



The Gladwin County Board of Commissioners met for the Committee of the Whole Meeting, on July 27, 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

_Marietta Sprott discussed e coli in ross lake, possible causes and the runoff from agricultural properties. Also touched on the "point of sale" conversation taking place at the county and its relation to the e coli issue.

_Joel Vernier, discussed Isabella County moving forward with their "point of sale" and the positive impact on their water ways, and how we could make this an easier process. He is asking that the county continue to consider a county wide point of sale

No other comments

City Administrator Report – none

County Affairs

1. Gypsy Moth Program and proposed millage language - Interim Administrator Maveal and Attorney Hoerauf discussed the options for a millage proposal and the recommendation based on referencing the statutes. Further discussion was had on why a flat rate proposal is not being recommended and the cost / timeline of the process.
2. Transfer of America Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds – Interim Administrator Maveal & Treasurer Van Tiem discussed the loss of revenues in 2020 based on 2019 baseline, and how those funds can be recovered under this initial ARPA funding. Additional conversation on the disbursement of the ARPA funds to grow state revenue sharing, the pay down of capital improvement loans, and contributions to community improvements to show upward direction in Gladwin County to the State.

County Facilities and Transportation- none

Data –

1. Network Connectivity Project for Animal Control – Commissioner K. Grove discussed the connection of Animal Control to the server in real time for the purpose if finance control.

511 Council – none

Gladwin Parks and Recreation – none

Insurance - none

Memorial Restoration - none

MERS - none

Public Safety – none

Personnel - Due to time restraints for District Court, Chairperson Moore asked to hear the request for continued employment first.

1. Request for continued employment of Linda Hawkins – Judge Farrell and Magistrate Post thanked the Board for their continued support on this matter. Judge Farrell provided an update on the current COVID related backlogs, the need for the additional staffing and the CER Certification that Ms. Hawkins possesses. Additional conversation was had about proposed hours, and the workload anticipated for Jury Trials. Discussion was had on funding options, how Clare County is addressing this in their court, the difference in CER v. CEO certification, and the Statutory relationship/retirement of this position.
2. Letter of Understanding, UAW Local 1974 Unit – Attorney Hoerauf discussed a civil letter of agreement for a “temporary” Building Official in the absence of our Current Building Official. The agreement is not currently within the Union Recognition Language.
3. Request for payment of unused time & benefits for Laura Maveal – Attorney Hoerauf explained the request for payout, compared to the Nonunion Employee Benefits Manual, and her opinion that the request complies with the manual. Further conversation was had on the lack of a contract for the Interim Administrator, and how this request did or did not comply.

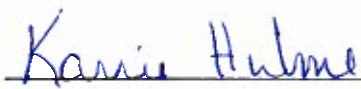
Finance

1. Approval of the FY2022 MI Indigent Defense Commission Grant Award - Interim Administrator Maveal discussed the grant funding process through Clare County fiduciary. Additional explanation was given by Chairperson Moore.
2. Advance from Unallocated Fund 516 to the General Fund for payment of expenses - Interim Administrator Maveal discussed the August tax collection in relation to the advancement of funds to cover General Fund expenses. Commissioner Taylor explained this is a standard process.
4. Request from the Animal Control Committee to establish a project fund with the Gladwin County Community Foundation, - Interim Administrator Maveal discussed the request, and explained it is specifically used for donations.

Report from Civil Attorney –

1. Interim Administrator Contract revisions were discussed. Further conversation was had on the lack of this contract prior to date. The Nonunion Employee Benefit Manual was referenced in relation to the lack of prior contract.
2. County Administrator selection process was mentioned, asking how the Board plans to move forward.
3. County Administrator Employment Contract – will be discussed in closed session during the Board Meeting.
4. Union Negotiations – will be discussed in closed session during the Board Meeting.

No additional discussion. Meeting closed at 10:30 a.m.



Karrie Hulme, County Clerk



Karen Moore, Chairperson

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