



The Gladwin County Board of Commissioners met for the regular board Meeting, on March 23, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 10:38 a.m. by Chairperson Karen Moore. The Pledge of Allegiance was said, roll was called, all Commissioners were present.

The Board reviewed the Consent Agenda –

Motion made by Commissioner Kyle Grove to accept the agenda, supported by Commissioner Ron Taylor, 5 - Y, motion carried.

Cash balances were read by Commissioner Taylor. General Fund balance - \$67,557.94 before bills.

Communications

Finance

1-Motion by Commissioner Taylor to allow the Treasurer to advance funds from the EMS 210 to the General fund until the tax collection begins. Supported by Commissioner Kyle Grove, roll call vote, 5 - Y, motion carried.

2- Motion by Commissioner Taylor to approve the 911 training for Dispatcher Tweed in the amount of \$275 to be paid from 282-000-804.001. Supported by Commissioner Kyle Grove, roll call vote, 5 - Y, motion carried.

3- Motion by Commissioner Taylor to approve three 911 trainings for Dispatcher Bondie in the amount of \$575 to be paid from 282-000-804.001. Supported by Commissioner Kyle Grove, roll call vote, 5 - Y, motion carried.

4- Motion by Commissioner Taylor to approve the repair costs of \$3,484.70, less the \$1000 deductible, to High Caliber for the insurance claim with MMRMA. Support by Commissioner Kyle Grove, roll call vote, 5 - Y, motion carried.

5- Motion by Commissioner Kyle Grove to allow chair to sign contract for plotter printer for the Annex Building in the amount of \$153.16 / month for 60 months, supported by Commissioner Taylor. Roll call vote, 5 - Y, motion carried.

6- Motion by Commissioner Kyle Grove to enter one year renewal with Barracuda for an annual cost of \$605.16, supported by Commissioner Rick Grove. Chairperson Moore asked that a committee member look into other options for next year. Roll call vote, 5 - Y, motion carried.

Committee Meetings

New Business

1 – Motion by Chairperson Moore to approve the use of the county civil attorney to work with Mr. Balzer on preparing the required easement for this project; not addressing county funding. Funding to be discussed further. Supported by support by Commissioner Taylor, roll call vote, 5 - Y, motion carried.

- 2- Motion by Commissioner Taylor to approve 2021/22 budget request for Senior Millage funding in the amount of \$719,017 to Council on Aging. Supported by Commissioner Kyle Grove, roll call vote, 5 - Y, motion carried.
- 3 – Motion by Commissioner Taylor to allow the Chairperson to enter into the Administrative Agreement for the Housing Rehabilitation Program in the amount of \$36,565. Supported by Commissioner Kyle Grove, roll call vote, 5 - Y, motion carried.
- 4 - Motion by Commissioner Taylor to allow the Treasure to enter into an agreement with BS&A for Online Delinquent Tax Services. Supported by Commissioner Kyle Grove, roll call vote 5 - Y, motion carried.
- 5 – Motion by Commissioner Taylor for the 2020 Investment Report to be approved and filed. Supported by Commissioner Kyle Diller, roll call vote, 5 - Y, motion carried.
- 6 - Motion by Commissioner Taylor to approve Mike Hargrave as the authorizing agent for Gladwin County on the following projects: Drug-free Workplace and Selection of Consultants. Supported by Commissioner Kyle Diller, roll call vote, 5 - Y, motion carried.
- 7 Kelly Bax stated her reasons in support of her request. Options for moving forward were discussed. Motion by Chairperson Moore to uphold the denial of the Bax FOIA request. Supported by Kyle Diller. Further discussion was had on this matter. Roll call vote, Commissioners Kyle Grove and Rick Grove abstained, 3 – Y, motion carried.
- 8- Motion by Chairperson Karen Moore, to adopt a resolution to declare a local State of Emergency. Supported by Commissioner Taylor, roll call vote, Commissioner Kyle Grove - N, 4 -Y, motion carried.
- 9- Motion by Commissioner Taylor to adopt the resolution to reduce airport funding to \$15,000, to be reviewed annually, as drafted, supported by Commissioner Rick Grove, roll call vote, 5 – y motion carried.
- 10- Motion by Commissioner Taylor to allow Drain Commissioner and Chairperson Moore to appoint Attorney Stacy Hissong to all Drain and Lake Level matters. Support by Commissioner Kyle Grove, roll call vote, 5 – Y, motion carried.
- 11- Motion by Commissioner Kyle Grove to adopt and sign the 2020 Delinquent Tax Resolution, Supported by Commissioner Kyle Diller, roll call vote, 5 - Y, motion carried.
- 12 – Motion by Commissioner Rick Grove to enter into an agreement with Performance Plus for oil change services through December 31, 2021. Supported by Ron Taylor. Commissioner Rick Grove stated 18 requests were sent to local vendors, 2 returned. Roll call vote, 5 - Y, motion carried.
- 13 – Motion by Commissioner Kyle Grove to enter into an agreement with Shred experts at \$2.90 / box from line item # 101-900-970.101 Supported Commissioner Kyle Diller, roll call vote, 5 - Y, motion carried.
- 14- Motion by Commissioner Taylor to amend MERS Division 13 New Hires Division to include Division 21 as classified in the Sheriffs Command contract. Support by Commissioner Diller, roll call vote, 5 – Y, motion carried.
- 15- Motion by Commissioner Ron to amend MERS Division 21 as Closed to new employees as classified in the Sheriffs Command contract. Supported by Commissioner Diller, roll call vote, 5 - Y motion carried.

