

## Commissioner Minutes of September 22, 2020

*The Gladwin County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, September 22, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Smith, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call found all Commissioners present.*

The Board reviewed the agenda with no additions or corrections to be made. *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 - \$538,983.25.*

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

1. Probate Court is asking for approval to purchase an air purifier in the amount of \$240 for their Courtroom and permission for use of the County credit card for this purchase. *Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Kyle Grove, to make this purchase by the Clerk with the county credit card to be paid from line item 101-900-970.148 with a budget amendment to transfer \$240 from 101-148-706.002 Court Administrator reimbursement to 101-900-970.148 Capital outlay. Ayes carried, motion passed.*
2. Matthew McGourty, Jail Administrator, is asking to be paid out for 78 hours of unused PTO time per his union contract in the amount of \$1,978.86 to be taken from 101-351-702.000. *Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Kyle Grove, to make this payment as outlined. Ayes carried, motion passed.*

**Public Comments:** none currently.

### **New Business:**

1. Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Kyle Grove, to approve the L-4029 for the County's Winter Tax Rate as requested by Pete Preston. **Ayes carried, motion passed.**
2. Motion by Commissioner Vernier, supported by Commissioner Taylor, to approve and sign the contract for the Managed Assigned Counsel Administrator as presented by Karen Moore and contingent upon State funding. **Ayes carried, motion passed.**
3. Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commission Rick Grove, to hire a replacement Deputy created by the resignation of Deputy Keegan Taylor. **Ayes carried, motion passed.**
4. Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Vernier, to sign the Corona Virus Emergency Supplemental Funding Contract as presented with a pending Grant Agreement to be awarded in the amount of \$40,410.36. **Ayes carried, motion passed.**

### **Chair Comments:**

There was discussion on the hiring of a Deputy Drain Commissioner by Terry Walters to replace Cathy Mills. Josh Ledford was contacted and stated this is not allowable by law since he hasn't taken office yet. The current Drain Commissioner, Robert Evans, can seek a replacement as per his letter of request. Discussion on the current Drain Commissioner, Robert Evans, doing the hiring and how this will impact Mr. Walters in his decision for hiring for his office in January 2021. Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Kyle Grove, to allow the current Drain Commissioner, Robert Evans, to hire and allow training of a new employee for the month of November

2020 and that the job posting adheres to the personnel policy. Ayes carried, motion passed.

Judge Joshua Farrell came before the Board to request permission to hire a temporary part time employee to fill a medical and retirement vacancy that has occurred in his Court. Discussion on costs and budgeted items that could cover the expenses. Judge Farrell stated he would like to use this temporary position from October – December 2020 to review his staffing concerns and that further measures could be taken during the budget process. Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Vernier to allow Judge Farrell to hire a temporary part time employee for the months of October – December 2020 not to exceed 20 hours per week. Ayes carried, motion passed.

### **Commissioner Reports by District –**

#### **Commissioner Kyle Grove reported:**

- On attending the Butman Township meeting on September 9<sup>th</sup>, commenting that they are working on the installation of streetlights and sewer regulations.
- That he participated in the WebEx demo also on September 9<sup>th</sup>.
- On the Clement Township meeting where they noted the new roof has been installed on the Community Center and were pleased with the statewide training they hosted for the Fire Department.
- That he attended the Sherman Township meeting and gave his report. The Board voiced their concerns over the Gypsy Moth population in their township.
- On the Sports Complex meeting, noting the football season can begin. The committee has received several local donations that are being used for improvements to the complex.
- That he attended the Gladwin Township meeting on September 16<sup>th</sup>.
- On the special meeting with Butman Township and the Sugar Springs POA on September 18<sup>th</sup>. They plan to meet monthly to have a “round table discussion” to improve their community. Justin Schneider attended and answered their questions regarding local and county ordinances.
- That he attended the VCIO meeting to discuss the faxing project through MOS.

#### **Commissioner Vernier reported:**

- On attending the Clement Township meeting to share with them a presentation on the Four Lakes Task Force.
- On the Committee of the Whole meeting to address technology and the fax lines.
- That he participated in the Long-Term Recovery meeting, noting the Water Well Task Force has identified 340 well issues to date.
- On the installation of water wells at the Billings and Secord Township Fire Departments beginning on September 28<sup>th</sup>. Funding has been secured through Region VII, Rural Development and Mid Michigan Community Action Agency to pay for the projects.
- On the discussion to do a “state-controlled breach” of Wixom Lake on the Tobacco side. This process will bring the water levels down prior to the spring rains and runoff. Discussion on the expense of the project being the responsibility of the owner, or with refusal of Boyce, the State will handle the process.
- That there have been several discussions on weed treatments of the lakebeds and the tree growth that is happening. Since the current assessment of these funds are specific to “aquatic treatments”, the Townships will need to hold a public hearing to receive authorization to use the funding for this alternative treatment.

- On attending the Bentley Township meeting.

