GLADWIN COUNTY APPORTIONMENT COMMISSION 2021

Wednesday, September 22, 2021 Minutes

A regular meeting of the Gladwin County Apportionment Commission was called to order by Chairperson Van Tiem at 11:07 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Members Present: Treasurer VanTiem, Clerk Hulme, Rep. Chair Moylan, Dem. Chair Fields

Absent: Prosecutor Miller

Others Present: Tim Mester, Billings Township, and Joel Vernier, Secord Township

A motion was made by Karrie Hulme to correct the previously approved minutes from Sept 8, 2021, by replacing the first two words of the minutes from "The Organizational" to "A Regular". Seconded by Mary Moylan; all in favor motion carried

A motion was made by Michael Fields to approve the corrected minutes from Sept 15, 2021 with the addition of the word "on" in sec. 6. Seconded by Mary Moylan; all in favor motion carried.

The appointment of Mary Moylan as Chair of the Republican Party was discussed. Clerk Hulme will print the emailed communication from former Chair Corrine Wood and keep it with 2021 Apportionment documentation.

Maps from 1991 and 2001 showing the seven former districts were presented. Discussion was had on the county population vs. the number of districts, as well as the roles and responsibilities of the Commissioners. Additional conversation was had on the financial aspects associated with the number of commissioners.

Joel Vernier was invited to share his opinions on the topic as a former commissioner, and the Commissioner of District 3, having five townships.

Conversation was had that there is a high financial concern over having seven commissioners, and a high efficiency concern over having only five. The option of having six districts was discussed. Research will be done on how an even number of commissioners avoids a tie vote, and maps will be worked on for this option.

Public Comment: Joel Vernier and Tim Mester both thanked the Commission for their work.

A motion was made to adjourn by Christy Van Tiem; seconded by Mary Moylan, all in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:51.

Christy Van Tiem, Chairperson

Karrie Hulme, County Clerk