

## Commissioner Minutes of June 23, 2020

*The Gladwin County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, June 23, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairperson Smith. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call found all Commissioners present.*

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

The **cash balances** were read by Commissioner Taylor. *General Fund – \$49,125.62.*

*The regular minutes of June 9, 2020 were then reviewed. Motion by Commissioner Vernier, supported by Commissioner Smith, to approve the minutes as drafted. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

**Public Comments** – none.

### **Communications:**

1. Robert North, Emergency Management Director, gave an update to the Board on the flood response efforts. Discussion on debris centers, volunteer staffing, permit fees and financial funding.
2. A letter was reviewed and received by Dave Kepler.
3. The estimate for repairs for Chappel Dam were reviewed by the Board.

*Motion by Commissioner Vernier, supported by Commissioner Taylor, to receive and file these reports as presented and reviewed. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

**Finance Matters – Commissioner Taylor:** no matters for this meeting.

### **Committee Meetings:**

- Committee of the Whole minutes dated June 17, 2020.
- Department Head minutes from June 9, 2020.

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

### **New Business:**

1. The Annual EMS Services Report was reviewed as prepared by Director John Clayton. *Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Vernier, to accept the report as drafted. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
2. John Clayton, EMS, has also provided a narrative to the Board on his ability to operate on .50 mills for the 2021 tax year. Discussion on the formal approval of this request, as this millage would be approved on the drafted L-4029. *Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Kyle Grove, to request the Equalization Director to place the .50 millage request on the L-4029 for approval. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
3. The 2019 Veterans Annual Report was reviewed. *Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Vernier, to accept the report as prepared. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
4. Chairperson Smith has been given the clarification that she requires to sign the “digital signature” document for Airport operations. Discussion. *Motion by*

*Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Vernier, to authorize the Chair to sign the document for the Airport as presented. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

5. Commissioner Kyle Grove reviewed the term options for the new 60-month lease on copier and printer equipment through MOS. Discussion. *Motion by Commissioner Kyle Grove, supported by Commissioner Taylor, to allow the Chairperson to sign the new lease agreement and early termination documents through MOS for the implementation of the new equipment. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
6. Undersheriff Hartwell has requested the increase of petty cash for his department. The Undersheriff explained that a \$300.00 petty cash drawer would be beneficial in making change for customers. Currently the department is sending their customers to the convenience store or the County Treasurer to get change for their transactions. *Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Rick Grove, to authorize the County Treasurer to release petty cash funds in the amount of \$300.00 to the Sheriff's Office. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

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

**Commissioner Reports by District:**

**Commissioner Kyle Grove reported:**

- That he attended the Butman Township meeting on June 9<sup>th</sup>, commenting that there are mixed feelings on the paving project for Butman Road. They are also looking at a grant for a “chest compression” device for the Fire Department.
- On the Clement Township meeting where they reviewed bids for the community center project.
- That he attended the Sherman Township meeting on June 16<sup>th</sup>.
- On the Sports Complex meeting also on June 16<sup>th</sup>. They have a new board and very low funding levels due to the cancellation of spring sports programs.
- That he did a walk-through of offices with Dan Rahrig from MOS to examine the condition and needs of the printers and copiers for each office.

**Commissioner Ron Taylor reported:**

- That he attended the Sage Township meeting on June 10<sup>th</sup>.
- On the Gladwin City meeting on June 15<sup>th</sup>.
- On the notification given to the Airport committee on June 11<sup>th</sup> that the County will need to re-negotiate appropriations due to a shortage in funding.
- That he participated in the Veterans meeting on June 16<sup>th</sup>.
- On the Pratt Lake Board meeting held on June 16<sup>th</sup>.
- That he attended three Lake Improvement Board meetings on June 17<sup>th</sup>. The bids for Chappel Dam were reviewed to increase the height of the retaining bank. The County will be looking at a grant funding option through MMRMA for a portion of the costs.

**Commissioner Joel Vernier reported:**

- That he attended three of his Township meetings.
- On multiple conversations with Tim Mester at Billings Township.
- That he has been volunteering with the Soil Erosion Program, noting it was a great event.

- That several of his meetings have been via Zoom or GoToMeeting and most of them are beginning to open for public.
- The condemnation resolution has been signed by both Gladwin and Midland Counties.
- On discussion of the upcoming Board of Review meetings and the potential miscommunication issues regarding the lake level assessments. Commissioner Vernier has drafted a Call to Action document where he will be asking for Township, County and Board support in a letter writing/phone campaign for those impacted by the flood in Gladwin County. The current document will be used as a press release and a formal letter will be drafted by the Board for mailing to the Legislatures. *Motion by Commissioner Vernier, supported by Commissioner Rick Grove, to enter the Board's support on the Call to Action document. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

**Commissioner Sharron Smith reported:**

- That she missed the Buckeye Township meeting.
- On her activities with the distribution sites in Gladwin County, noting she has been very busy volunteering her assistance to the flood relief efforts.
- That she attended the Airport meeting.

**Commissioner Rick Grove reported:**

- That he was not able to attend the Grout Township meeting but spoke to Jim Shea, Township Supervisor, who had many questions from concerned individuals.
- On the upcoming Beaverton Township meeting.

**Public Comments –**

Tim Mester, Billings Township Supervisor, spoke on the debris removal sites and the relief it has given to the flood residents. Discussion on the in-kind match of funding toward FEMA reimbursement.

Sheriff Mike Shea commented on the security and screening personnel at the rear entrance of the Courthouse, commenting for now the current staff can cover the hours. The Sheriff also stated that funding would be available for reimbursement of the COVID benefits paid to his employees. This form will be available on the Treasury website soon. *Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Vernier, to allow the County to seek reimbursement of these funds from the Department of Treasury. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

The Board discussed the recent Black Lives Matter meeting with Gladwin City and their concerns. Sheriff Shea responded that his department has policies to cover their concerns and will continue to work with the group as requested.

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

*Motion by Commissioner Vernier, supported by Commissioner Rick Grove, to adjourn. Ayes carried, motion passed.* Meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m., until the next regularly scheduled Board meeting on July 14, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. unless otherwise ordered.

*Kanna Blandin-Mara*

*Sharon Smith*

Laura Brandon-Maveal  
County Clerk

Sharron Smith  
Chairperson