



## Gladwin County Board of Commissioners COW Minutes, June 22, 2021

The Gladwin County Board of Commissioners met for the Committee of the Whole Meeting, on June 22, 2021. Chairperson Karen Moore called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. All commissioners were present.

### Public Comment

\_ Commissioner Moore reminded residents that public Comment is for receiving information, not Q & A.

\_ Court Administrator Darrell Schlese introduced Mark Toaz as the new full-time administrator for Clare and Gladwin Counties. Mark shared a little about himself.

\_ Terry Schmunk from Grimm Township spoke about gypsy moths and the lack of a program in Gladwin County, stated many of the oak trees on Klender Rd. are stripped of the leaves and it is spreading. Spoke with Tristen Hewett of the Gladwin County Conservation District about this issue. Darlene Wiess, of Billings Township joined in public comment. She spoke to address the gypsy moth situation as well. It is difficult to go outside due to the droppings. The Board, County Attorney and Interim Administrator discussed how a gypsy moth issue can be addressed. The interim administrator will have a history report available for the next meeting.

\_ Joel Vernier of Secord Township, shared that the Gladwin County Council on Local Government meeting is Monday at 7:00 to discuss blight. Secord and Billings Townships are currently operating under a Point of Sale, shared issues with that process. Asked the Treasurer and the Interim Administrator to look into an escrow account through the County for property owners to help alleviate some of those issues. A new organization is being formed to address funding at the legislative level for dam repair and maintenance in our area. Information can be found at [restorethelakes.org](http://restorethelakes.org), please check them out.

No other comments

### City Administrator Report

#### County Affairs

1. 2020 Audit Presentation – Ken Talsma from Anderson, Tackman & Company PLC presented the 2020 Audit. He shared a little about the auditing process, types of opinions issued, and shared information on Assets, Liabilities, Net Position, etc., that were presented in the graphs created. A modified opinion was issued meaning that there is evidence to support any items questioned and that checks and balances are in place. Deferred outflows and actuarials were discussed.
2. Amended L-4046 & L-4037 to include Hay Township, Interim Administrator Maveal explained these documents were not included in the last presentation to the Board and need to be amended.
3. Veteran Service Fund Grant, Director Ken Roberts shared that the County Veterans Service Fund Grant will start October 1<sup>st</sup> of this year. He is asking permission from the Board to sign the Letter of Intent to make the State aware that we do plan to apply for the grant. House Bill 4122 was shared, explaining changes to the fund usage of the grant.
4. Veterans Memorial Fund Project, Director Ken Roberts discussed the condition of the current memorial. Thanked the board for use of the county property, shared the plan for fund management of this project, fund raising ideas, engineering, and the need to accept online & credit card donations.

**County Facilities and Transportation-**

**Data**

- 1. Scanner Purchase for the Clerk's Office, Commissioner Kyle Grove and Clerk Hulme shared the need for replacement scanners in the Clerks office. Quotes were reviewed by the data committee from three separate vendors.

**511 Council**

**Gladwin Parks and Recreation**

**Insurance**

**Memorial Restoration**

**MERS**

**Public Safety**

**Personnel**

- 1 – Temporary Part-time Court Security Officer, Interim Administrator discussed the shortage in staff at the Jail, and the need for security during Jury Trials. This will be a temporary, part time position.

**Finance**

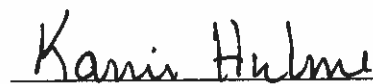
- 1 – Request to Attend Annual Conference, Clerk Hulme shared information on the 113<sup>th</sup> Annual MACC conference taking place in August in St Joseph, MI. She is requesting funding for this purpose.
- 2 – Request for Certified Electronic Operating (CEO) Certification for Ashley Longstreth, Clerk Hulme requested approval for reimbursement of the cost to be paid for CEO certification for the newly hired court clerk.

**Report from Civil Attorney –**

- 1- FLTF email was shared with the Commissioners regarding the lake bottoms. Guidelines were settled on for the use & preservation of the bottomlands. Asking for feedback on this information.
- 2- The Interim Administrator Employment Contract was discussed with the Board. Contract is basic, at will and defines the terms the position is covered under. Please let me know if you have questions or concerns.
- 3- Consultant Information report is not complete yet. There have been a lot of phone calls made, waiting to here back on some information.

No additional discussion.

Meeting closed at 10:23 a.m.



Karrie Hulme, County Clerk



Karen Moore, Chairperson

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