



Gladwin County Board of Commissioners Board Minutes, March 08, 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 March 08, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairperson Moore. The Pledge of Allegiance was said, all commissioners were present.

Public Comment – Agenda Items

- Kelly Bax, Coleman MI, addressed the board to voice her concerns regarding Four Lakes Task Force's (FLTF) proposed funding.
- Hue Woodrow, Hay Township, addressed the Board to share his concerns over a potential increase in assessments, and how those assessments are calculated.
- Tony Bax, Coleman MI, voiced his concerns over potential increases to the assessment on his property in Tobacco Township, and shared thoughts on potential government funding for this purpose
- Garry Booth voiced his concerns over the Boards vote on the financing proposed by FLTF.
- Bob Huntoon, Wixom Lake, shared his view on the Boards responsibility of voting on the funding option being by FLTF.
- Robert Libby, stated he cannot afford more taxes, please vote "no".
- Carol Healey, Smallwood Lake, shared that she is afraid of losing her property. Asked the board to please vote "no".
- Jeff Sorenson, Secord Lake Association, shared some ideas on how money and awareness could be raised around the Lakes issues. Some ideas on the proposed 250,000,000 funding and asked that everyone listen to the proposal of FLTF.
- Fred Lockwood, Smallwood Lake, shared his appreciation on the work being done, but is in support of postponing any decision until the final numbers are in.
- Karen Price, Molasses River, this is an environmental impact that effects everyone. U.S. Army Core of Engineer reports, and all information, should be considered before a decision is made.
- Chuck Sikora, Secord Lake, stated that many lakes in MI have a Special Assessment District (SAD).
- No other public comment.

City Administrator Report

Nancy Bodner from the City of Gladwin shared that the city met last night and will start getting bids to take down the old community building. Also, the school is talking about taking down the old Junior High School and adding on at the High School.

The Board reviewed the Consent Agenda –

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

Reading of Cash Balances

Commissioner Taylor read the cash balances as \$114,192.99 before the payment of bills.

Approval of the Board Minutes:

1. February 22, 2022, Regular Board Meeting

Communications – None

Finance Reports/Claims and Accounts General Fund

1. Request for Approval for Dispatcher Jennifer Madison to attend “Dispatch Leadership” Training– 911 Director, Michael Brubaker

Motion made by Commissioner Taylor to approve Dispatcher Jennifer Madison to attend “Dispatch Leadership” Training on 4/11/2022. Cost of \$125 from line 282-000-804-001, Dispatch Training fund, to include hotel, food, and mileage reimbursement. Seconded by Commissioner K. Grove, all in favor, motion carried.

2. Request for Approval for Dispatcher Karee Barlow to attend PSAP Manager School – 911 Director, Michael Brubaker

Motion made by Commissioner K. Grove to approve Dispatcher Karee Barlow to attend PSAP Manager School in Ann Arbor, MI on April 6th – 7th. Cost of \$299, from 282-000-804.001, Dispatch Training fund, to include hotel, food, and mileage reimbursement. Seconded by Commissioner Taylor, all in favor, motion carried.

3. BSA Training – Treasurer, Christy VanTiem is requesting approval of \$3945, for Tax and General Ledger training, over a two-day period, through BS&A.

Motion made by Commissioner R, Grove to approve BS&A Training for the Treasures Office staff, Local Treasurers and County Department Heads in the amount of \$3945 from 101-101-860.000, as a transfer from the unallocated tax line as a credit to 101-000-699.516 and a debit to 516-000-999.101. Seconded by Commissioner Taylor, all in favor, motion carried.

4. Request for Approval of Budget Amendments for the 2021 Budget – County Treasurer, Christy VanTiem

Motion made by Commissioner Taylor to approve the 2021 Budget Amendments as presented. Seconded by Commissioner K. Grove, all in favor, motion carried.

5. Explanation on the amended Budget for Sheriff’s Department expenditures included in the previous motion for 2021- Administrator Justin shared the following information on the request:

- a. \$570 (reference #4301947) paid to Delta College for training
- b. \$375 (reference INUS007256) paid to Axon Enterprise for training
- c. \$50 (reference #430318) paid to Delta College for training

6. Discussion of Four Lakes Task Force request for Gladwin County to sign resolution pledging Full Faith and Credit for short-term Grant Anticipation note.

Dave Kepler of Four Lakes Task Force, and Joe Colaianne of Clark Hill PLC, introduced themselves to the Board; they are asking the Commissioners to approve the proposed plan for financing, and Full Faith and Credit on a Grant Anticipation Note. Mr. Kepler shared some

information on current financials, anticipated grant funding, and the purpose of their request. Attorney Colaianne shared additional information on the Bond process, and how the Boards approval would impact that interest rate. Mr. Kepler then shared the complications and burden of holding up restoration projects, due to waiting on the approval of the proposed grant funding from the State. Clarity was given that if the proposed state funding does not get approved, then no Note or Bond would be taken out. Additional clarity was given that no tax dollars have been spent by FLTF, to date. All funding has been private donations and grants. An assessment roll and structure would not need to be approved until around June. Attorney Colaianne explained steps in the SAD process.

