

# Gladwin County Board of Commissioners COW Minutes, June 8, 2021

The Gladwin County Board of Commissioners met for the Committee of the Whole Meeting, on June 8, 2021. Chairperson Karen Moore called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said, all commissioners were present.

#### **Public Comment**

\_ Sheriff Shea – stated he does his best to keep out of others business, however he has some concerns over the document provided by Attorney Hoerauf regarding the recommendations on the administrator hiring process. He feels there is no one on this committee with county financial experience, shared his opinion on the comments "educate everyone", and "professional reorganization". He commented that an administrator would be beneficial, but continuity and the long-term upkeep and planning are going to be key for the person you are looking for.

\_ Chris Waugh – stated her assumption is that this group of advisers was chosen instead of spending money on someone to help guide us in choosing correctly. She would like to know what a county administrator does in all areas, and that person should be beneficial for everyone. The chosen committee has experience in management and are members of the community.

No other comments

## City Administrator Report - none

## **County Affairs**

1. Gladwin County COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan (Amended) – Interim Administrator Maveal is seeking approval of amendments and to post after signing. Commissioner K. Grove commented that it still seems to long, Interim Administrator Maveal responded that the Insurance company requires that these areas be covered. Attorney Hoerauf noted that MIOSHA still requires us to have a COVID Preparedness Plan.

**County Facilities and Transportation-**

Data

511 Council

Gladwin Parks and Recreation

Insurance

**Memorial Restoration** 

**MERS** 

### **Public Safety**

2021 Marine Wages – Sheriff's Office is short staffed; information is in the Board packet.

### Personnel

### **Finance**

- 1. Request by Troy Rabidue for payment of 120 unused PTO hours per Union contract Interim Ad must have a formal approval per the union contract on all three requests (Finance items 1-3).
- 2. Request Brian Goss for payment of 40 unused PTO hours per Union contract
- 3. Request by Kenneth Roberts for payment of 53 unused PTO hours per Union contract
- 4. Establishment of Fund "281" for the deposit and use of the American Rescue Plan due to guidance given from the state treasury. Additional conversation about grant funds, and policy direction; the State is still working on the guidelines.

## Report from Civil Attorney -

- 1. County Administrator update the group has been convened and is smaller than originally planned. Attorney Hourauf gave a parable of the current process for deciding on an Administrator. The recommendation from the committee is that the County should take the time to hire a professional to advise on structures of the county (missing and already in place) so that whoever is hired will be long term and a benefit to the entire county. Further discussion was had on the hiring of a consultant, the need, the purpose, and the cost of that process. Additional discussion was had on extending the current employment offer of the Interim Administrator. Final discussion was had on the cost of obtaining estimates for a consultant.
- 2. A request for Executive Session for negotiation strategy was given by attorney Hoerauf.
- 3. A request for Executive Session for AmeriHemp litigation was given but noted this does not need to be closed session. Discussion had in open session:

AmeriHemp moved into a Commercial Building on M61, their use complies with zoning by %90; however, there are migrant housing quarters within the building, and zoning does not permit residential use. The Attorney questions on guidelines between agricultural and Processing. Justin Schnieder from Zoning spoke of current zoning regulations. Attorney Hoerauf would like feedback from the commissioners as to mapping, and possible solutions to zoning conflicts. Additional conversation was had on lack of permits, the Right to Farm Act, and the Department of Agriculture.

No additional discussion. Meeting closed at 10:19 a.m.

Karrie Hulme, County Clerk

Karen Moore, Chairperson

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