



The Gladwin County Board of Commissioners met for the Committee of the Whole Meeting, on March 23, 2021. Chairperson Karen Moore called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Roll was taken, all commissioners were present.

### Public Comment

\_Chris Waugh, Gladwin City - ask about school broadband being purchased by the school. Also ask about the process for dispatcher training funding and about if there were bids sought other than Barracuda for computer security.

\_Kelly Bax, Coleman MI - read an email to Attorney Hoerauf, including specific questions she would like to have addressed. Stated her concerns over the answers she received.

\_Andre Shepcheck, Beaverton MI, Molasses River - spoke of an email that he sent to Gladwin & Midland counties, he is disappointed that he received no response. Also spoke about private property signs seen on what he believes is county property and enquired about the ownership of Four Lakes Task Force.

\_Chris Waugh, Gladwin City - asked about the county borrowing from delinquent tax funds, and voiced her concerns over the county's process for this.

\_Mr. Huntoon was having technical difficulties and could not be heard for public comment.

No other comments

**City Administrator Report – none**

### County Affairs

1. MI Backyard Survey - Bob Balzer, Gladwin Economic Development Center (EDC) – discussion on signage for Gladwin County, currently have three made and ready to install. Requesting \$325 per sign, for two signs, to have properties surveyed for easements, and \$100 per location for title work on the two private property locations. Commissioner Rick Grove asked about the cost of the third sign not on private property. Mr. Balzer responded that this is State land and he did not believe services would be required. Chairperson Karen Moore asked about current contributions to the EDC from the county, Mr. Balzer stated current funds were issued through a Memorandum of Understanding with MI Works.
2. Council on Aging - Bonnie Klein, Gladwin County Council on Aging - asking \$719,017 for this year, a reduction \$9,124 from last year's request. Conversation about the millage process and renewal in 2023.
3. Housing Rehabilitation Program County Allocation - Lori Stout/ Karen Blonde, Gladwin City Housing Commission - Karen Blonde gave an overview of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, current grant amount is \$36,564. Chairperson Moore clarified this is an annual renewal request.
4. MSU Extension Annual Report - Sherry Spoelman, MSU Extension - reviewed the annual report and background of MSU Extension, their funding sources, programs and services available. Discussion on resident participation and a explanations of MSU employees and their roles.
5. BS&A Online Proposal - Treasurer VanTiem, Gladwin County – gave an explanation of options and pricing for making an online delinquent tax search available to the public. Discussion was had about the process for searching for parcels and the revenues associated with those time savings.

6. Annual Investment Report – Treasurer VanTiem ask that the board accept and file the annual investment report.
7. FAA Form 5100-130, Airport Improvement Program Certification – Mike Hargrave - description of the form was given; approval will allow the improvement projects to move forward. Mr. Hargrave spoke of the funding process, and current available funds. Commissioner Ron Taylor gave explanation of the process.
8. Bax FOIA Appeal – Chairperson Karen Moore - a FOIA request was received and denied for security reasons; asked Attorney Hoerauf to address this matter. Attorney Hoerauf stated that the Emergency Plans for the Dams are within the exemption of security documents, and the denial is sound and not disclosable under FOIA.
9. Resolution to Declare a local “State of Emergency” – Chairperson Karen Moore - discussed legal options in the State of MI to declare a “State of Emergency” to continue virtual meetings. The county would have to abide by specific guidelines in order to open to the public, and does not have the means to accommodate these guidelines. Asking that the County issue a local State of Emergency.
10. Resolution to Reduce Annual Airport Contributions – Commissioner Ron Taylor - spoke about the county’s contribution to the airport, asking that it be reduced from \$25,000 to \$15,000 for this year, and to be reviewed yearly in order to increase/decrease as the county budget will allow.
11. Advancement to General Fund from 210 EMS Fund – Treasurer VanTiem spoke about the annual process of advancing funds from EMS 210 to the General Fund until other funds are available, typically Sept 31.
12. Appointment of Attorney Stacy Hissong - County Drain Commissioner, Terry Walters, Deputy Drain Commissioner, Dee Zeestraten – Mr. Walters spoke of problems that were encountered during the drain process. He believes the new attorney is better prepared to handle the current situation. Commissioner Rick Grove stated his former concerns and current support. Commissioner Ron Taylor stated the new attorney would also be representing the County with the EGAL law suit with the State of Michigan.
13. Delinquent Tax Borrowing Resolution – Treasurer VanTiem - asking the board to sign the annal resolution, it has been reviewed for compliance by the Bond Council and Financial Advisers.

#### **County Facilities and Transportation-**

1. Bid Selection for Oil Change Services – Commissioner Rick Grove discussed the process for requesting bids. Mailed 18 requests, received 2 proposals,
2. Bid Selection for Shredding Services – Commissioner Kyle Grove discussed the process for requesting Shredding bids, received 2, one is under budget and they would like to choose that vendor.

#### **Data**

1. Plot Printer Proposal – Interim Administrator Maveal – the plot printer would be an addition to the current contract with our current vendor, covering parts and services only. Upon approval by the Board, would be installed next week and utilized by all the departments in the Annex building.
2. Renewal of Barracuda Network Subscription – Commissioner Kyle Grove - IT Right recommended a one-year contract (instead of three years) due to system upgrades/advancements.

**511 Council – none**

**Gladwin Parks and Recreation – none**

**Insurance – none**

**Memorial Restoration - none**

**MERS –**

- 1-3. Defined Benefit Plan –Interim Administrator Maveal - explanation was given on group benefits under Union contract and the history of closing and opening groups under the MERS agreement specific to Union provisions. Further discussion was had on the savings associated with closing Division 21, Command Group and amending Division 13, New Employee Group. MERS addendums in relation to grievances filed have been resolved through the Union.

**Public Safety – none**

**Personnel**

1. Robert North, Emergency Management –Interim Administrator Maveal – Emergency Manager's contract has been updated, only minor changes to the contract, will be seeking Board approval.
2. Jail/Courthouse Security Staffing - Undersheriff Hartwell – discussed recent turnover and difficulties filling positions; State requirements have changed for applicants reducing hiring options. Will be pulling security staff at the front desk and leaving three court security staff. Requesting part time positions be made full time.
3. VA Committee Appointments - Ken Roberts – previously moved into compliance by creating a seventh position. Requesting approval for Terry Walters appointment to that Committee.

**Finance**

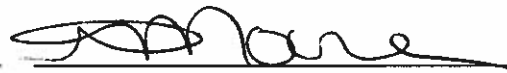
1. 911 Training for Dispatcher Tweed – mandated training, continuing education credits. Funds are paid through the state of Michigan, under a "use it or lose it" program. No cost to the general fund or the county. \$575 for a two-day training and \$275 for a one-day training.
2. Car Deer Accident – county vehicle hit a deer; county will need to pay \$1000 deductible.

**Report from Civil Attorney** – Spent some time wrapping up grievances, working on Circuit Court Zoning for AmeriHemp, will be working on Unit Negotiations of all contracts shortly.

No additional discussion. Meeting closed at 10:31a.m.



Karrie Hulme, County Clerk



Karen Moore, Chairperson

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