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Gladwin County Board of Commissioners
Board Minutes, January 26, 2021

The Gladwin County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session following the Committee of the Whole, on January 26, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairperson Karen Moore. The Pledge of Allegiance was said, and roll was taken. All Commissioners were present.

The Board reviewed the consent agenda. Commissioner Kyle Grove made a motion to approve the agenda as written, which includes the approval of the Jan 12th Board minutes, Jan 18th Special Meeting minutes, Jan 12th Committee of the Whole and Department Head minutes, Jan 15th Data Committee minutes, and the Jan 21st Personnel Committee minutes. Supported by Commissioner Ron Taylor. All ayes, motion approved.

Cash balances were read by Commissioner Ron Taylor. General Fund balance - $30,805.49 before payment of bills.

Finance

1. A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to approve the purchase of eight new computers for 2021 in the amount of $6,855 from 101-258-835.933, supported by Commissioner Kyle Diller. All Ayes, motion approved.
2. A motion was made by Commissioner Kyle Diller to approve the purchase of the Owl Virtual System in the amount of $1,298 from 101-258-815.005, to be reimbursed with COVID grant funds, supported by Commissioner Kyle Grove. All Ayes, motion approved.
3. A motion was made by Commissioner Ron Taylor to allow the installation of a Wireless Access Port for Juvenile Probation in the amount of $414, to be reimbursed with 292 funds, supported by Commissioner Kyle Diller. All Ayes, motion approved.
4. A motion was made by Commissioner Kyle Grove to approve the signing of the contract with MERIT to upgrade the High-Speed Internet from 50Mb to 70Mb with the additional cost of $1,296 from 101-258-983.000. Supported by Commissioner Ron Taylor. All Ayes, motion approved.

New Business

1. A motion was made by Commissioner Ron Taylor to approve the 2021 Entity Committee Appointments as presented, Supported by Commissioner Kyle Diller. No further discussion, all ayes, motion passed.
2. A motion was made by Commissioner Ron Taylor to approve the Road Commission's Self-Performing Projects in excess of $100,000. Supported by Commissioner Rick Grove. No further discussion, all ayes, motion passed.
3. A motion was made by Commissioner Kyle Diller to approve the Gladwin City County Transit's Resolution of Intent for FY2022. Supported by Commissioner Kyle Grove. Roll Call vote was taken, all ayes, motion passed.
4. A motion was made by Commissioner Kyle Diller to approve the signing of the contract addendum with US Bank to move forward with E-Faxing Services. Supported by Commissioner Kyle Grove. No further discussion, all ayes, motion passed.
5. A motion was made by Commissioner Kyle Grove to allow the Gladwin County Drain Commission to retain Attorney Tara Hovey on a pay as needed basis, with no retainer fee. Supported by Commissioner Ron Taylor. All ayes, motion passed.

Chairperson Comments

Chairperson Moore spoke to address:

- The chair is in full support of transparency and noted the importance of making information available to the public. She stated that we are working to improve this process and will continue to do so.
- The County currently has two positions posted on our website, and the Administrator position is also posted with Michigan Association of Counties. The hiring's of these positions are public.

Board Comments

Commissioner Kyle Grove, District 1

- Recently attended the Data and Personnel Committee meetings
- Township meetings will be going virtual.

Commissioner Ron Taylor, District 2

- Sage and Gladwin City are going virtual, he has been updating both via phone.
- Veterans Board is still meeting in person and doing a great job fining a way to continue serving our veterans. They still have a job opening posted.

Commissioner Kyle Diller, District 3

- Attended the township meetings on Jan 12th, was not able to attend the local Economic Development Corporation (EDC) meeting.
- Recently spoke with Master Sgt. Larry Jones about his concerns with the Special Assessment District and Four Lakes Task Force. Felt the meeting was productive and he is looking forward to getting him some information.
- Attended his first Data meeting virtually on Jan 15th, and Secord Township virtually on the 20th but had audio trouble and could not unmute to speak.

Commissioner Moore, District 4

- Attended the local EDC meeting where they discussed the need for broadband services in rural areas. Joined a conference where Governor Whitmer later, where she addressed the same need and will be forming a Committee for Rural Broadband. She then reached out to Bob Balzer, of the EDC, asking how we can get involved locally.
- The Four Lakes Task Force is meeting Thursdays in February to discuss lake specific details. These are listed on their website. Commissioner Moore also noted that Four Lakes Task force was reminded that these are Gladwin / Midland projects and encouraged to spend locally.
- Has been attending several meetings in order to get up to date on things like Insurance, Personnel and general information for the county. She will continue to attend these.

Commissioner Rick Grove, District 5

- Attended a zoning meeting on Jan 19th.
- Attended the Land Bank meeting on the 20th. CTE is not able to partner this year due to COVID19.
- Attended the Animal Control meeting on Jan 20th, they are currently working on their website.

Public Comment

- Robert Huntoon, of Gladwin County asked about work being done south of the Estey Road bridge. Also asked if a request for bids had been done for the new trucks being driven by the Four Lakes Task Force.
- Dianna Mella of Gladwin Township thanked Commissioner Moore for her comments on transparency. She would like to see the list of Committee appointments online and asked if

there were time restrictions for data usage for employees who work from home. She would also like to see more information available to the public prior to the meetings, i.e. cash balance and packet details. It was noted that there were Committee Minutes not posted for the Nov meeting.

- Undersheriff noted that there was another vacancy in the Deputy Staff.

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Kyle Diller, supported by Commissioner Kyle Grove. All ayes, motion passed. Meeting Adjourned at 10:37 a.m., until the next regularly scheduled meeting on February 9, 2021 at 9:00 a.m., unless otherwise ordered.

Karrie Hulme

Karrie Hulme, County Clerk

Karen Moore, Chairperson

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