

Commissioner Minutes of January 28, 2020

The Gladwin County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, January 28, 2020. 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 – \$35,614.25.*

The regular minutes of January 14, 2020 were then reviewed. Motion by Commissioner Kyle Grove, supported by Commissioner Vernier, to approve the minutes as drafted. Ayes carried, motion passed.

Public Comments – none currently. *All comments regarding the Four Lakes Task Force will be held for the end of the meeting.*

Communications:

1. Seebeck Foundation – 2019 Annual Report
2. December 2019 Library Statistics

Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Rick Grove, to receive and file both reports. Ayes carried, motion passed.

Finance Matters – Commissioner Taylor:

1. Darryl Schlese, Court Administrator, has requested a transfer of \$500.00 from 101-148-706.002 to 101-900-970.148 for the purchase of a laptop. *Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Kyle Grove, to approve the transfer as outlined. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
2. Jail Administrator McGourty has provided a price of \$7,653.72 to have the kitchen's sanitizer replaced from 101-351-930.001. *Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Rick Grove, to authorize the purchase as outlined. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
3. The following budget amendments are needed for 2020: decrease 101-253-703.000 to correct the salary of the Treasurer; increase 101-682-860.000 to reflect the grant levels for the Veterans Department; decrease 101-900-970.001 and increase 101-000-307.000 by \$100,000 to record the loan payment for the energy efficiency project. *Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Kyle Grove, to approve the budget amendments as proposed. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

Committee Meetings: Documents were received and filed by the Board.

- Committee of the Whole session of January 22, 2020.
- VCIO Meeting of January 17, 2020.

Miscellaneous:

Chairperson Smith shared that she was pleased on the honor received by her son, Guy Smith, on being named the Assistant Softball Coach of the Year for the State of Michigan.

New Business:

1. The contract with the Forensics Center will be held for further review.

Comments from the Chair: none currently.

Commissioner Reports by District –

Commissioner Kyle Grove reported:

- That he attended the Gladwin Township meeting on January 15th, commenting that the residents now receive a garbage can as part of their contract with American Waste.
- On the VCIO meeting held on January 17th where they discussed security review and training for the employees. IT Right is still working on an annual contract for services and will be present for the next Committee of the Whole meeting for discussion of services.
- That he attended the Sherman Township meeting, noting they are looking to establish a website.

Commissioner Taylor reported:

- On his participation at the LPT meeting, commenting there is a lot being done and the use of grant funding was discussed.
- That he attended the Gladwin City meeting on January 20th where he spoke on the County Board's use of the Committee of the Whole meetings versus the standing committee meetings.
- On the Airport meeting on January 21st with Commissioner Smith. There has been an adjustment to the amount of land that can be given to the Animal Shelter for future expansion. More to come on this issue as he has more information.
- The grant for the Veterans funding has been restored and Director Roberts is doing great things for the community, including veterans benefits and a new full-service trailer.
- On the Committee of the Whole meeting on January 22, 2020.
- That he attended the Health Department meeting on January 22nd, commenting on this year's flu season and the report from the doctor outlining the latest diseases.

Commissioner Vernier reported:

- That he has attended all his township meetings.
- On the Committee of the Whole meeting.
- That he worked with Grim Township on finding a new assessor, noting all the work has been completed and the rolls certified.
- On the potential for a new wireless company in the area.
- That he attended the Brownfield meeting through EDC and "basic 101" information was covered.
- On attending the Health Department meeting where they are still promoting flu shots, the Corona Virus was discussed and the recommendation to have your home tested for radon.

Chairperson Smith reported:

- That she attended the Buckeye Township meeting on January 15, 2020.
- On her attendance at the Four Lakes Task Force at Swanton Hall in Edenville on January 17th.
- That she met with the Sheriff on January 20th to discuss a tether program.

- On the Airport meeting held on January 21st.
- That she attended the Committee of the Whole meeting on January 22nd.

Commissioner Rick Grove reported:

- That he attended the Land Bank meeting on January 15th, noting the home in Beaverton is ready for sale and they are working on a new home on Lakeview Court.
- On the Four Lakes Task Force meeting in Seard being cancelled due to weather.
- That the Beaverton City meeting was moved and he was not aware to attend.
- That he will be attending the meeting at the Beaverton Activity Center this evening on the business expansions, Rising Tide projects and grant funds.

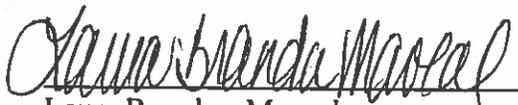
Commissioner Vernier stated that the Four Lakes Task Force financial meeting has been rescheduled for January 30, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

Chairperson Smith reminded the Board that March is “Senior Hunger” month and that everyone is encouraged to participate in one of the many programs offered by Council on Aging.

Public Comments – The Board engaged in a lengthy discussion with Bill Lang, Tobacco Township resident, and Attorney Tara Hovey on Mr. Lang’s concern with transparency of the Four Lakes Task Force. Mr. Lang provided the Board a handout for their review and consideration. Questions and answers were handled.

*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 Commissioner Rick Grove, to adjourn. Ayes carried, **motion passed.** Meeting adjourned at 9:49 a.m., until the next regularly scheduled Board meeting on February 11, 2020 at 9:00 a.m., unless otherwise ordered.*



Laura Brandon-Maveal
County Clerk



Sharron Smith
Chairperson