**Commissioner Taylor reported:**

- That he attended the Airport meeting on September 9<sup>th</sup>.
- On the Airport meeting held on September 10<sup>th</sup>, noting they received a CARES grant which covered new equipment for their facility.
- That he participated in the CARES meeting for the County on September 10<sup>th</sup>.
- On the Veterans meeting on September 15<sup>th</sup>. The grant application has been modified and re-submitted for approval.
- That he attended the Committee of the Whole meeting.
- On his participation in depositions on September 16<sup>th</sup>.
- On the Lake Board meetings for Contos, Wiggins and Pratt on September 16<sup>th</sup>.
- That he attended the Gladwin City Council meeting at the park. The Farmer's Market is expanding and they are looking to build a Community Center since the current building has been destroyed.
- That there will be a committee meeting on Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup> to discuss the Civil Attorney's job description with Prosecutor Miller.

**Comments from the Chairman:**

- That she attended the Airport meeting on September 10<sup>th</sup> and the discussion on the donation of property to the Animal Shelter. This process has proven to be lengthy through the FAA and there are discussions on alternative options for expansion without using Airport property.
- On the Tobacco Township meeting on September 14<sup>th</sup>.
- That she attended the Committee of the Whole meeting on September 15<sup>th</sup>.
- On her participation in depositions on September 16<sup>th</sup>.
- On the Buckeye Township meeting on September 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Commissioner Rick Grove reported:**

- On attending the Grout Township meeting, noting discussion on new lighting in the hall and graveling roads.
- On the Zoning meeting on September 15<sup>th</sup>.
- That he attended the Committee of the Whole meeting on September 15<sup>th</sup>.
- On the Animal Shelter meeting on September 18<sup>th</sup>, commenting that they are working on long term goals and projects.
- On additional concerns regarding the Gypsy Moth counts in Grim and Sherman Townships, noting that treatments are limited with the amount of state land that surrounds the Townships.
- That he has also participated in discussion regarding weed and tree control on the drained lake beds, noting public meetings would need to be held in order to utilize the funding for any treatment other than aquatic.
- That he attended the Beaverton and Grout Township meetings where he has continued to spread the message that he will vote for the best person for the job and not vote based on political party.

Chairperson Smith then reviewed the application requirements for the CARES Act Grant Funding for Gladwin County. Townships will need to be contacted for their projected expenses and an administrator needs to be appointed for this project. Discussion on formatting the presented resolution to meet the needs of the Board. Motion by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Kyle Grove, to allow the resolution to

be properly formatted and allow the Chairperson to sign upon review of the entire Board. Roll call vote as follows: Kyle Grove – yes, Ronald Taylor – yes, Joel Vernier -yes, Sharron Smith -yes, Rick Grove – yes. 5 yes, 0 no. Ayes carried, Resolution 2020-016 declared adopted.

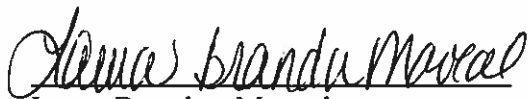
**Public Comments:**

Sheriff Michael Shea spoke on his concern for a large group of residents in Tobacco Township that need to be recognized by the Four Lakes Task Force. The Sheriff also shared information on a sponsored bill that he is not supporting that would give qualified immunity to all law enforcement.

Treasurer Christy Van Tiem spoke on the recent conference call with the CDBG Program Director to keep collected grant funding for demolition projects within Gladwin County.

*Motion by Commissioner Kyle Grove, supported by Commissioner Vernier, 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 10:21 a.m., until the next regularly scheduled Board meeting on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 9:00 a.m., unless otherwise ordered.*



Laura Brandon-Maveal  
Gladwin County Clerk



Sharron L. Smith  
Chairperson

RESOLUTION 2020-016

**Authorizing Resolution**

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), Public Law 116-136, makes available supplemental Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Emergency Solutions Grant ESG-CV funding for grants to prevent, prepare for and respond to Coronavirus (COVID-19). The CDBG grant will provide flexibilities for grantees to expedite the use of grant funds to help address the challenges facing our nation during this historic public health crisis.

**WHEREAS**, the Michigan Strategic Fund has invited the Counties to accept Community Development Block Grant Program funds to support **CDBG CARES Funding**; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Gladwin will seek to receive up to \$207,877.33 in CDBG funds to reimburse for unexpected costs associated with COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, the allocation will benefit all residents of the project area and 15.6 percent of the residents of the County of Gladwin are considered Persons in Poverty as determined by projected 2014-2018 census data provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, with the Median household income being \$43,290 and the per capita income of \$24,594.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT BE RESOLVED** that the County of Gladwin hereby designates Laura Brandon-Maveal, Gladwin County Clerk as the Certifying Officer, the person authorized to certify the Michigan CDBG pre-agreement documents, the person authorized to sign the Grant Agreement and payment requests, and the person authorized to execute any additional documents required to carry out and complete the grant.

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At a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Gladwin held on September 22, 2020.

Present: Kyle Grove, Ronald Taylor, Joel Vernier, Sharron Smith and Rick Grove

Absent: None

The Resolution was offered by Commissioner Ronald Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Kyle Grove.

