



Gladwin County Board of Commissioners

Board Minutes, May 10, 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 regular Board Meeting, on May 10, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairperson Karen Moore. The Pledge of Allegiance was said, roll was called, Commissioner K. Grove was excused, Commissioner Szuch was absent, all other commissioners were present.

Public Comment – Agenda Items

Kelly Bax, addressed the Board with her concerns over the lack of information in regard to her public comment in the previous Board Minutes. She stated her questions regarding FLTF Grant Overview, and her views on how the funds should be disbursed.

Commissioner Szuch arrived at 9:04

Mr. Woodrow, of Hay Township asking if there would be any resolve for Hiel Rd.; he has spoke with the Drain Commissioner about the issues as well. Mr. Woodrow also voiced his concerns over a special assessment.

Tony Bax, asked if the commissioners could speak up as it was hard for everyone to hear them.

No other public comment.

City Report

Kimberly Hines introduced herself as the new Beaverton City Manager and shared a little about what is going on in Beaverton.

The Board reviewed the Consent Agenda –

The Board reviewed the consent agenda. An addition of the Special Meeting Minutes from April 29 for approval was noted. Motion made by Commissioner Taylor to accept the agenda with changes, seconded by Commissioner Szuch. Additional conversation was had on the requirements and content of meeting minutes; all in favor, motion carried.

Cash balances were read by Commissioner Taylor. General Fund balance \$38,067.73 before payment of bills.

Approval of the Board Minutes:

1. **April 26, 2022, Regular Board Meeting**
2. **April 29, 2022, Special Board Minutes**

Communications – None

Finance

1. Examine RFP's for Buildings/Grounds projects – Commissioner, Rick Grove

Two sealed bids received in response to an RFP for County buildings roofing projects, were opened. Brown & Son's bid was \$37,760 for the Courthouse, & \$39,987 for the Jail, East Side of the jail was bid at \$21,381 (this portion of the roof does not need replaced). Valley Roofing's bid for the Courthouse was \$27,437, and the Jail was \$29,960. Quotes are comparable, both have a 15 yr. warranty. Maintenance Manager Rick Ghent gave input on the bids, and the former roof repairs.

Conversation on the repairs needed on the window wells of the county building. Three sealed bids were opened. Gambles bid was \$26,175, HCI was \$9,850, and Owens was \$19,160. Owens price included additional stairway rail repair. Maintenance Manager Rick Ghent shared some input on the bids.

Additional conversation was had on the requirements of the projects and the qualifications of the bidders. Rick Ghent and Commissioner R. Grove will reach out to HCI for clarification on what is included in their proposal for Window Well Repairs.

Commissioner Taylor made a motion to accept the proposal received from Valley Roofing for County Building Roof Repair at the Courthouse for \$27,437, work pursuant to the RFP. Seconded by Commissioner Szuch; all in favor, motion carried.

The repair to the Jail Roof will be tabled.

Commissioner R. Grove motioned to accept HCI's bid in the amount of \$9,850 for 14 window wells, work pursuant to the RFP. Seconded by Commissioner Taylor. Additional conversation on this bid coming back to the board if Commissioner R. Grove and Maintenance Manager Rick Ghent find this proposal not comparable after further conversation. All in favor, motion carried.

Three bids for the parking lot were received; one was extremely high and will not be considered. The other two are Martin Asphalt & Maintenance for \$17,768, and Ideal Seal Coating for \$17,079, both including the Health Department, Martin Asphalt included a two-coat process.

Motion by Commissioner R. Grove to accept the proposal from Martin Asphalt for \$17,768 for parking lot repairs, pursuant to the RFP with the addition of the Health Department parking lot. Seconded by Commissioner Taylor. All in favor, motion carried

2. Conversation regarding county property behind Pale Blue Stone House

Brandon Hodgins addressed the Board regarding purchasing the property behind their business. Pale Blue is in need of additional parking as their business grows. Conversation was had on the location and size of this parcel of property. Conversation was had on requirements for moving forward.

3. Overview of the Grant for the Four Lakes

Jeff Sorenson from Restore the Lakes shared a presentation on their goals, the \$200 million State Grant, and their plan for progress. The presentation touched on the difference between a "Loan by Lake" and the State grant process.

Committee Meetings

Miscellaneous

Receive and file Library Statistics reports.

