



The Gladwin County Board of Commissioners met for the regular board Meeting, on February 9, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 10:11 a.m. by Chairperson Karen Moore. The Pledge of Allegiance was said, roll called, Commissioner Kyle Grove was excused, all other commissioners were present.

The Board reviewed the Consent Agenda –

Chairperson Moore noted some additions to the agenda, Veterans Affairs request to add signers will be added to new business, the request to add a labor law attorney on a grievance filed, an addition to the 911 training request, and a hiring in dispatch. Motion made by Commissioner Kyle Diller to accept the agenda with changes, supported by Commissioner Ron Taylor, all in favor motion carried.

Cash balances were read by Commissioner Taylor. General Fund balance - \$74,091.64 before payment of bills.

Finance

- 1-Motion by Commissioner Taylor to allow Jail Administrator McGourty & Sgt. Gruzit to attend the Michigan Jail Command Staff Academy training. Meals and mileage will be paid according to county policy. Total amount is approximately \$1512 before taxes and fees, and includes lodging, to be paid from 264-000-860.000. Supported by Commissioner Diller, all in favor, motion carried.
 - 2-Motion by Commissioner Taylor to allow the Prosecutors Office to use the credit card in the amount of \$175 for custom printing, to be paid from 101-229-835.003 Victims Rights fund. Supported by Commissioner Diller, all in favor, motion carried.
 - 3-Motion made by Commissioner Taylor to allow payment of National Organization for Victims Assistance membership dues with the county credit card. \$100 to be expensed to 101-229-835.003, supported by Commissioner Diller, all in favor, motion carried.
 - 4-Motion made by Ron Taylor to allow the Administrator to transfer \$3500 from 101-131-705.000 Research Attorney account to 101-131-860.001 Visiting Judge account. Supported by Diller, all in favor, Motion carried.
 - 5 – Commissioner Taylor motioned to approve \$300 for 'Incident Debriefing' training of Michael Brubaker and Karee Barlow from line item 282-000-804.001, and second motion to approve \$175 for 'Victims Plea; Meeting Expectations' training for Karee Barlow, from line item 101-422-804.000. Both supported by Commissioner Diller. All in favor, motion carried.
 - 6- Commissioner Taylor made a motion to approve the reimbursement cost of \$200 for Certified Electronics Operator (CEO) training to Jennifer Councilman from line item 101-215-860.000. Commissioner Diller supported, all in favor, motion passed.
- At the request of Commissioner Rick Grove, Chairperson Moore explained the purpose of CEO certification.
- 7 – Commissioner Taylor motioned to approve the 2021 Appropriation for Gladwin County Department of Health and Human Service in the amount of \$1200 with the offset of \$355 from the remaining 2020 cash balance. Commissioner Diller supported, all in favor, motion carried.

8 – Chairperson Moore made a motion to approve the hiring of a labor attorney, max of \$1000, to get an opinion on the labor grievance issue brought to the personnel committee, to be paid out of the General Fund. Commissioner Diller supports, three ayes, Commissioner Rick Grove opposed, motion carried.

New Business

1 – Motion by Commissioner Taylor to approve the posting of board packets & supporting documentation to the website, with the Agenda to read “Agenda and supporting attachments are subject to change”. Supported by Commissioner Diller. Commissioner Rick Grove asked if this had been done before, or is it new? Chairperson Moore explained that this has been a fluid item and the attorney recommends that the Open Meetings Act be interpreted broadly. Attorney Hoerauf further explained that closed session would not be posted, that most items are FOIA able, and payroll / benefits are public information. Vote taken, three Ayes, Commissioner Rick Grove opposed, motion carried.

2- Commissioner Taylor made a motion to allow the signing of the discount agreement with Otis Elevator, and proceed with contract, Commissioner Rick Grove supported. All in favor, motion carried.

3 – Commissioner Taylor made a motion to allow the Undersheriff to hire a part time Registered Nurse for 8hrs per week, at \$31/hr., supported by Commissioner Diller. All in favor, motion carried.

4- A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to remove Sharon Smith as a signer for the Veterans Services, County Services Fund and allow the Veterans Services board member to sign for changes. Supported by Commissioner Diller, all in favor, motion carried.

5 – Commissioner Taylor made a motion to allow Mike Brubaker to advertise and hire for Dispatch. Motion supported by Commissioner Diller, all ayes motion carried.

Chairperson Comments

Chairperson Moore spoke to address:

- Transparency was addressed with the vote to have more informational items on the website.
- Limiting the use of acronyms, we will be cognizant of this.
- Meeting in person, commissioners are frustrated as well and would like to be meeting in person as well. Per Attorney Hoerauf by Feb 21, hopefully sooner, but we are following Center for Disease Control /Health Dept guidelines.