Motion made by Commissioner Szuch to sign a Full Faith and Credit resolution, seconded by Commissioner K. Grove. 4 – eyes, 1- nay by Commissioner R. Grove, resolution approved.

Committee Meetings/Reports

1. Gladwin County Planning Commission Minutes from 12/2/2021

Miscellaneous - None

New Business

1. Request for approval of Region 3 Emergency Management/Homeland Security third party Fiduciary Agent Resolution for 2022. - Emergency Manager, Bob North shared some information on the finance tracking process for emergency management. Resolution proposed by Commissioner Taylor to approve Region 3 Emergency Management/Homeland Security Third Party Fiduciary Agent Resolution for 2022. Seconded by Commissioner Szuch. Roll call vote, 5- Ayes, 0 - Ney, resolution approved.
2. Presentation of Drain Commissioner's Annual Report. – Drain Commissioner, Terry Walters and Deputy Drain Commissioner, Lucy Zeestraten shared information on the drain statuses, and progress of the Drain Commissioners Office. Motion to receive and file made by Commissioner K. Grove, seconded by Commissioner Szuch. All in favor, motion carried.

Chair Comments

- I heard that people are scared, but the explanation was clear; the resolution approved today did not put an assessment on your property. FLTF is the Delegated Authority, seek firsthand information from them.

Board Comments

1. Kyle Grove, District 1:
 - Meetings start tomorrow
2. Ron Taylor, District 2:
 - 23rd of Feb, Health Board, presentation on infant in home health care
 - 2nd of March, Pratt Lake Authority Board, permit approval for the Drain Commissioners Office

- 2nd of March, City Council Meeting, a lot going on at the City, one of them being the Gladwin Bowling team won state
3. Michael Szuch, District 3:
 - Grim & Bourret meetings tonight
 - Monday was Billings & Bentley
 - Wednesday the 16th is Secord Township
 - Attended the FLTF meeting in Midland
 4. Karen Moore, District 4:
 - ARPA Steering Committee is meeting weekly
 - Council of Local Government had Chris Haupt present on the Gypsy Moth Program
 - Beaverton Fire Board meeting last night, Phil Andrist was named new fire Chief in Beaverton.
 5. Rick Grove, District 5:
 - Spot treatment for residents bordering state land for Moth
 - City of Beaverton is busy with road projects, they gave a zoning approval on a garage, and the Beaverton fire department named Phill Andrist as Fire Chief.
 - Animal Control is still looking at building a new facility in the future.
 - Grout Township meeting tonight

Administration Reports

- Administrator Justin shared his thoughts on the issues we find with our lakes. The County takes these issues very seriously, and he appreciates the public comments.
- ARPA Projects are more than half way through their review.
- Preliminary work has been done on the annual audit
- Council of Local Government meeting last week.
- Grant writing course update given.

Public Comment

- Chuck Sikora, shared that his granddaughter wants to be an anthropologist as a preface to the news that Gypsy Moth is now named a Spongy Moth
- Hugh Woodrow, Hay Township, Heil Rd. had been taken out due to a dam failure and improper wall installation at Black Creek; this is dangerous in an emergency. He would like to see this addressed. Also, shared his views on cost overruns from the dams.
- Kelly Bax, Coleman MI– Stated that she believes three commissioners broke the law by not allowing public comment before a vote on the FLTF resolution. She stated that FLTF lied, and residents will have to pay.
- Brain Harrison of AdvisaCare, addressed the Board again today regarding the Auto Insurance Reform and their request for the Board to approve a resolution.
- Karen Price, reiterated, yes, people are scared. It is important that we find the truth.
- Tony Bax, Coleman MI, shared his concerns that an assessment will be waged of State funding is not approved.
- Carol Healey, Smallwood Lake, shared that her big concern is an assessment placed on a SAD.
- No other Public Comment.

Legal – Civil Attorney

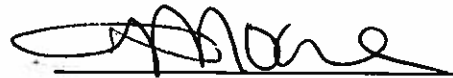
1. Norway Street in Hay Township is wrapping up. Drain Commissioner will send over his consent.
2. Jail collections defaults are being sent out.
3. Foreclosure lawsuit involving Gladwin County - release of lien has been given.
4. Corrections Command Group will get straightened out.

Commissioner R. Grove shared his understanding for the concern of our residents regarding the FLTF, and stated "Our hearts are with you".

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner K. Grove, seconded by Commissioner Szuch; meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.



Karrie Hulme, County Clerk



Karen Moore, Chairperson

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