16 – Motion by Commissioner Ron, to allow the Chairperson to sign addendums as drafted to resolve Union grievances that have been filed in relation to service credit hours, workers compensation and parttime employees. Support Commissioner Diller, roll call vote, 5 – Y, motion carried

17- Motion by Commissioner Kyle Grove to allow the Chairperson to sign the employment agreement with Robert North through Dec 31, 2022. Supported by Ron Taylor, roll call vote, 5 - Y, motion carried.

18-Jail staffing, conversation with the Board, the Undersheriff, and the Interim Administrator.

Motion made by Chairperson Moore, to allow the Jail Administrator and Interim Administrator to continue working on a cost neutral plan to be presented to the Personnel Committee for review and approval prior to the April 13 meeting. Supported by Ron Taylor, roll call vote, 5 – Y, motion carried.

19- Motion by Commissioner Taylor to appoint Terry Walter to the Veterans Affairs Committee term expiring Dec. 31, 2025. Support by Commissioner Rick Grove, roll call vote, 5 – Y, motion carried.

Chairperson Comments

Chairperson Moore spoke to address:

- Asked the Treasurer to comment on the borrowing of delinquent tax funds. Treasure Van Tiem expressed that borrowing of funds is legal per the attorneys and bond council.
- Mandatory training in 911 is paid for with State funds
- Discussed Broadband at the schools, may be preliminary, but there is discussion on federal funding within our area for better broadband.
- Special Assessment District will have a meeting, once funding is made available, for conversation with the public.

Board Comments

Commissioner Kyle Grove, District 1 –

Butman is virtual, 10:00 on Tuesdays during work hours so he's not been attending.

Sherman and Gladwin are back in person

Personnel and Data committee meetings

Sports complex and Sherman Township meetings are competing meetings, happen at the same time.

Commissioner Ron Taylor, District 2 –

March 10, Sage Township met in person. Conversation about road repair

March 12, met with the Drain Commissioner and new attorney to go over drain assessment.

March 16, Veterans Board meeting, had applications for committee.

Last night met at Pratt Lake to discuss the dam, temporary plate is being put in place to prevent leaks.

Commissioner Kyle Diller, District 3 –

Commissioner Kyle Diller will be resigning as County Commissioner. April 13 will be his last meeting. Will mentor whomever takes his place.

Commissioner Moore, District 4 –

Thank you, Commissioner Kyle Diller for your service to our board and our community.

Join in comments about the FOIA request to look into the matter further. She is erring on the side of caution but will continue to look into it.

Broadband conversation, the issues we have with our lakes and dams are huge, but should not overshadow other needs of our county. Was in a seminar last week listening to conversation on grant programs and opportunities for broadband.

The M-30 bridge was opened on the 11th. The Governor came to see the bridge last Friday and took the opportunity to observe the rest of the devastation. Conversation was had around the needs in Gladwin County.

A lot of emails and contact from her townships.

Commissioner Rick Grove, District 5 –

“Kyle, it was a pleasure working with you”.

In reference to the FOIA denial, it is hard to vote on something I don't understand.

Received a metal detector from Clare County for the Sheriff's Department

March 9th attended the meeting in Grout.

March 15th virtual meeting in Beaverton.

Land Bank purchase agreement on a house

March 19, walked the drain with Senator Stamas, Drain Commissioner Terry Walters, and others. Discussion on drain repairs from damage caused 8 yrs. Ago, and the need to satisfy EGLE.

Administrators Report -nothing

Public Comment -

_Chris Waugh, Gladwin City - asked when the public hiring will be for County Administrator. Would like to know if Flex time is legal for employees to take. Discussed desire to have line-item names stated during meetings, not just line-item numbers.

_Jason Uchiyama, Hay Township, Gladwin County - appreciates the calendar, but would like to see go-to-meeting information available. Also, SAD that will be considered just for Wixom lake, will be ¼ of a billion, stated his concerns on affordability to residents on the lake.

_Andre Shepcheck, Beaverton MI, Molasses River - spoke of the Gladwin GIS to see assessed taxes. The cost associated with accessing this information, and comparables to Midland County. Comments regarding repairs of the dam, and how taxes are handled.

_Kelly Bax, Coleman MI, wanted to meet with the Governor, was forced off the property by a representative of Four Lakes Task Force. Stated her opposition and disappointment to recent activities.

No other public comment.

Chairperson Moore reminded the public that the interviews for the County Administrator position is public, posting closes the end of March.

12:10 p.m., Motion to go onto executive session was made by Commissioner Taylor, support by Commissioner Diller, 5 – Y, motion carried.

Motion to go back into open session by Commissioner Taylor, supported by Commissioner Diller, 5 -Y, motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Taylor to accept the Letter of Understanding between Command Unit and the County. Support by Commissioner Kyle Grove, roll call vote, 5 – Y, motion carried.

Motion to adjourn made by Kyle Grove, supported by Commissioner Kyle Diller. Roll call vote, 5 – Y, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 12:31 pm



Karrie Hulme, County Clerk



Karen Moore, Chairperson

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