

Commissioner Minutes of October 13, 2020

The Gladwin County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, October 13, 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 consent agenda with the addition of the Executive Session minutes of September 28, 2020 for approval. *Motion by Commissioner Vernier, supported by Commissioner Taylor, to proceed with the consent agenda as corrected. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

The **cash balances** were then read by Commissioner Taylor. *General Fund - \$1,332,207.69. The Treasurer commented that there is a \$500,000 balance due to the EMS (210 fund) and should be paid in full with the next payout.*

Finance Matters – Commissioner Taylor:

1. Undersheriff Hartwell is requesting a new desktop computer for Sergeant Townsend who has been assigned to the Department of Justice Grant. This computer will be vouchered from 101-301-933.000 for payment. Two quotes have been produced for consideration: Genesis Computer Systems - \$899.99 and IT Right - \$780.00. *Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Rick Grove, to approve the purchase from IT Right. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
2. The Prosecuting Attorney's Office needs to purchase "conversion parts" for the Polycom system in the District Courtroom for an upcoming Jury Trial. The parts will need to be purchased from Amazon at the recommendation of IT Right using the credit card, not exceeding \$50.00. *Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Kyle Grove, to allow the Clerk to make the purchase on the credit card to be paid from 101-229-933.000. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
3. Detective Sergeant James Cuddie has requested payout of 230 unused PTO hours per his union contract. *Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Vernier, to allow the Clerk to make the disbursement in the amount of \$6,212.30 from 101-301-706.001. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
4. Matthew McGourty, Jail Administrator, has requested permission to purchase 64 Performance Smart Cartridges for taser training. The total cost of \$2,544.00 will be paid for as follows: \$1,510.50 from 264-000-804.000 and \$1,033.50 from 101-301-804.000. *Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Vernier, to approve the purchase as outlined and to allow the Jail Administrator to sign the quote upon presentation. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
5. Michael Brubaker, 911 Director, has provided the committee with two training courses for his employees.
 - i. Dispatcher Libby Zelt to "Basic 40-hour Dispatch School on October 26 – 30, 2020 in the amount of \$699.00.
 - ii. Dispatcher Debby Aldrich to "Basic 40-hour Dispatch School on November 30 – December 4, 2020 in the amount of \$699.00.

Both courses are online and will be paid from 282-000-804.001 once invoiced. *Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Kyle Grove, to allow the Clerk to pay the invoices once submitted. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

6. Darrell Schlese, Court Administrator, has requested the following budget amendment to cover the cell phone reimbursement for the Probate Court through the end of the year. \$250.00 from 101-148-706.002 to 101-148-850.000. *Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Kyle Grove, to allow the Clerk to perform the budget amendment as outlined. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
7. Michael Hudson, Building and Grounds, has requested payout of 40.5 unused vacation hours per his union contract. *Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Vernier, to allow the Clerk to make the disbursement in the amount of \$733.86 from 101-265-704.000. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

Public Comments: none currently.

New Business:

1. The Board discussed the contract options for a new Civil Counsel position to be hired in the Prosecuting Attorney's Office. *Motion by Commissioner Rick Grove, supported by Commissioner Taylor, to allow Prosecutor Miller to start the process for the new employee to begin December 1, 2020. Ayes carried, motion passed.* The Board's Secretary will draft letters to those who responded to the RPF, Civil Attorney Tara Hovey and Labor Attorney Joshua Leadford letting them know that their services will expire December 1, 2020. Mr. Borushko will be notified of a contract end date of December 31, 2020.
2. Commissioner Kyle Grove spoke on the request to rezone a parcel in Sherman Township from R/F to B2 by Dollar General. This request was denied on a 6 to 0 vote by the Planning Commission. *Motion by Commissioner Kyle Grove, supported by Commissioner Taylor, to support the vote and decision of the Planning Commission. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
3. The 2020-21 Michigan Veterans Affairs Association grant has been approved by the State and presented to the Board for their approval in the amount of \$51,265.00. *Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Vernier, to allow the Chairperson to sign the grant as presented and to authorize the work of the Administrative Assistant position to be billed to the grant effective 10-1-2020. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
4. The County's COVID policy was reviewed. After discussion, *Commissioner Vernier made a motion to extend the policy an additional 60 days, or until the Board is advised otherwise. Motion supported by Chairperson Smith. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
5. The Memorandum of Understanding between the Michigan Department of Treasury and Gladwin County in the amount of \$500,000 for flood relief expenditures. *Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Kyle Grove, to allow the Chairperson to sign the agreement as presented by the Treasurer. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

Chair Comments:

Delta College has produced a video on the Edenville Dam and the impact of the emotional loss. Discussion.

