



The Gladwin County Board of Commissioners met for the Committee of the Whole Meeting, on February 9, 2021. Chairperson Karen Moore called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. due to audio and technological issues. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Chairperson Moore reminded attendants to please remain muted, unless speaking.

Public Comment

Ken Roberts of the Veterans Assistance office, addition to the agenda regarding the Veterans Services fund. Motion to allow for a different board member to sign checks for changes to grants. Allow for new employee to sign. Karen asked who currently signs/Sharron Smith.

Roll was taken- all commissioners were present.

Mike Brubaker/911 – request for an addition to the training request on the agenda under finance and a resignation in dispatch

Kelly Bax, Coleman MI, called last week to speak to the Prosecuting Attorney and was told she has to go through the police department. Kelly stated that FOIA/OMA laws were broken. She would like the Prosecuting Attorney to contact her. She also stated her survey rate concerns, explaining she has been given multiple answers to the same question, and felt the cost of the survey seems excessive. Asked if the commissioners had reviewed it, and stated the survey was very one-sided. She would like answers for questions and concerns, and asked if residents can come into the commissioner's meetings in person?

Archie Shelvester, Smallwood Lake- stated his concerns with the commissioner and sheriff not answering questions posed during public comment. Also stated his survey concerns.

Chris Waugh, Gladwin City – asked if questions can be answered at general committee meeting.

Andre Shepcheck, Tittabawassee river-is hoping to have answers from the Special Assessment District as to whether or not people on the river have different rates than lake?

No other comments

City Administrator Report – none

County Affairs

1. Lisa Kaspriak- Mid MI Med Examiner Group, David Turner present, extending services to the county for medical examiners through Dr Paul Wagner, services explained. Cost is per county / per population. Kyle grove asked about costs being charged, explanation of cost savings was given. Kyle asked about court testimony, if this would be an extra cost, and if an expert would be available for court. Karen Moore asked if this is the first time solicited, answered yes. Karen asked why, funeral home has contacted them with some concerns. Ron Taylor asked if we were currently under contract, Interim Administrator answered yes. No other questions. Karen Moore stated further discussion need to be had.
2. Opinion from Civil Attorney Hoerauf about publication of the agenda on the County website – Attorney Hoerauf believes it is a good practice and will save time by reducing FOIA requests. Chairperson Moore did note that Cash Balances are consistently changed.

County Facilities and Transportation-

- 1. Otis Elevator – Rick Ghent, conversation on contract renewal, discount is up from 3% to 5% due to increased service in Gladwin County. Asking to approve the renewal of this contract.

Data - none

511 Council – none

Gladwin Parks and Recreation – none

Insurance – none

Memorial Restoration - none

MERS - none

Public Safety – none

Personnel

- 1 Undersheriff Hartwell – hiring of a part time Registered Nurse for the Jail was discussed. Budget savings were noted.

Finance

Chairperson Moore briefly touched on each of the following:

- 1 Request for Jail Administrator Mc Gourty and Sgt Gruhzt to attend the MI Jail Command Staff Academy
- 2 Request for use of the county credit card for a purchase at Staples for Victims Rights Advocate
- 3 Request for use of the county credit card to pay National Organization of Victims Assistance dues
- 4 A transfer of \$3500 from the Research Attorney account to the Visiting Judge account.
- 5 911 Training request for Karee Barlow and Mike Brubaker
- 6 Certified Electronic Operator Certification payment for Jennifer Councilman by the County Clerk
- 7 Christy VanTiem, request for DHHS 2020 cash balance appropriation

Report from Civil Attorney – Zoning report is proceeding; report came in this morning on the attempted class action suit for flooding in Gladwin County and is proceeding in bankruptcy court.

Karen Moore stated some labor issues were heard by the personnel committee, asked the board to consider \$1000 payment to proceed with a labor expert on the matter.

No additional discussion. Meeting closed at 10:00a.m.



Karrie Hulme, County Clerk



Karen Moore, Chairperson

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