

## Commissioner Minutes of August 27, 2019

*The Gladwin County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, August 27, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairperson Smith. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a short prayer was given. Roll call found all Commissioners present.*

The Board reviewed the agenda. *Motion by Commissioner Vernier, supported by Commissioner Taylor, to proceed with the consent agenda as prepared. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

The **cash balances** were then read by Commissioner Taylor. *General Fund – \$99,577.48. An advance of \$750,000 has been made to the General Fund from the 210 – EMS Fund.*

*The Regular Session minutes of August 13, 2019, along with the Committee of the Whole Executive Session minutes of the same date, were then reviewed. Commissioner Rick Grove expressed his concern over action taken during this meeting and would ask the Board for a motion to reconsider the Leadership action taken during this session. Motion supported by Commissioner Taylor. Ayes carried, motion passed.* Discussion was held on the following topics: 1) Need for a policy that addresses the use of county hours for volunteering. 2) That for now, these requests will be taken on a “case by case” basis. 3) The benefit of the Leadership Program in Gladwin County. 4) Various other venues that could be considered “volunteering”. Chairperson Smith noted that the personnel policy needs reviewed and updated with appropriate research done as to the proper wording for this topic. *Motion by Commissioner Vernier, supported by Commissioner Kyle Grove, to approve the minutes as prepared. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

**Public Comments** – none at this time.

### **Communications:**

- A thank you letter received by the Health Department regarding the paving project.
- That a letter has been sent to the Insurance Committee.
- On the letter sent to the General Agency.
- On the signed letter that has been sent to the Leadership Board.

### **Finance Matters – Commissioner Taylor:**

1. Bob North, Emergency Management Director, presented quotes needed for the replacement of AED batteries and supplies. Allied 100 - \$1,286.89, American AED - \$1,762.90 and Cardiac Partners - \$1,549.72. *Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Rick Grove, to allow Mr. North to place the order with Allied 100 in the amount of \$1,286.89 from 101-426-727.000. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
2. Mr. North also requested the purchase of two cameras in the amount of \$459.88 from 101-426-727.000. These cameras will replace the broken cameras and allow him to prepare the EHP for the State of Michigan. *Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Vernier, to allow for the purchase as outlined. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
3. Dylan DeBoever, Maintenance, has resigned his position with the County of Gladwin effective August 23, 2019. Mr. DeBoever is eligible for payout of 28 unused vacation hours per his union contract in the amount of \$480.76 from 101-265-703.000. Mr. DeBoever has requested to donate the balance of his sick time in lieu of payment as follows: Krystal Govitz – 30 hours and Lindsie

Dillon – 34.5 hours. *Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Vernier, to allow for the disbursement and donation of time as outlined. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

4. Ken Roberts, Veteran Affairs, presented the Veterans Committee with three quotes for an “event trailer” that will be purchased for his department. Commissioner Taylor explained the benefits of having the trailer to provide services during fairs and other events and read the three quotes as follows: Loose - \$8,000.00, US 27 - \$8,700.00 and Beck’s - \$15,000.00. The total cost of this project is to be funded through the State Veterans’ Service Fund Grant which is only available through September 30, 2019. *Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Rick Grove, to allow Mr. Roberts to award the quote to Loose with a payment to be promptly handled for the ordering of materials. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

#### **Committee Meetings:**

- Committee of the Whole and Executive Session meeting of August 21, 2019.
- Animal Control committee minutes of June 28 and July 26, 2019.
- Insurance committee minutes of August 22, 2019.

*Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Chairperson Smith, to accept and file the various minutes as presented. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

#### **Miscellaneous:**

Chairperson Smith noted discussion at the Council of Local Government meeting last night on the state law prohibiting the cutting of “M Roads” more than once a year under Act 51.

#### **New Business:**

- Tristan Hewitt, Gypsy Moth Administrator, came before the Board with a proposal to prepare a limited scope study of the egg masses in Gladwin County for 2019. Mr. Hewitt explained the funding limitations in the Gypsy Moth fund, hoping this approach will not exceed the \$6,288.41 balance that remains. Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Kyle Grove, to approve the count process in the heavily identified areas from the 2018 study. Ayes carried, motion passed.* Mr. Hewitt stated he will be meeting with the committee on September 4, 2019 to review his request for additional funding until the millage money can be collected for his department.
- Commissioner Vernier presented the Proclamation in support of the Complete Count Committee that promotes the activities of the Gladwin County Census. Commissioner Vernier stated that the committee has already been pledged \$3,500.00 and will be eligible for state and federal funding with the passage of this proclamation. *Motion by Commissioner Vernier, supported by Commissioner Taylor, to approve the Proclamation as drafted. Roll call vote as follows: Kyle Grove – yes, Ronald Taylor – yes, Joel Vernier – yes, Sharron Smith – yes, Rick Grove – yes. Ayes carried, Proclamation 2019-022 declared adopted.*
- Commissioner Vernier then presented a Resolution to Express Opposition to Termination of State Contract with the Lakeshore Regional Entity. Commissioner Vernier voiced his concern in taking local control away from the Mental Health Services. *Motion by Commissioner Vernier, supported by Commissioner Taylor, to adopt the resolution as presented. Roll call vote as follows: Ronald Taylor – yes, Joel Vernier – yes, Sharron Smith – yes, Rick Grove – yes, Kyle Grove -yes. Ayes carried, Resolution 2019-023 declared adopted.*
- *Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Kyle Grove, to allow Attorney Amtsbuechler with MMRMA to proceed with the settlement parameters given during the executive session of August 21, 2019. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

