



The Gladwin County Board of Commissioners met for a regular Board Meeting, on September 14, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 10:46 a.m. by Chairperson Karen Moore. The Pledge of Allegiance was said, roll was called, all commissioners were present.

**The Board reviewed the Consent Agenda –**

The Board reviewed the consent agenda. Motion made by Commissioner Taylor to accept the agenda as written; Seconded by Commissioner Rick Grove, all in favor, motion carried.

**Cash balances** were read by Commissioner Taylor. General Fund balance of \$69,1028.19 before payment of the bills.

**Communications**

**Finance**

- 1 - Commissioner Taylor made a motion to allow continued employment of Linda Hawkins for the requested six weeks, to be paid from budget amendments of \$2,700 as follows, \$500 from line item 101.136.804 and \$2,200 from line item 101.136.860. Seconded by Commissioner K. Grove; Additional conversation was had on the request, all in favor, motion carried.
- 2 - Commissioner Taylor made a motion to allow Lucy Zeestraten to work Mondays through the remainder of the year. Seconded by Commissioner Szuch; all in favor, motion carried.
- 3 - Commissioner Szuch made a motion to allow Undersheriff Hartwell to fill a vacant position at the Jail Seconded by Commissioner Taylor; all in favor, motion carried.
- 4 – Commissioner Taylor made a motion to allow the Sheriff to purchase 80 Uniform Law Citation books in the amount of \$1,120.00 from line item 101.301.727. Seconded by Commissioner Szuch; all in favor, motion carried.
- 5 – Commissioner K. Grove made a motion to pay out unused vacation time to Dee Lindman in the amount of \$606.55 from line item 101.136.706. Seconded by Commissioner Taylor; all in favor, motion carried.
- 6 – Commissioner Szuch made a motion to approve Mark Justin to join the Michigan Association of County Administrative Officers, membership in the amount of \$190.00 from line item 101.101.801 Seconded by Commissioner K. Grove; all in favor, motion carried.
- 7 – Commissioner Szuch made a motion to accept an estimate for the repair of a damaged patrol vehicle from line item 101.301.932. Seconded by Commissioner Taylor.

Additional conversation was had on which estimate was being approved.

Commissioner Szuch amended his motion to approve the lowest estimate for the repair of a damaged patrol vehicle from line item 101.301.932. The amended motion was second by Commissioner Taylor; all in favor, motion carried.

- 8 – Commissioner R. Grove made a motion to approve the emergency repair estimate from Valley Roofing. Seconded by Commissioner Kyle Grove. Additional conversation was had on the needed repairs; all in favor, motion carried.

9 – Commissioner Taylor made a motion to approve Justin Schneider’s request for a budget transfer in the amount of \$185 from line 101-371-932 to line item 101.371.801 to cover license renewal expenses. Seconded my Commissioner Szuch. Additional conversation was had on why this expense was not accounted for in this line item already. All in favor, motion carried.

10 – Commissioner Taylor made a motion to allow the County Clerk to appoint Julie Jackson as Chief Deputy Clerk, wages to come from line item 101.215.704; Seconded by Commissioner Szuch. All in favor, motion carried.

**Committee Meetings** were approved with the approval of the Agenda.

### **New Business**

1. Conversation was had on the recommended candidates, the selection process of the party chairs, and the voting process.

Commissioner voted allowed, per the Open Meetings Act to fill vacancies on the County Board of Canvassers as follows:

Commissioner Kyle Grove:	D- Linda Clark	R- Linda Hart
Commissioner Ron Taylor:	D- Linda Clark	R- Linda Hart
Commissioner Michael Szuch:	D- Linda Clark	R- Linda Hart
Commissioner Karen Moore:	D- Linda Clark	R- Linda Hart
Commissioner Rick Grove:	D- Linda Clark	R- Linda Hart

Commissioner Moore made a motion to affirm the vote to appoint Democratic candidate Linda Clark, and Republican candidate Linda Hart to the Gladwin County Board of Canvassers; seconded by Commissioner Taylor. All in favor, motion carried.

### **Chairperson Comments**

- Chairperson Moore spoke to address the following:
  - She has been very busy looking into ARPA funds.
  - 24<sup>th</sup> of September is the Gladwin Area Artist Guild is hosting an Art Walk

### **Board Comments**

Commissioner Kyle Grove, District 1 –

- Townships are doing fine
- Asked the Administrator to look into Grant Training Opportunities

Commissioner Ron Taylor, District 2 –

- Aug. 25<sup>th</sup> was the Health Department meeting; mask mandates were a big topic of conversation.
- Sept 7<sup>th</sup> met with Dave Pettersch and Terry Walters to discuss drain issues.
- Gladwin City meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> as well.
- Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> Sage township meeting.
- Sept 9<sup>th</sup> was the Airport meeting.

Commissioner Michael Szuch, District 3 –

- Last night he attended Billings and Bentley Township meetings.
- Today is Grim and Bourret Township meetings, Secord Township next week.

- Met last Saturday with some residents on the west side of Secord Lake. Conversation was had on extending West River Drive. Residents are asking FLTF position on the road being a thru put.
- Met with Administrator Justin and looking forward to working with him. Commissioner Szuch inquired about formalizing the administrative structure moving forward.
- Commissioner Szuch gave his views on the annual call for projects.

Commissioner Moore, District 4 –

- Thank you to the Commissioners for being present for the Council of Local Government meeting.
- Has been attending Gladwin Business Association meetings.
- Attended Tobacco Township meeting last night with conversation on ariel spraying.
- Looking into information on ARPA funds.

Commissioner Rick Grove, District 5 –

- Beaverton Township meeting last night, concerns over the grow facility was a topic of conversation.
- Attended the Council of Local Government meeting.
- Grout Township meeting tonight.

### **Administrators Report -**

### **Public Comment -**

- Mary Moylan of Beaverton shared her enjoyment of the meetings.

- Ken Roberts, of Tobacco Township spoke to address the needs in District Court. He talked about emergent needs, and his views on the continued extension of employment of Linda Hawkins.

- Treasurer VanTiem asked if the board was wanting to move \$86,770.40 of the ARPA funds to cover additional lost revenues.

Commissioner Moore made a motion to take lost revenue ARPA Funds and move them to the county building preservation fund, in the amount of \$86,770.40, and to pay Lucy Zeestraten one day a week for the remainder of the year from these funds. Seconded by Commissioner Taylor. All in favor, motion carried.

-Sheriff Shea spoke about mask mandates, and the recent lack of guidance from the State.

No other public comment.

1. Compensation Discussion for Corrections Employees – *Executive Session*
2. Legal – Union Negotiations – *Executive Session*  
(per MLC 15.268c regarding Union negotiation / compensation, a 2/3 roll call vote is not required)

Commissioner Taylor made a motion to go into closed session for Compensation Discussion and Union Negotiations; Seconded by Commissioner K. Grove. Roll call vote, 5-Y 0-N motion carried.

Closed session entered at 11.46 a.m.

Commissioner Taylor made a motion to go back into open session; Seconded by Commissioner Szuch. All in favor, motion carried at 12:45 p.m.

Motion made by Commissioner Szuch to allow Sheriff Shea to authorize paid administrative leave for employees affected by the recent health situation. Support by Commissioner Taylor; All in favor, motion carried.

Discussion was had on scheduling a special meeting for Thursday Sept 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 8:30 a.m., to continue closed session Union Negotiations.

A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner \_\_KG\_\_. All in favor, meeting adjourned at 12:53.

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Karrie Hulme, County Clerk

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Karen Moore, Chairperson