury. Ayes carried, **motion passed.**

Finance Matters – Commissioner Taylor:

1. The services of Branro Enterprises are needed for camera hardware service, with the costs to be paid from 101-258-815.005. *Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Kyle Grove, to utilize Branro Enterprises for this. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
2. The budget amendments through June 30th need to be made. *Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Kyle Grove, for the Clerk to make these amendments as discussed. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
3. Janine Marchington has requested an extension of 35 hours of vacation to be carried over to August 31, 2020 due to her responsibilities during COVID and the flood. *Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Vernier, to allow the Clerk to make this adjustment to her vacation balance. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
4. Deputy Greg Guild is requesting to be paid out for 80 hours of PTO per his union contract. *Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Rick Grove, allowing the Clerk to make this payout in the amount of \$1,982.40. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

Committee Meetings:

Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Kyle Grove, to approve the following meeting minutes as prepared: COW from July 22, 2020; Department Head of July 14, 2020; the VCIO meeting minutes; and, the Budget meeting. Ayes carried, motion passed.

New Business:

1. Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Rick Grove, to support the Gladwin County Planning Commission to not allow the change in zoning. **Ayes carried, motion passed.**
2. Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Kyle Grove, to approve a FEMA Committee consisting of Robert North, Commissioner Ron Taylor, Commissioner Sharron Smith, Commissioner Vernier (FLTF representative), Laura Brandon-Maveal, Christy Van Tiem, and Janine Marchington. **Ayes carried, motion passed.** The first meeting is to be held in the Boardroom July 29, 2020, at 1:00 p.m.

Chair Comments:

The Commissioners commended Kayla Marchington for her work during the flood and read the letter she received from Michigan State Police. Commissioner Taylor commented a copy should be placed in her personnel file as well.

Commissioner Reports by District –

Commissioner Kyle Grove reported:

- On attending the Sherman Township meeting and he had to leave early to attend the Sports Complex meeting.
- The Sports Complex has a new Board that has been dealing with sprinkler issues and the COVID issues.
- On attending the Gladwin Township meeting, commenting what quiet meetings they always have and no one from the public attends.

Commissioner Taylor reported:

- On attending the Sage Township meeting which could actually be held inside because of the size of the hall.
- He attended the Gladwin City meeting which was held outside under the Methodist Church pavilion. After the meeting, they viewed the new water tower building.

- On the Health Department meeting, commenting there were 30 cases of COVID reported in Gladwin County and 2 deaths.
- He attended the COW meeting.
- He met with the 5 lake boards in Sage Township relating to the Wiggins Lake dam issues. When all the work is completed, he was assured the dam would be good for the next 50 years.

Commissioner Vernier reported:

- That he has attended multiple volunteer meetings on flood issues.
- They are working on a committee to deal with all the well issues.
- The discussions held on the condemnation process with the dams and clearing up the many misconceptions.
- On his fireside chat with Scott Govitz this past Sunday and there was some good information presented on the FLTF. He is doing his best to get all this information out to residents.

Comments from the Chairman:

- She attended the Buckeye Township meeting on July 15th.
- On July 17th, she met with Greg Uhl who works for Boyce and took a tour of the Wixom dam, starting on the Tobacco River side and going up over where M-30 used to be to the Wixom side. She recommends all the Commissioners do this just to see the extent of what happened and the rapids now going through there, commenting she is still impressed there were no deaths.
- On attending the COW meeting on July 22nd.

Commissioner Rick Grove reported:

- That he attended the COW meeting.
- On attending the Land Bank meeting and a possible sale of the house on Tonkin Street.
- On the Animal Control meeting and Megan Keen doing a phenomenal job. She is also working on fundraising to fix up the building.
- The Grout Township meeting and there were issues with the completion of the L-4029. Anna Auer received her report card from the County Clerk on the last election and got a very good report.
- He also commented on Township and County officials needing to choose a particular party affiliation and he felt this should be eliminated, as people should vote for the individual running and not the party in these cases.

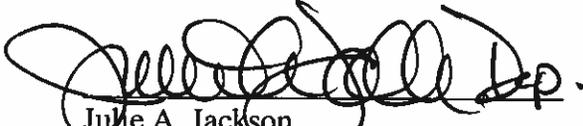
Chairman Smith also commented that there is no place for political affiliations in county and local government and you should vote for the best person for the job not just the political party.

Public Comments:

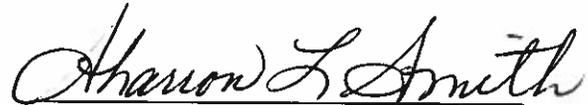
Kim Krenz, Butman Township resident, spoke regarding their Township meeting and the concern with raw sewage being dumped on the ground. Commissioner Kyle Grove said it had been addressed to the Board at the COW meeting.

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

Motion by Commissioner Kyle Grove, supported by Commissioner Vernier, to adjourn.
Ayes carried, **motion passed.** Meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m., until the next regularly scheduled Board meeting on Tuesday, August 11, 2020 at 9:00 a.m., unless otherwise ordered.



Julie A. Jackson
Deputy County Clerk



Sharron L. Smith
Chairman