



The Gladwin County Board of Commissioners met for the Committee of the Whole Meeting, on February 23, 2021. Chairperson Karen Moore called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. due to technical difficulties, she reminded participants to stay muted until their turn to speak. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Chair comments regarding emails she has received

- The Four Lakes Task Force (FLTF) was nominated by lake associations; we now have one seat on their board per county. Board members are representatives to have a say in the process.
- The Special Assessment District (SAD) was set through a court order in 2019, it is a district, a boundary, not an assessment. Explanation was given. There are other sources of funding being sought and received. There are currently no County funds being used toward this project, and therefore the Four Lakes Task Force does not need permission from the County in regards to spending. Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests are requests for records, not Q&A. The FLTF is our delegated authority; we (the County) cannot produce records that are not in our possession. Comments regarding the relationship between the counties and FLTF, the responsibilities of the State agency, Environment, Great Lakes & Energy (EGLE), and the efforts of FLTF toward being more transparent.
- Chairperson Moore's personal goal is to get our lakes back at a fair and reasonable price to everyone.
- Residents are urged to listen to the facts.

Public Comment

_ Kelly Bax from outside of the building, has information with her to support the information she has put on Facebook. Expressed her frustration with not being able to meet in person yet, would like to have a town hall with the Commissioner to discuss concerns.

_ Bob Huntoon from outside of the building, is anticipating that Attorney Hoerauf will get to the bottom of EGLE's expectation of \$5000 from each resident, wants some answers.

_ John McGil from outside of the building, bought property 20 years ago, shares the same frustrations as other residents. Would like a meeting to get some answers.

_ Andre Shepcheck from outside of the building, expressed his issues regarding all of the conversation around the SAD. He would like to know what the commissioners are doing to move away from SAD and talk about other things.

_ Chrissy Chamley from outside of the building, we don't need another assessment.

_ Kelly Bax from outside of the building, "we are done outside".

_ Tony Bax from Wixom Lake – has been checking into FLTF; because he feels that they do not comply with Open Meetings Act (OMA), he sent in a bunch of FOIA requests to see how they would react and to get information on where money is being spent. Expressed his frustration with the responses he received and the FLTF wanting to pay \$3800 for the lawyer to look at the FOIA requests.

_ Karen Price, questions the benefit of the current process, asked if there will be additions to the SAD. Stated she understands that the lakes have a big impact on the economy and would like to see an extension of the SAD to include other entities that benefit from controlling this massive river, not just the people on the lakes. Dow sits south of us, will they and others be considered in an extension to the SAD?

No other comments

Roll was taken- Kyle Diller, Rick Grove virtually, all other commissioners were present.

City Administrator Report – none

County Affairs

1. 2021 Economic Development Corporation (EDC) Committee Appointments, Interim Administrator Maveal- she was contacted by Bob Balzer about appointing Ryan Puchel to the EDC committee, term ending on 12/31/2024.
2. Emergency Operations, Interim Administrator Maveal – information was in the Board packet for consideration. No further discussion
3. EMS Update – John Clayton shared data from the last six months. Numbers are higher than budgeted for, 20-50 more calls per month. Increases in revenue and expenses discussed, currently collecting 59-60% of receivables. Millage revenues discussed, added an ambulance last year, construction in Butman Township has been slower than expected, temporarily moved crew to Clement Township hall. Discussion on IPAD's for telemedicine with COVID patients. A "Treat in Place" state protocol was just implemented a few months ago. Discussion on Broadband increase for services.
4. EMS Ballot Language, John Clayton - discussed minor changes in ballot language, seeking a renewal of the current millage; asking that the proposal be put on the next county wide ballot. Chairperson Moore noted changes suggested by the attorney.
5. 2021 VA Committee Appointment, Director Ken Roberts–three committee members assignments have expired, seeing an approval to re-assign through 12/31/ 2024.
6. Additional Member to VA Committee – Public Act 192 allows for a seventh member to the committee for tie brakers on committee votes. Seeking approval to allow the committee to create the seventh member committee position and advertise to fill the role.
7. Equalization Exemption, Director Pete Preston - update on calculating the State Equalized Value and the assessment process. March board of review will start March 8th, or within the three days following. Not all of the Boyce Hydro, County acquired properties under libre page 1198/224 have an exempt status. Pete will prepare the appropriate documents to apply for the exemptions as well as any appeal documents as needed; the Board Chair will sign once prepared.

County Facilities and Transportation-

1. Oil Change Services, Informal bid process, Commissioner Rick Grove spoke about a flat rate per vehicle for maintenance vehicle.
2. Shredding Services, Formal bid process – Commissioner Kyle Grove stated that the basement at the health dept is full, and it's time to shred. There are between 700-1000 boxes in the basement, and the county should seek a certified vendor through a Request for Bid (RFB).

Data - none

511 Council – none

Gladwin Parks and Recreation – none

Insurance – none

Memorial Restoration - none

MERS - none

Public Safety – none

Personnel

1. Rick Ghent – request for payment of 80 hours of vacation
2. Undersheriff Hartwell, RN/LPN at the jail – The new LPN gave his two-week notice, and the part time RN has expressed an interest in the full-time position. Asking for an approval to return to the original staffing structure of 1 full-time LPN, and 1full-time RN.

Finance

1. Brouillard Fund, Veterans Affairs Director Ken Roberts – transference of funds from the bank to Gladwin County Community Foundation. Seeking permission from the Board to transfer and for the creation of a line item to manage these funds. Conversation on keeping a balance of \$5000 in the bank account.
2. 2020 Budget Amendments, Interim Administrator Maveal – completed the balancing of books for the audit, thank you to the departments for staying on/under budget.

Report from Civil Attorney

Attorney Hoerauf - zoning enforcement action has been served and she suspects that this will resolve quickly. Labor matters have been taking up a lot of time, further discussion will be had on grievance issues. Currently working on MERS language to be distributed to Union Reps. Chairperson Moore asked Attorney Hoerauf to address public attendance at meetings; she spoke of the executive orders, as well as MIOSHA fines for not being in compliance. She will relay information when we are able to re-open to the public.

No additional discussion. Meeting closed at 10:08a.m.



Karrie Hulme, County Clerk



Karen Moore, Chairperson

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