New Business

1. Update from Drain Commissioner
Drain Commissioner, Terry Walters gave an update on the drains within Gladwin County. Pratt Lake will be having a Special Assessment Hearing on May 14th, 9:30 a.m. at the Gladwin County Recreation Area.
May 17th will be a review of bid packets for Ogg (Gladwin Township), Otgen (Tobacco Township), and Payne Creek (Billings Township) Drains.
An intercounty Board Meeting will be held on May 11th at 1p.m. at the Drain Commissioners Office
2. Request for Approval of Updated Millage Language for EMS
Clerk Hulme shared the updates made to the ballot language with the Board, ballot language was read by Commissioner Moore. Motion by Commissioner Taylor to adopt the resolution presented, second by Commissioner Szuch. Roll call vote, 4 – Y, 0 – N, resolution adopted.

Chairperson Comments

- Chairperson Moore spoke to address the following:
 - Sadly, Judge Evans has passed away, our Prosecuting Attorney Aaron Miller will be moving on to a position in Isabella County, and Assistant Prosecutor Norm Gage, is set to be appointed to that position at the end of the week.

Board Comments

Commissioner Ron Taylor, District 2 –

- 27th of April, the Health Board discussed their budget and programs, and the Point of Sale process.
- 29th of April he attended the ARPA meeting, a lot of good projects and not enough money.
- 3rd of May, he met with Equalization to look at County owned properties.
- 6th of May was the second ARPA meeting.

Commissioner Michael Szuch, District 3 –

- Attended Billings and Bentley meetings last night.
- Has Grim and Bourret Township meetings tonight.
- The 29th was the first ARPA review. He missed the second one but plans to attend the remainder of the meetings.

Commissioner Moore, District 4 –

- CMHCM is still looking for a director, they are down to two candidates.
- Health Board had positive conversation on Point of Sale, it was a very interesting presentation.
- Region 7B meeting in West Branch had discussion on Meijer opening and bringing 300+ jobs into our region.
- Broadband is a continued conversation with EDC
- May 28th & 29 is the Gladwin County Rodeo at the fairground.
- Gladwin City is holding a Hazardous Waste Day on May 14th from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the DPW (by the Road Commission).
- Clare County Airport Labor Day weekend is doing Bracket Racing

- ARPA conversations have been impressive. The next meeting is next week.

Commissioner Rick Grove, District 5 –

- ARPA meetings are great, there are some really good requests, not enough funding.
- Point of Sale is still a topic of mixed feelings for him, every purchase agreement has a box that can be checked to request an inspection. Around the lakes and waters is understandable, but not in the rural areas.
- Beaverton Township had a discussion on an Amish Cemetery being put in and APRA funding uses.
- Touched on Cameras for the courthouse and additional thoughts on meeting minutes.

Administrators Report –

Administrator Justin gave a status update on getting assistance in the role of the County Administrator.

ARPA projects are about halfway through, the next meeting is the 18th at the Beaverton Activity Center, Cedar River Room at 9 a.m.

Research is being done on issues at the jail and how other counties have addressed similar issues.

Ceremony in the Circuit Court for Judge Evans, date is still to be determined.

Blake Keller of WNEM is doing a story on the Dams; this will be airing (on May 18th) at 7:30 p.m.

Part time Gypsy Moth employee has been hired.

Legislative Breakfast at the BAC this Friday.

Public Comment -

- Kelly Bax, Coleman MI stated Blake Keller's story would be one sided, and her reasons for that statement. Additionally, she shared her thoughts on the Restore the Lakes presentation, and the impact of a special assessment on property owners.
- Joel Vernier, Secord Township shared the council of local government Cyber security presentation was a success. Will be at sage June 27th discussing inflation rates and their impacts on local government. Additionally, Point of Sale conversations will be resuming, and \$200 million is a gift to our community.
- Bill Lang, shared an email he had sent to the Commissioners regarding a report form an independent forensics team, and his view on the information and how FLTF handled their duties prior to the dam failures.
- Mr. Hue Woodrow of Hay township addressed the board again to share his thoughts on the difference in his property on the river (with no actual lake frontage) being accesses at the same rate as those in the lake. And how this assessment will make it harder for him to sell his home.
- Tony Bax of Coleman MI discussed some information from the Independent Forensics Teams report, in regard to lake levels and this dam failure.
- Tammy O'Donnell, Billings Township, shared she is on the Board Wixom Lake Association discussed the mailing efforts of the association. Over 700 people received letter packets containing 42 letters per packet.
- Kimberly Hines, Beaverton City Manager, shared a personal story regarding her experience with the Beaverton Dam gates locking up her first day on the job, and how Dave Kepler had reached out to assist.


- Karen Moore, shared her point on an appropriate behavior at a public meeting and that name calling and inappropriateness will not be tolerated.

● other public comment.

A motion was made by Commissioner R. Grove to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Szuch. All in favor, meeting adjourned at 11:48.



Karrie Hulme, County Clerk



Karen Moore, Chairperson