

Commissioner Minutes of October 22, 2019

The Gladwin County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, October 22, 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, adding the hiring of a temporary part time electrical inspector under New Business. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

The **cash balances** were then read by Commissioner Taylor. *General Fund – \$1,051,713.52. The Treasurer commented that she would have the advance from EMS funds paid in full this week.*

The Regular minutes of October 8, 2019 were then reviewed. Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Vernier, to approve the minutes as drafted. Ayes carried, motion passed.

Public Comments – Marietta Sprott, Hay Township resident, spoke on her opposition to the “Point of Sale/Time of Transfer” program. Discussion. Chairperson Smith asked Ms. Sprott to put all her concerns in writing so the Board can answer these concerns. Commissioner Vernier reviewed the lengthy process for putting this program into place.

Communications:

1. Gladwin City and Beaverton City have both adopted a Resolution for Time of Transfer Inspections.
2. The September 2019 usage statistics for the Library were posted and reviewed.

Finance Matters – Commissioner Taylor:

1. Bob Evans, Drain Commissioner, is requesting payment of 33.5 hours of unpaid time to Laurie Howey from hours worked in 2018. *Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Vernier, to approve the payment of \$579.22 from 101-275-706.004 with a budget amendment of \$580.00 from 101-275-727.000 to cover the costs. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
2. Janine Marchington, Equalization, spoke on the request from Fleis & Vandenbrink for GIS information on the Trail of Two Cities project. The cost of production through Amalgam is \$280.00. *Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Vernier, to allow the Equalization Department to provide the GIS data to Fleis and Vandenbrink as requested and waiving all department fees. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
3. The County Clerk has requested to attend the MACC quarterly meeting in Frankenmuth December 2-3, 2019. There is a registration fee of \$50.00 that can be paid from 263-000-860.000. *Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Smith, to allow the Clerk to attend the meeting as outlined. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
4. Commissioner Vernier presented the committee with an opportunity to attend the Michigan Septic Summit Wednesday, November 6, 2019 in Traverse City,

Michigan. There is a \$25.00 registration fee plus mileage that can be paid from 101-101-860.000. *Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Rick Grove, to allow Commissioner Vernier to attend the summit as requested.* Ayes carried, **motion passed.**

5. Stacey Gasiciel, District Court Probation Officer, has requested to attend the Probation Officers Seminar December 12, 2019 in Lansing, Michigan. There are no registration fees for this conference. The County will be responsible for lodging in the amount of \$50.00 (approx.), plus mileage and meals if applicable, to be paid from 101-136-860.000. *Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Vernier, to allow the Clerk to make the lodging reservation and disbursements as outlined.* Ayes carried, **motion passed.**

Committee Meetings:

Motion by Commissioner Vernier, supported by Commissioner Taylor, to receive and file the following minutes:

- Committee of the Whole from October 7, 2019, October 16, 2019 and Closed Session of October 16, 2019.
- Department Head from October 8, 2019.
- Finance minutes of October 16, 2019.
- Insurance Containment minutes of October 16, 2019.
- Budget Committee minutes of October 2, 2019

Ayes carried, **motion passed.**

Miscellaneous: no matters

New Business:

1. The Corrections contract has been ratified by the membership and is ready for Board approval. *Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Chairperson Smith, to accept the contract terms as drafted.* Ayes carried, **motion passed.**
2. Chairperson Smith presented a letter of appointment for Lori Carlson Fall to the Library Board effective January 1, 2020. *Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Rick Grove, to approve the appointment as recommended.* Ayes carried, **motion passed.**
3. A Letter of Understanding has been drafted to compensate the Deputy Drain Commissioner for the work she is doing regarding drain maintenance per court order. Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Kyle Grove, to allow the Chairperson and respective parties to sign the agreement as drafted.* Ayes carried, **motion passed.**
4. Winter tax bills will be handled by KCI and will require the advance payment of postage for these billings. Janine Marchington, Equalization, has requested pre-payment of this postage in the amount of \$5,140.24. *Motion by Commissioner Vernier, supported by Commissioner Taylor, to approve the pre-payment as requested.* Ayes carried, **motion passed.**
5. The 2020 employment contract for Emergency Management services has been drafted for consideration of the Board. *Motion by Commissioner Vernier, supported by Commissioner Taylor, to approve the terms of the contract as drafted.* Ayes carried, **motion passed.**
6. The 2019 Fall Apportionment Report has been submitted for the Board's review. *Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Kyle Grove, to accept the report as presented.* Ayes carried, **motion passed.**

7. Kim Donn, Construction Codes, has notified the Board that the office needs to hire a “fill-in” part time electrical inspector. Bruce Dean will be paid at the same rate of pay that the current electrical inspector receives without the weekly salary. *Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Rick Grove, to approve the temporary part time employee as requested and to allow the Clerk to place Mr. Dean on payroll. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

Comments from the Chair:

Chairperson Smith read the following statement regarding the 2020 Census: “If you live in Gladwin County for six months and a day each year, please report that your residence is in Gladwin County when completing your 2020 Census survey. Federal funding opportunities are often tied to population counts. Your accurate reporting will help Gladwin County receive the funds we are entitled to regarding: road improvements, transit, health services and 55 government agencies/programs that operate in Gladwin County.” Discussion was held on how to best provide this information to the residents of Gladwin County.