Board Comments

Commissioner Kyle Grove, District 1 – not present

Commissioner Ron Taylor, District 2

- Has been in contact with both townships via phone, Sage is cancelling tomorrow.
- Commissioner Diller is “broken in” on the health board.
- Drive in testing in Beaverton had a good response. New vaccine disbursement is formulated by the state and our district has 15000 doses for 6 counties. Commended the Health Dept staff.

Commissioner Kyle Diller, District 3

- Attended a meeting on Tuesday Jan 26th for Community Mental Health of Central Michigan. Doug Ward received an award for 25 years, and Julie Bayardo gave a presentation.

- Per Community Mental Health, Gladwin has had >1000 cases of COVID and 38 deaths. The vaccine supply is a setback in our area, our district will receive the Moderna vaccine as it did not require the extra cold freezer.
- Bentley and Grim meetings tonight

Commissioner Moore, District 4

- Joined Emergency Management and Homeland Security for a tour of the dams and areas damaged by the floods.
- Joined a Region 7B orientation to learn what they do for our community,
- Four Lakes Task Force is holding lake specific discussions via Webinar, Secord this week. Wixom Feb 18 at 4pm, Sanford Feb 25, all of them will be recorder and loaded to website.
- Chamber has a Legislative Breakfast this Friday at 8a.m., Jason Wentworth will be speaking.
- Attended the EDC meeting yesterday, representatives from the schools and hospitals were present in support of getting broad band to our area. Heith Kaplan did a great job setting a plat form for us to get started.

Commissioner Rick Grove, District 5

- The Zoning meeting on Feb 16th will be cancelled.
- Attended Beaverton Township meeting last night by phone, no reports.
- Received an email about taxes going up because of drain issues, but believes Terry Walters is more suited to answer these questions.

Administrators Report - none

Public Comment

Chairperson Moore stated that Public comment is for the public to provide the Board information. The Board will research questions to deliver accurate information.

- Sheriff Shea – addressed Kelly Bax’s comments from the earlier COW meeting about a violation of FOIA, explaining that she would have to file a motion with the circuit court, not the sheriff’s office as this is a civil action. Sheriff Shea also addressed the “Veteran who spoke earlier” stating this is not an open forum for questions with the sheriff and invited him to call any day.
- Archie Shelvester – apologized for being upset, explained that he is friends with people who lost their husbands, and now have severe damage to their homes and “This SAD is going to put the crimp on them”. He asked if Dave Kepler owns generation rights on the lake and if some of this money is going to be used on the power houses, to offset the cost of the dam.
- Kelly Bax, Coleman – stated that she reached out to the sheriff because the Prosecuting Attorney’s Office said they would not talk to her unless there was a criminal report. She emailed the county commissioners, & Attorney Hoerauf, as Four Lakes Task Force refused to answer her FOIA request. She asked that they please make their delegated authority responsible. Kelly stated that she was told the information is not available, says there are fees involved with these violations and expressed her frustration with the survey. She noted that she did not hear the pledge of allegiance being done before the Board Meeting.
- Chris Waugh – Gladwin City, asked to receive the interim Administrators phone number for explanation of letters when she sees something in the minutes that she has questions about. She greatly appreciates the transparency, i.e., speaking into microphones and information posted on the website, thank you. Chris noted that Gladwin Schools are putting in Broad Band cable for school purposes.
- Robert Huntoon, Billings Township – Jaynie was going to report on the Special Assessment District (SAD) meeting a couple weeks ago, he would like a copy emailed to him. Chairperson

Moore will look into that. Mr. Huntoon agreed with a lot of what Kelly Bax had said, he stated that Mr. Kepler is going to profit from this, and he is going to cost residents their homes. Stated there was talk at the Smallwood Lake meeting of a new SAD copy with updated numbers of charges. Attorney Hoerauf stated that she had agreed to a check list of the SAD procedure, however Four Lakes Task Force has provided a video on their website of the same material, so she did not complete the document.

- Gayle Reid - Could not be heard
- Andre Shepcheck from Beaverton also commented on the SAD disclosures, stating Mr. Kepler has commented that he does not have to disclose amounts to Midland county. He believes the county should be aware of how public money is spent, and Mr. Kepler should be accountable for all of these funds. There should be more transparency.

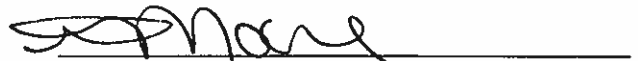
Rick noted that the Pledge of Allegiance was said at the beginning of both meetings and asked that Gayle Reid email her question/comment.

No other public comment.

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Kyle Diller, supported by Commissioner Ron Taylor at 11:15 am



Karrie Hulme, County Clerk



Karen Moore, Chairperson

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