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Gladwin County Board of Commissioners
COW Minutes, January 26, 2021

The Gladwin County Board of Commissioners met for the Committee of the Whole Meeting, on January 26, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairperson Karen Moore. The Pledge of Allegiance was said, and roll was taken. Commissioner Kyle Diller will be late (arrived at 9:07 a.m.), all other commissioners were present.

Chairperson Moore reminded all speakers to please move to a microphone to speak, so the public could hear.

Public Comment – Diana Mella, Gladwin township, would like to see full wording in Agendas and Meeting Minutes instead of acronyms, requested to have committee minutes posted on line and to have more information available to the public on agenda items prior to the meetings. Ms. Mella asked if agendas could be posted earlier, and thanked the commissioners for what they do.

City Administrator Report – none

County Affairs

1. 2021 Entity Committee Appointments – Discission was had on Entity Committee Appointments, explaining that individuals had requested to be appointed to these committees. Chairperson Moore asked if commissioners had questions or concerns. None stated.
2. Road Commission Annual Update and Request to Self-Perform Projects in Excess of $100,000 – Dave Pettersch addressed the board. The 2015 Gas Tax Reform Act, House Bill 4611, requires annual approval of self-performing projects. These projects total 2-3 miles of roadway, and include sections of Butman Rd, Woodby Ct., and Ridge Rd. Other projects are being conducted and reimbursed, in part, through FEMA and USDA. The M-30 bridge is anticipated to be complete by the end of February. The new building is complete, and the Road Commission is moving in today. They are hoping to have an open house in the summer (pending the pandemic). Discussion was had on the reuse of deck materials, and the rating scale that determines how roads are choose. Commissioner Taylor commended the Gladwin County Road Commission.
3. Gladwin City County Transit, Resolution of Intent (ROI) for FY2022 – Transportation Director, Kim Bruner, requested the approval of their ROI for fiscal year 2022. No questions or conversation on this request.

County Facilities and Transportation- none

Data

1. Contract Addendum for US Bank – Commissioner Kyle Grove, the data committee met with Dan Rodrigue of Michigan Office Solutions regarding the E-Fax Proposal. Due to a change in personnel, the Interim Administrator will restart the process of line tracing to determine which lines will be transferred over to this service. Discussion was had on the fees associated with this process. A one-time origination fee of $99 will be charged, but the process will result in a savings of approximately $4000 over the course of a year.
2. PC replacement for 2021 – Interim Administrator Laura Brandon-Maveal, IT Right has identified six PC'c and two laptops in need of being replaced; total cost of $6855. Afterward, the county can utilize the 25% Replacement Plan put in place by the Data Committee. Discussion was had on the number of computers in use, and how the replacement plan would work going forward. No further discussion.
3. OWL Virtual Meeting System – Commissioner Kyle Diller, the Data Committee looked into implementing a tool to improve the quality of virtual meetings. The system will cost $1288, and be paid

for through COVID funding (due to the process being started in 2020), purchased and installed by IT Right. Discussion on the current use of personal devices.

4. Juvenile Probation Wireless Access Project – Interim Administrator Laura Brandon-Maveal, discussion on the need for a wireless connection for Juvenile Probation Officers in order to access provisional trainings being conducted virtually, remote access to contacts and reporting. Total cost would be $414, to be paid out of the 292 Child Care Fund, no cost to the General Fund.
5. MERIT Contract Upgrade – Commissioner Kyle Grove, discussion on the current 5yr. contract and the need to upgrade due to increased usage. As a result of the Coronavirus Pandemic, there has been an increase in virtual meetings and restrictions that require increased numbers of staff working from home. The Data Committee recommends an increase from 50 Mb to 70Mb. The contract can be adjusted as needed, recommendation to review the County's data usage after one year. The cost of this increase cannot be paid for out of COVID grant funds due to the funding ending in December of 2020.

511 Council – none

Gladwin Parks and Recreation – none

Insurance – none

Memorial Restoration - none

MERS - none

Public Safety – none

Personnel - none

Finance

1. Drain Commissioners request to retain Attorney Tara Hovey- Deputy Drain Commissioner addressed the board requesting the Drain Commission be able to retain Attorney Tara Hovey until March 31, 2021. This will allow the new County Attorney to get up-to-date on current events. Attorney Hovey would be paid on and as needed basis, no retainer fee to be paid in advance.

Report from Civil Attorney - none

No additional discussion. Meeting closed at 9:50 a.m.

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Karen Moore, Chairperson

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