



Gladwin County Board of Commissioners Board Minutes, April 29, 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 a Special Board Meeting, on April 29, 2022, to review ARPA Project Requests. The meeting was called to order at 1:02 p.m. by Chairperson Karen Moore. The Pledge of Allegiance was said, roll was called, Commissioner Szuch will be late, Commission K. Grove was absent for roll call. All other commissioners were present.

Commissioner K Grove arrived at 1:04

Administrator Justin ask about setting up future meetings. Conversation was had; the next three dates will be as follows:

Friday, May 6th 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday, May 18th 9:00 to 12:00 a.m.
Friday, June 3rd, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Administrator, Justin asked the commissioners to think about how much they would like to allocate toward ARPA projects, how much they would like to keep in reserve, and do they want to put funds toward the needs at the jail. Current available funds are \$2.9 mill.

Clerk Hulme, APEX Software Request

Clerk Hulme presented her project for vital records software. The program would allow residents to request vital records via an online portal, reduce the use of paper and time in the clerk's office and create potential revenue for the county. Project cost \$25,500 plus an additional \$12,000 to cover two years annual fee. Total project request \$37,500.

Tom Shepard, Bentley Township Response Vehicle

Mr. Shepard shared the current vehicle status, some information on emergency response times, and plans for the current funding request. The current emergency response team serves Grim, Bentley and Billings Townships, plus part of Tobacco. They average 450 runs per year. They are seeking \$45,000 and will contribute an additional \$15,000- \$20,000 from their Fire Fund. Total project cost are estimated to be \$60,000 - \$65,000.

Len Pytlak, Billings Township Fire Building

Mr. Pytlak explained the need for an additional building for the Billings Township Fire department to house current vehicles and water tanks. Water tanks would be used to fill tankers during an emergency and eliminate the need to travel to other water supplies. The building would be a 30x40 foot structure. They're asking \$40,000 to cover half of the cost.

Joe Andrist, Beaverton Athletic Park

Mr. Andrist shared the project's partners including Beaverton City and Calhoun Park, among others. In addition to this project request, they are seeking alternate funding and are looking into grant opportunities. Mr. Andrist shared the proposed phases of the project and their costs. They're asking \$220,000 toward the project, though they feel this is a low estimate.

Rick Seebeck, Gladwin County Recreation Area Equipment

Mr. Seebeck shared the request for a compact tractor and side by side at the Gladwin County Recreation Area. He discussed the history and current status of the Rec. Area, plans for future programming, Lodge activities and how revenues are used. He then explained how the equipment would benefit the rec area. The Seebeck Foundation is asking \$43,000 to purchase the proposed equipment.

Commissioner Szuch arrived at 3:04

Linda Winarski, Gladwin County Historical District Roof Repair

Mrs. Winarski shared some history on the Historical Districts building, current financial information for the organization, and the current physical status of the building's roof. They are asking \$60,000 to replace the flat roof on the building.

Chris Shannon, City of Gladwin; Cedar Avenue Pump Station

Mr. Shannon shared some information on the current pump station in front of Alwards Electric and the need for a new one. Pictures were shared showing the status of the existing pump station. The City is asking \$593,000 to replace it.

Conversation was had by the commissioners on the needs in our community and how they (the County) can help find additional revenue sources beyond ARPA project funding.

Meeting adjourned at 4:02



Karrie Hulme, County Clerk



Karen Moore, Chairperson