



The Gladwin County Board of Commissioners met for the Committee of the Whole Meeting, on April 13, 2021. Chairperson Karen Moore called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Roll was taken, Commissioner Kyle Grove attended virtually from Gladwin, Commissioner Rick Grove attended virtually from Englewood Florida; all other commissioners were present.

**Public Comment** Commissioner Moore reminded residents that Public comment is 5 minutes, and for information, not back and forth conversation.

\_ Gayle Reid, Sage Township - Gladwin MI. Questions about email communications with the county, were emails received, can the Commissioners meetings be rearranged so that a Commissioner does not have conflicting meetings, also had budget questions

\_ Kelly Bax, Coleman MI - stated concerns about commissioners voting during virtual meetings, also asked if District 3 residents would have the opportunity to meet with candidates, also asked about meeting in person.

\_ Diana Mella, Gladwin Township, Gladwin MI - access code given for call in was incorrect.

\_ Hugh Woodrow, Gladwin MI, Hay Township – submitted a letter to the County Commissioners, represents Tittabawassee Homeowners Association; sees no benefit of being in the special assessment district. Discussed differences in residents' assessments.

\_ Andre Shepcheck, Gladwin county Hay Township, Molasses River – asked about Private Property signs at the last meeting, wanted to be put on the agenda. Stated Four Lakes Task Force does not own these properties, they are public property and signs should be removed.

\_ Magistrate Elizabeth Post, Clare MI - District Court is looking to renew the request for Linda Hawkins due to the return to Level 1, COVID guidelines.

\_ Corrine Wood, Homestead Florida – expressed her support for Michael Szuch for the District 3 Seat.

\_ Chris Waugh, Gladwin MI – stated she had sent an email to the Commissioners via the county link, and asked that the Commissioners read the correspondents.

No other comments

**City Administrator Report** – none

### County Affairs

1. Statutory Equalization – Pete Preston, Equalization Director – Mr. Preston spoke about the March Board of Review, Accessed Property Values are at approx. \$1,346,000,000, Taxable Values are roughly \$1,480,000,000, that is an increase of approx. \$77,000,000 in market value. Chairperson Moore asked about comparisons to former years. Less accessed values than prior, but more turn over in homes.
2. 2020 Annual Drain Report and Office Updates, Terry Walters, Drain Commissioner – Chairperson Moore thanked Drain Commissioner Walters for his work. Terry gave an overview of the Wilford Solar Plan, work being conducted by Consumers and AT&T. Progress at Chapel Dam discussed, Spicers is

looking at Pratt Lake, Burleson & Davidson are working on communication with EGLE and the beaver dams are being taken care of. Commissioner Taylor commented on improved communications in the Drain Office, and commended Drain Commissioner Walters for his work.

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

1. Request for Formal Bid on Concrete– trying to redo the steps to correct leaking water from that area. Chairperson Moore thanked Commissioner Rick Grove for working on this project.
2. Annual garbage Update – Interim Administrator, annual process to review quotes.

### **Data –**

1. Interim Administrator Maveal – IT right service ticket put in for a broken monitor, due to the age of the Polycom, a purchase through Ebay is recommended. Seeking permission to use the county credit card to make this purchase. Chairperson Moore commented on former conversations about repairing the polycom system.

### **511 Council – none**

### **Gladwin Parks and Recreation – none**

### **Insurance – none**

### **Memorial Restoration - none**

### **MERS - none**

### **Public Safety –**

1. Full Time Corrections Officer positions, Laura Maveal – discussed previously at the March 23 meeting, and was able to make both positions cost neutral, positions have been posted. Chairperson Moore commented on the cost of overtime, and the importance of creating these positions.

### **Personnel**

1. District 3 Commissioners Seat – held meeting on April 9, received and reviewed applicants.
2. Houghton Lake Building Agency - Interim Administrator Maveal discussed an opportunity to share services for a building official, with the Houghton Lake Building Authority. Chairperson Moore asked about
3. District Court - extension of the contract with Linda Hawkins was discussed. Commissioner Taylor reminded residents of former conversation to allow this action based on COVID levels.

### **Finance**

1. USDA Grant Funding, Interim Administrator Maveal – two patrol vehicles were ordered in 2020, both vehicles came in the last week of March 2021, creating budget issues. USDA grant funding was able to be used for the first vehicle.
2. Budget Amendment – as a result of the above stated, both vehicles are cost neutral to the 2021 budget.
3. Advanced Dispatch School, Mike Brubaker – state certified dispatcher continuing education was discussed, cost \$699 from state funds, no cost to the county.
4. Welcome Signs, Interim Administrator Maveal – Mr. Balzer is seeking funding to place signage, review of invoice submitted for this purpose. Chairperson Moore discussed former assistance to the EDC.

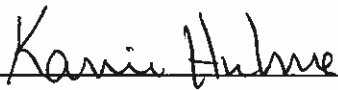
5. Spring Conference, Animal Control – Animal Control Officer Maveal is requesting permission to attend the annual conference in Mackinac Island. Commissioner Taylor explained that the funds are already allocated, no cost to the general fund, and very beneficial.
6. MI Sheriffs Association, Interim Administrator Maveal - \$150 has already paid, no cost to the general fund.
7. Colt Armorer School for Sgt. Gruhzit, Interim Administrator Maveal - Training issued for Sgt. Gruhzit to be able to conduct training.
8. Proposed Taser Contract, Interim Administrator Maveal – Sgt. Gruhzit expressed the need for new tasers due to failing equipment. This purchase will be eligible for a \$3000 reimbursement from MMRMA.
9. 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2021 Budget Amendments, Interim Administrator Maveal – small amounts needing to be adjusted, presented to the board for review. Chairperson Moore asked about the \$7000+ in miscellaneous expense adjustments. Interim Administrator Maveal explained an actuary study being completed, Clerk Hulme explained the current contract with Election Source and for the training of new staff. Commissioner Grove asked about, overtime hours, Clerk Hulme explained those are hourly wages as a result of being under staffed.
10. Annual Ammunition Purchase, Undersheriff Ray Hartwell – Request for an increase to the annual ammunition purchase. Chairperson Moore asked about pricing and inventory requirements; Commissioner Kyle Grove asked about time restraints.

**Report from Civil Attorney –**

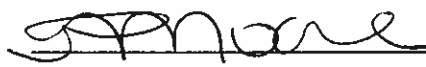
Attorney Hoerauf reported the grievances have been resolved, negotiation summaries are in process, anticipate closed session meeting for negotiation strategy, insurance reports on flooding are being received, zoning on AmeraHemp pre-trial hearing scheduled, initial disclosures have been filed.

Commissioner Moore extended local emergency order to remain remote, will be proposing an in-person meeting for the next meeting based on the most recent orders/guidelines in the State. Would be in compliance as long as we are socially distanced and wearing masks. Attorney Hoerauf concurred.

No additional discussion. Meeting closed at 10:15 a.m.



Karrie Hulme, County Clerk



Karen Moore, Chairperson

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