**Comments from the Chair:** none currently.

**Commissioner Reports by District –**

**Commissioner Kyle Grove reported:**

- That he was unable to attend the Butman Township meeting on August 14, 2019.
- There was no “website” committee meeting scheduled this month.
- On the Clement Township meeting, noting they are joining the Chamber of Commerce and matters are going well. They have converted the old fire station into a community center with hopes of providing nature trails for community use.
- That he attended the Sherman Township meeting, noting they are very happy with the road projects they have done this year.
- On the Sports Complex meeting, stating it was well attended and Mr. Myers was notified that he needed to give his annual report to the Board of Commissioners.
- On his participation in the Insurance meeting on August 22, 2019.

**Commissioner Taylor reported:**

- On the Gladwin City meeting on August 19, 2019, noting their discussion on the upcoming Hazardous Waste disposal.
- That he attended the Veterans meeting where they acted to move forward on the plans for the new memorial. They also discussed the service grant and the attempt by the State to reduce funding.
- On his attendance at the Committee of the Whole meeting on August 21, 2019.
- That he attended four (4) Lake Board meetings in Sage, commenting they are wrapping up for the season.
- This week he has the health board meeting and negotiations today and tomorrow.

**Commissioner Vernier reported:**

- That he attended all his Township board meetings.
- On meeting with both attorneys, Mr. Kepler and a Midland County Commissioner to discuss updates to the Four Lakes Task Force. They will meet again at the end of September.
- On his participation in the Boyce Hydro Table Top Exercise with the formal exercise scheduled for September 20, 2019.
- That he attended the 2019 MAC Annual Conference, commenting there was a lot of great information contained within documents that will be shared with the Board.
- On the DDA meeting where they discussed the 32-unit high rise to be built in Gladwin City. The DDA will meet again on September 11, 2019 to vote on this proposal. There was also discussion on the grant funds received from Mid-Michigan Community Action Agency.
- On the following programs of interest at the MAC Conference: Solar and Wind Power presentation, Michigan Economy 2020 and Beyond and a presentation on the Open Meetings Act.

**Chairperson Smith reported:**

- That she attended the EDC meeting on August 14, 2019.
- On the BABA meeting on August 14<sup>th</sup> where it was announced the Joe Passelacqua is the new Superintendent of Beaverton Schools and the Holiday Hunt will be held November 15, 2019.

- That she worked with Commissioner Taylor on union negotiations on August 14, 2019.
- The Michigan Territorial Championships were August 16-18, 2019, commenting on shooters from Maryland, Ohio, Indiana and Michigan.
- On her attendance at the Library Insurance meeting on August 20, 2019.
- That she participated in the Committee of the Whole meeting on August 21, 2019.
- On the Buckeye Township meeting on August 21, 2019.
- That she attended the Council of Local Government meeting last night at the Road Commission.
- On the report from Mayor Dee Jungman on the Hazardous Waste collection: 212 vehicles, 14 large containers of electronics and over 300 tires.

**Commissioner Rick Grove reported:**

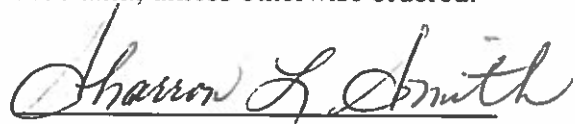
- That he attended the Grout Township meeting on August 13, 2019, noting three new Board members have been sworn in.
- On attending the Drain meeting on August 15<sup>th</sup> with Affiliated Corp on the Davison Drain.
- On the Beaverton City meeting, commenting there is a lot going on, they are purchasing property and commercial buildings for their real estate program. The splash park should have concrete poured this week and blight issues are being addressed.
- That he was not able to make the Fair Board meeting on August 20<sup>th</sup>.
- On his participation in the Committee of the Whole meeting on August 21, 2019.
- That he attended the Animal Control committee meeting on August 22, 2019, noting discussion of an additional 4-5 acres given by the Airport for large animals and an on-site spay/neuter program.
- That he attended the Council of Local Government meeting last night.