AYES: Kyle Grove, Ronald Taylor, Joel Vernier, Sharron Smith and Rick Grove

NAYS: none

I, Laura Brandon- Maveal, the acting Clerk of the County of Gladwin, do hereby certify that the forgoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Gladwin County Board of Commissioners on September 22, 2020 during a regular session that was properly noticed under the Open Meetings Act.

September 23, 2020

  
Laura Brandon- Maveal, Gladwin County Clerk

I, Sharron L. Smith, Chairperson of the Gladwin County Board of Commissioners, do hereby certify that The County of Gladwin has designated Laura Brandon-Maveal, Gladwin County Clerk, as the Administrator of the above mentioned grant by an official Resolution and roll call adopted by a two-thirds vote of the Board.

September 23, 2020

  
Sharron L. Smith, Chairperson  
Gladwin County Board of Commissioners

# 2020 Tax Rate Request (This form must be completed and submitted on or before September 30, 2020)

## MILLAGE REQUEST REPORT TO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

This form is issued under authority of MCL Sections 211.24e, 211.34d, 211.34d, and 211.34d. Filing is mandatory. Penalty applies.

County(ies) Where the Local Government Unit Levies Taxes: **Gladwin County**  
 2020 Taxable Value of ALL Properties in the Unit as of 5-26-2020: **1,029,187,106**  
 For LOCAL School Districts: 2020 Taxable Value excluding Principal Residence, Qualified Agricultural, Qualified Forest, Industrial Personal and Commercial Personal Properties: **1,029,187,106**

Local Government Unit Requesting Millage Levy: **County of Gladwin**

This form must be completed for each unit of government for which a property tax is levied. Penalty for non-filing is provided under MCL Sec 211.419. The following tax rates have been authorized for levy on the 2020 tax roll.

(1) Source	(2) Purpose of Millage	(3) Date of Election	(4) Original Millage Authorized by Election, Charter, etc.	(5) ** 2019 Millage Rate Permanently Reduced by MCL 211.34d "Headlee"	(6) 2020 Current Year "Headlee" Millage Reduction Fraction	(7) 2020 Millage Rate Permanently Reduced by MCL 211.34d "Headlee"	(8) Sec. 211.34 Truth in Assessing or Millage Rollback Fraction	(9) Maximum Allowable Millage Levy *	(10) Millage Requested to be Levied July 1	(11) Millage Requested to be Levied Dec. 1	(12) Expiration Date of Millage Authorized
08/2018	DAR	08/2018	0.5000	0.5000	.9958	0.4979	1.0000	0.4979	0.4979	0.4979	12/23
08/2018	MSUE	08/2018	0.1100	0.1100	.9958	0.1095	1.0000	0.1095	0.1095	0.1095	12/23
08/2017	Animal Control	11/2017	0.2000	0.2000	.9958	0.1991	1.0000	0.1991	0.1991	0.1991	12/21
08/2018	Road & Bridge	08/2018	2.0000	2.0000	.9958	1.9916	1.0000	1.9916	1.9916	1.9916	12/23
08/2018	Seniors	08/2018	0.7500	0.7500	.9958	0.7468	1.0000	0.7468	0.7468	0.7468	12/23
08/2018	911	11/2018	0.1500	0.1500	.9958	0.1493	1.0000	0.1493	0.1493	0.1493	12/23
11/2016	EMS	11/2016	0.7500	0.7500	.9958	0.7468	1.0000	0.7468	0.7468	0.7468	12/22
11/2016	911	11/2016	0.7500	0.7500	.9958	0.7468	1.0000	0.7468	0.7468	0.7468	12/22

Prepared by: **Peter J. Preston** Telephone Number: **989-426-9327** Title of Preparer: **Equalization Director** Date: **09/22/2020**

**CERTIFICATION:** As the representatives for the local government unit named above, we certify that these requested tax levy rates have been reduced, if necessary, to comply with the state constitution (Article 9, Section 31), and that the requested levy rates have also been reduced, if necessary, to comply with MCL Sections 211.24e, 211.34 and, for LOCAL school districts which levy a Supplemental (Hold Harmless) Millage, 380.121(3).

Clerk: **Laura Brandon-Maveal** Print Name: **Laura Brandon-Maveal** Date: **09/22/2020**  
 Secretary: **Sharon Smith** Print Name: **Sharon Smith** Date: **09/22/2020**  
 Chairperson: \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 President: \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Under Truth in Taxation, MCL Section 211.24e, the governing body may decide to levy a rate which will not exceed the maximum authorized rate allowed in column 9. The requirements of MCL 211.24e must be met prior to levying an operating levy which is larger than the base tax rate but not larger than the rate in column 9.

**\*\* IMPORTANT:** See instructions on page 2 regarding where to find the millage rate used in column (5).

Local School District: Use Only. Complete if requesting millage to be levied. See STC Bulletin 2 of 2020 for instructions on completing this section.	Total School District Operating Rates to be Levied (HHS/Supp and NH Oper ONLY)	For Principal Residence, Qualified Ag, Qualified Forest and Industrial Personal	For Commercial Personal	For all Other

ORIGINAL TO: County Clerk(s)  
 COPY TO: Equalization Department(s)  
 COPY TO: Each township or city clerk  
**L-4029**  
 Carefully read the instructions on page 2.