



The Gladwin County Board of Commissioners met for the Committee of the Whole Meeting, on September 14, 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

_Jessica Amen, Vice President of Gladwin County Chamber of Commerce, introduced the new Executive Director, Jenna Smith. Jenna introduced herself, shared her excitement for growing the Chamber, and invited everyone to attend their launch party on Wed Sept 29th, from 5 – 7:00 p.m.

No other public comments

City Administrator Report – none

County Affairs

1. CMHCM Annual Update – John Obermesik and Sarah Miceli-Sorensen provided their annual update to the Board of Commissioners. John shared some history and statistics of Community Mental Health as well as services offered through CMHCM programs. Information was shared on their budget and funding. John asked the commission to joint them in support of a resolution to oppose two legislative proposals “that would undermine local control of the public behavioral health system”. Sarah Introduced herself, discussed the impacts of COVID on CMH staff and recipients of services, shared the changes that were made for providing services through a pandemic and two success stories.
2. Zettel Memorial Airport Tree Removal – Commissioner Taylor shared some information on the Airports inspection and that the airport was “Red Flagged” due to trees that need to be removed. Discussion was had on how to move forward to resolve the issue, and the cost associated with the process.
3. Board of Canvassers Member Election – Clerk Hulme explained the statute requirements for electing members to the County Board of Canvassers, along with the requirements of the Open Meetings Act. Basic credentials of the candidates were given to the Board along with communications from two of the candidates. Mary Moylan, Republican Party Chair, shared her process for candidate selection.
4. ARPA Funds - Administrator Justin discussed the process for soliciting projects under the ARPA fund guidelines. Discussion was had on forming a committee, comparisons were made to other counties processes, and how to provide and receive information from the community. Further discussion was had about Michigan Association of Counties involvement and recommendations for the process.

County Facilities and Transportation- none

Data – none

511 Council – none

Gladwin Parks and Recreation – none

Insurance - none

Memorial Restoration - none

MERS - none

Public Safety – none

Personnel

1. Funding for District Court employee Linda Hawkins –discussion was had on the information that was provided in the board packet including adjustments in the District Court budget.
2. Appointment of Julie Jackson as Chief Deputy Clerk - Clerk Hulme notified the Board that she had chosen to appoint Deputy Clerk Julie Jackson, as Chief Deputy Clerk in the County Clerk's Office effective 09/13/2021 and reminded the Board that the difference in wages had already been accounted for in the 2021 budget, so there would be no additional expense to the County. Conversation was had on the reasoning and timeline of the appointment.

Finance

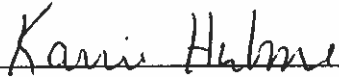
1. Extension of the employment contract for Lucy Zeestraten to include Mondays through 12/31/2021 – Drain Commissioner Walters discussed the need for additional help in the Drain Office due to current projects. Additional conversation was had on funding this request and the impact drain issues are having on county residents.
2. L-4029 form for Gypsy Moth Assessment – Pete Preston discussed the winter levy, the need for a new L-4029 if the Gypsy Moth millage passes, and millage's that will be expiring in 2022.
3. Permission to fill Deputy position vacated by Deputy Green – Commissioner Moore reminded the board that a former motion was made to approve ongoing hiring at the Sheriff's Office
4. Purchase of Uniform Law Citations was discussed. Updated statutory information is on the new Citation books
5. Dee Lindeman's request for the payout of unused vacation time was discussed.
6. Membership approval for County Administrator Mark Justin to join Michigan Association of Counties was discussed. Membership cost is \$190 per year.
7. Estimates for the repair of a damaged patrol car were discussed. Undersheriff Ray Hartwell provided three quotes to the board. Discussion was had on the quotes.
8. Compensation Discussion for Corrections Employees will be had in Closed Session.
9. Estimate from Valley Roofing for emergency repairs -Commissioner Rick Grove discussed the cause and need for repairs to the chimney.
10. Budget Amendment for Justin Schneider – Conversation was had on the budget transfer request of \$185 from Construction Codes, Vehicle Repair line to Travel and Training to cover the cost of training.

Report from Civil Attorney –

1. General Report: No response from the Road Commission on the small cell wireless question, possibly taking this to the Planning Commission.
2. Opioid Litigation: A settlement amount was approved of roughly \$4 billion. As part of the class action, some of that may trickle back to the county.
3. Zoning Map Amendments: this is the second leg of the Marijuana business, maps are currently being reviewed by the Zoning Department, recommendation is expected in October.

4. Time of Transfer: Follow up was done by the Attorney and the Treasurer on the Treasurer's Office acting as the custodian of funds belonging to the township resulting from a time of transfer. The Attorney has advised the Treasurer that this is at her discretion.
5. Drain Commissioner's Bond for the former Drain Commissioner was discussed, MMRMA's explanation of the bond was and Attorney Hoerauf's opinion on recovering that bond was shared. Additional conversation was had on the Consent Judgement and what the commissioners can do to help the Drain Commissioners office.
6. Union Negotiations – *Executive Session*

No additional discussion. Meeting closed at 10.38 a.m.



Karrie Hulme, Clerk



Karen Moore, Chairperson