**Public Comments** – Tom Olsen, Hay Township, asked about the Point of Sale program. Discussion.

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

*Motion by Chairperson Smith, supported by Commissioner Vernier, to adjourn. Ayes carried, **motion passed.** Meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m., until the next regularly scheduled Board meeting on September 10, 2019 at 9:00 a.m., unless otherwise ordered.*

  
 Laura Brandon-Maveal  
 County Clerk

  
 Sharron L. Smith  
 Chairperson

# PROCLAMATION!

Gladwin County Commissioners, August 27, 2019

**Whereas**, the upcoming 2020 Census is critical to obtain an accurate account of Gladwin County residents as the count is used to allocate government funding for 55 agencies, resources for County business and voter redistricting.

**Whereas**, The Gladwin County Complete Count Committee, CCC will focus on activities to promote the Census in Gladwin County.

**Whereas**, the Purpose and Goals of the CCC are to:

The CCC is charged with developing and implementing a 2020 Census outreach, promotion, recruitment and enumeration assistance plan of action designed to target and address needs of their communities.

The overall purpose is three-fold:

1. It provides high-level oversight participation of 2020 Census
2. It provides a group of "Trusted voices" to act as Census Ambassadors
3. It serves as a knowledgeable contact point for the regional director in meeting the goal of a timely, accurate and cost-effective complete count.

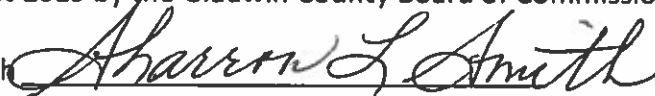
The goals of the CCC are to act as the "champion" for the 2020 Census by:

1. Motivating the community to self-respond;
2. Educating the public about the importance of the Census to the local community;
3. Informing the community about the Census activities and timelines;
4. Involving the community in activities;
5. Increasing the response rate.

Therefore; be it resolved that The Gladwin County Commissioners governing board recognizes the Gladwin County; Complete, Count, Committee as the entity that will endeavor to promote the 2020 Census in Gladwin County, hereby adopting this Proclamation of Support.

Dated this 27<sup>th</sup> day of August 2019 by the Gladwin County Board of Commissioners.

Chairperson Sharron L. Smith



County Clerk Laura Brandon-Maveal



*Gladwin* COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION *2019-023*

**RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS OPPOSITION TO TERMINATION OF  
STATE CONTRACT WITH THE LAKESHORE REGIONAL ENTITY**

**WHEREAS**, on June 28<sup>th</sup> the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) notified the Lakeshore Regional Entity (LRE), its member Community Mental Health organizations, and the general public regarding its intent to terminate the specialty Prepaid Inpatient Health Plan contract with the LRE effective September 30, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, this proposal, by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), causes a great deal of unnecessary chaos and conflict for the over 250,000 Medicaid recipients within the seven counties in Lakeshore Regional Entity; and

**WHEREAS**, this proposal eliminates local public governance of the public behavioral health system-one of the foundations of Michigan's nationally recognized behavioral health system for the past 50 years - and replaces it with a state-appointed advisory group; and

**WHEREAS**, this proposal does not get to the root cause of the fiscal distress of Lakeshore Regional Entity nor of the other Prepaid Inpatient Health Plans (PIHPs) facing such distress - inadequate funding over a sustained period. Without adequate funding, as required by the Michigan Mental Health Code and Michigan's Medicaid Plan, the Lakeshore system and others who have been underfunded - regardless of the greater involvement of the state in the operation of the local public system - will be unable to pay providers and provide behavioral healthcare services to persons entitled to such services; and

**WHEREAS**, a better plan could be achieved sooner, simpler, and more directly without eliminating the local public control of the public behavioral healthcare system in this region. This plan would include, MDHHS joining Lakeshore and Beacon Health Options a three-way contract co-managing the benefit in the region; and

**WHEREAS**, a three-way contract maintains the momentum already achieved by the Lakeshore/Beacon partnership; maintains the local public governance of the public behavioral health system; and prevents the unnecessary chaos that the MDHHS proposal would create; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the County of *Gladwin* requests that the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) do not terminate its contract with the Lakeshore Regional Entity, thereby ensuring respect for the law and the rich history of Michigan's mental health system, which is clear in its intent to maintain a publicly governed mental health system.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that copies of this resolution be provided to Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Senator Jim Stamas, Representative Jason Wentworth, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Director Robert Gordon, Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Administration Deputy Director Dr. George Mellos, and the Michigan Association of Counties.

STATE OF MICHIGAN

COUNTY OF Gladwin

I, Laura Brandon-Maveal, Clerk of the County of Gladwin do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Gladwin County Board of Commissioners at the regular meeting held 08/27/2019 and is on file in the records of this office.

Laura Brandon-Maveal  
County Clerk