



Gladwin County Board of Commissioners Board Minutes, January 25, 2022

Kyle Grove, District 1, (Sherman, Butman, Clement, Gladwin Twp.)
Ron Taylor, District 2, Vice-Chairperson (Sage and Gladwin City)
Michael Szuch District 3, (Bentley, Billings, Bourret, Grim & Secord)
Karen Moore, District 4, Chairperson (Buckeye, Hay & Tobacco)
Rick Grove, District 5, (Grout, Beaverton City, Beaverton)

The Gladwin County Board of Commissioners met for the regular Board meeting, on January 25, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairperson Karen Moore. The Pledge of Allegiance was said, all commissioners were present.

Public Comment – Agenda Items

Brian Harrison, Executive Director of Therapy Services, AdvisaCare, addressed the Board asking for support in asking Legislature to address some concerns with the 2019 Auto Insurance Reform Act.

No other public comment.

City Administrator Report

Nancy Bodner from the City of Gladwin shared the following information:

ESA Solar Development Services contacted the city about leasing some land for solar power.

North Park pavilion Lease will be renewed this year.

May 14th will be Hazardous Waste Day.

Disc Golf at the park had 416 rounds played the first year, these are only the games recorded on the app.

Historical Society Museum roof is in really bad shape and in need of being replaced.

The Board reviewed the Consent Agenda –

Motion made by Commissioner Taylor to accept the agenda as written, supported by Commissioner K. Grove; all in favor, motion carried.

Reading of Cash Balances

Commissioner Taylor read the cash balances as \$89,761.82 before the payment of bills.

Approval of the Board Minutes:

1. January 11, 2022, Regular Board Meeting
2. January 6, 2022, Special Board Organizational Meeting

Communications - None

Finance Reports/Claims and Accounts General Fund

1. Request for Approval of Gypsy Moth Support Plan – Administrator Mark Justin Shared the details of the plan presented including the cost of the program for the first year. The only additional cost will be mileage. Anticipated start date of Feb 14h for initial staff. Administrator Justin is asking approval of the plan including the hiring of Chris Haupt
Commissioner R. Grove made a motion to approve the Gypsy Moth Support Plan. Seconded by Commissioner Szuch. All in favor, motion carried.
2. Request for Approval of indirect cost billing for Gladwin County – Administrator Mark Justin shared the details of indirect cost billing.
Commissioner Taylor made a motion to approve indirect cost billing, Seconded by Commissioner K. Grove. Additional conversation on what those funds are. All in favor, motion carried.
3. Additional CESF Grant for courts – Court Administrator, Mark Toaz shared some information on the Courts intended use of additional CESF Grant Funding. Asking for the approval to submit the application for Grant Funding.
Commissioner Taylor Made a motion to approve the additional CESF Grant. Seconded by Commissioner Moore. All in favor, motion carried.
4. Discussion of funding for two new patrol vehicles for Sheriff’s Department. Administrator Mark Justin shared the priority of the need for these vehicles, how the County may fund them, and the following:
 - a. Vehicle cost (per vehicle) \$52,000
 - b. USDA Grant funding \$17,000 (per vehicle)
 - c. Need is \$35,000 per vehicleCommissioner R. Grove made a motion to approve the plan for funding of two new patrol vehicles. Seconded by Commissioner Taylor. All in favor, motion carried.

Committee Meetings/Reports

1. Committee of the Whole December 28, 2021

Miscellaneous - None

New Business

1. Gladwin County Road Commission projects >\$100,000. Dave Pettersch, Manager of the Gladwin County Road Commission introduced some new employees at the Road Commission and shared some information on their 2022 Project List and some general updates.
Commissioner Taylor made a motion to approve the Road Commission’s Projects for 2022 over \$100,000. Seconded by Commissioner Szuch. All in favor, motion carried.
2. Discussion of a Board Resolution for 2019 Auto Insurance Reform Act Resolution at the request of Brian Harrison, Executive Director of Therapy Services, AdvisaCare. Brian shared his concerns with current legislature and the continued advocacy to address these concerns. Commissioner Moore has sought additional input from Speaker Jason Wentworth; the Board is not prepared to act on this item today.
3. Gladwin County Law Enforcement Percentage of Service Report – Dispatch Command, Mike Brubaker shared some information on Dispatch operations over the last two years, including details of where the numbers are generated.

Chair Comments

Chairperson Moore introduced Bill G. Schutte, running for State Representative for the 95th District, which in part, includes Midland County and a small portion of Gladwin County. Mr. Schutte shared his thoughts on how our region can move forward. Freedom, Values and Future are the three areas he believes are needed to focus in order to move forward. Chairperson Moore shared her thoughts on Mr. Schutte's inclusion of Gladwin County when he speaks of moving forward.

Board Comments

1. Kyle Grove, District 1:
 - Has been attending the Township and Personnel meetings.
 - Sherman is still looking into their low Census Numbers and what they can do about it.
2. Ron Taylor, District 2:
 - 12th sage township, discussion on ARPA and Roads.
 - 13th Airport meeting, next spring they will start replacing all of the lights.
 - 18th Met with Bob North on a discussion about wells going dry.
 - 18th Veterans Meeting, starting the fundraising for the new memorial.
 - 20th Local Planning Team (LPT) Meeting through the Emergency Managers Office.
3. Michael Szuch, District 3:
 - Two township meetings were cancelled due to Covid, did attend Bentley,
 - Personnel meeting
 - Will be watching the Governors State of the State Address to see if FLTF is mentioned.
4. Karen Moore, District 4:
 - Emergency management conversation on wells data we continue to ask for is how can we separate well issues due to the Lake issues.
 - EDC meeting tomorrow at 8:30, looking at how we can broaden our Economic Development.
 - Hazard Mitigation plan is being worked on.
 - Feb 10th is Legislative Breakfast, Feb 11th is the next breakfast starting at 7:30 a.m.
 - Fair board is back to meeting, 2 more snowmobile races coming up.
 - Adult Prom has been cancelled.
 - Wixom Lake clean-up is underway. Next gathering is this Saturday, with a Euchre tournament to follow.
5. Rick Grove, District 5:
 - Grout Township discussed the Cemetery Issues. Mrs. Woodbury has moved, Julie Beck has been appointed trustee,
 - Airport meeting, discussion was had on drainage and brush removal.

Administration Reports

Administrator Justin discussed ARPA Project submissions, and the preparation of the steering committee to meet soon to review the anticipated 23-25 project submissions. Currently working through the Grant Writing course, have attended the first two modules.

Public Comment

- Joel Vernier, Secord Township Supervisor – likes the new Board meeting format. Gave thanks to Mark Justin for sending out a notice of attendance to the hazard mitigation meetings in order to be eligible for FEMA funding. Council of Local Government invites Mark Justin to return for a Q&A on ARPA Funding at Billings Township Hall on Feb 28th, at 7:00 p.m. Guest are welcome to arrive at 6:30 for an opportunity to socialize.

No other Public Comment.

Legal – Civil Attorney

1. Status on various Union CBA's – Commissioner Moore shared some information from Attorney Hoerauf asking the Board to approve the signing of various CBA agreements by the Chair. Motion by Commissioner Taylor to allow Chairperson Moore to sign Dispatch, Deputies and Unit 7 agreements. Seconded by Commissioner Szuch; all in favor motion carried.

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner K. Grove; all in favor, meeting adjourned at 10:33 a.m.



Karrie Hulme, County Clerk



Karen Moore, Chairperson

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