Commissioner Reports by District –

Commissioner Kyle Grove reported:

- That he has had no meetings to attend, but has been fortunate to enjoy two short vacations.

Commissioner Taylor reported:

- That he attended the Health Department meeting on September 23rd, noting an increase in EEE cases and strep throat. Commissioner Vernier reminded everyone to get their flu shot.
- On the Personnel meeting held on September 24th.
- That there was a special meeting held on September 28th to discuss pending litigation.
- On the negotiations with the POAM Deputies unit on October 1st, noting they were not able to settle but scheduled a mediation hearing.
- That he attended the Committee of the Whole meeting on October 7th.
- On the Airport meeting held on October 8th, noting conversation on the reduction of the annual appropriation in 2021. Discussion on the inability to eliminate the funding by the county due to grant stipulations.
- That he met with the mediator for the POAM Deputies group on October 8th. The committee has reached a tentative agreement that will need to be ratified by the Board once the union has voted to approve the terms.

Commissioner Vernier reported:

- That he participated in 32 meetings last month.
- The water well project for the Secord Township Fire Department is underway.
- On attending the GBPA meeting in person for the first time in months due to COVID. They discussed the incentive for insured rates in Secord Township with the new water well.
- That he will be participating on an interview with ABC 12 News tomorrow regarding the water wells. There have been over 340 well issues reported and 109 of those are permanent residents.
- On his weekly article in the paper where he discussed the importance of completing the census.
- That he attended the EDC meeting in Beaverton, noting it was the first meeting they have held since COVID began, and there were lots of items to catch up on. Commissioner Vernier asked the Board to encourage their Townships to support EDC by making their annual payment.
- There will be a Council of Local Government meeting on October 26, 2020 at the Secord Township Hall. A potluck dinner begins at 6:00 p.m.

Comments from the Chairman:

- On the Personnel meeting held on September 24th.
- That she participated in the special meeting and executive session on September 28th.
- On attending union negotiations on October 1st.
- That she participated in the Committee of the Whole meeting on October 7th.
- That Hay Township has had to cancel their meeting the last two months due to lack of a quorum.
- On the Airport meeting on October 8th.
- That she was not able to participate in the mediation with the Deputy group due to appointments.

- That she attended the Tobacco Township meeting last night.

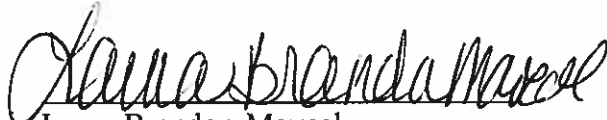
Commissioner Rick Grove reported:

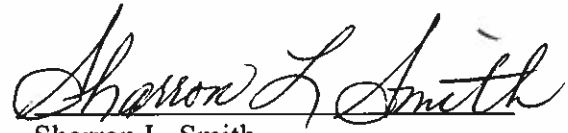
- On attending the Committee of the Whole meeting on October 7th.
- That he attended the Beaverton Township meeting last night, noting conversation on the conversion of medical marijuana to recreational under state guidelines.
- That he will be attending the Grout Township meeting tonight.

Public Comments: none currently.

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

*Motion by Commissioner Kyle Grove, supported by Chairperson Smith, to adjourn. Ayes carried, **motion passed.** Meeting adjourned at 9:41 a.m., until the next regularly scheduled Board meeting on Tuesday, October 27, 2020 at 9:00 a.m., unless otherwise ordered.*


Laura Brandon-Maveal
Gladwin County Clerk


Sharron L. Smith
Chairperson