Commissioner Reports by District –

Commissioner Kyle Grove reported:

- That he attended the Butman Township meeting, noting a speaker, Tom Page, from MTA.
- On the Clement Township meeting, noting all is well.
- That he attended the Sherman Township meeting. Good things are happening including the update of signage and the discussion of the 2020 EDC billing to the townships.
- That he was unable to attend the Gladwin Township meeting, as he attended the DDA meeting in Gladwin City. The DDA is working on another sound test for the downtown speaker project and the replacement of trees on Cedar Avenue over an eight-year span.
- On the meeting with Stearns Website. Some additional areas have been “cleaned up” and the rest of the township pictures have been added to the website.
- That he did not attend the Northern MAC meeting due to work obligations.
- On attending the “Meet the Candidates” event last night. All candidates were in attendance with attendance of 40-50 people.

Commissioner Taylor reported:

- That he attended the Sage Township meeting on October 9th. They discussed the Time of Transfer program and how it would apply to land contracts.
- On the Airport meeting held on October 10th, noting great discussion on the reduction of obligations by the County appropriations. The Airport is making good revenue on fuel sales.
- That he attended the Veterans meeting on October 15th. The Governor has cut the grant funding that provided part time staffing to this office which is preventing the Director from spending time in the field.
- On the Committee of the Whole and Finance meetings held on October 16th.
- That he participated in the LPT meeting on October 17th, noting their 2020 funding had been reduced by 10%.
- On attending the Gladwin City meeting last night, noting discussion on the replacement of the light poles in the City due to the material rotting away causing damage.

Commissioner Vernier reported:

- That he has attended 11 meetings since his last report.
- That he enjoyed the workshop held on October 7th by the Board on Commissioner compensation. The committee will review and propose changes at the first Committee of the Whole meeting in November.
- On the Four Lakes Task Force committee, noting he doesn't feel that he is getting all the information he needs to be beneficial in reporting to the Townships. He has been granted authority to attend their meetings, review financials and will be formally appointed to the Board in January.
- That he attended the EDC meeting. Discussion on the new "high rise" project.
- On the Wixom Lake meeting held October 9th. The draw down of the lake level will begin in November. Discussion on the draw down assisting in the weed control improvement.
- On attending the Secord Lake Association meeting.
- That he participated in the meeting with Stearns Marketing. Live streaming information was reviewed but at this time still seems too costly.
- That he attended the Beaverton City meeting last night to address the Point of Sale program.

Chairperson Smith reported:

- That she attended the BABA meeting on October 9th. The Holiday Hunt will be held November 15-16, 2019. Bids for the work on Saginaw Street and Glidden Road will be handled in January and the modular home has been set on Ross Lake and will be ready for sale.
- On attending the Airport meeting on October 10th, noting fuel sales are going well and the painting and stripping project has been completed.
- On the Hay Township meeting on October 10th.
- On attending the Tobacco Township meeting on October 14th.
- That she engaged in a lengthy phone conversation with a constituent regarding the Point of Sale program.
- On the special finance meeting to discuss the insurance proposal on October 16th.
- That she participated in the Committee of the Whole meeting on October 16th.
- On the Buckeye Township meeting also on October 16th.
- That she attended the Library Board meeting on October 15th.

Commissioner Rick Grove reported:

- On the Grout Township meeting held on October 8th, commenting the Point of Sale program was discussed and the Board is not totally in favor at this point.
- That he attended the Beaverton Township meeting where they had the same concerns on the Point of Sale program. Commissioner Vernier offered to speak with them at the next meeting.
- That he was not able to attend the Committee of the Whole meeting on October 16th due to work obligations.
- That he reviewed the grow facility in Beaverton Township with the Supervisor and Clerk.
- On attending the Beaverton City meeting where they presented a proclamation to Paul Ryan Robert Mikulcik for his outstanding Eagle Scout services. They also passed a "hands free" driving ordinance for the City.

Public Comments –

County Clerk, Laura Brandon-Maveal, spoke on the new rates received for 2020 open enrollment. The Clerk will forward the information for “plans 4 & 5” to the union groups for their consideration. Due to the time lapse between Board meetings, the Clerk asked that the Board allow the Chairperson to sign the open enrollment paperwork required to start the application process upon presentation based on the vote of the union groups.

The Clerk stated that this will speed up the process, guarantee enrollment by January 1, 2020 and provide the Board with the budget numbers they need for insurance costs.


Discussion. Motion by Commissioner Vernier, supported by Commissioner Taylor, to allow the Chairperson to sign the appropriate open enrollment paperwork upon presentation and to allow the Clerk to submit the applications to eligible employees as soon as possible. Ayes carried, motion passed.

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

Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Rick Grove, to adjourn. Ayes carried, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:54 a.m., until the next regularly scheduled Board meeting on November 12, 2019 at 9:00 a.m., unless otherwise ordered.



Laura Brandon-Maveal
County Clerk



Sharron L. Smith
Chairperson