



**Gladwin County Board of Commissioners  
Board Minutes, August 23, 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 August 23, 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 and Commissioner Szuch was excused until 9:23 a.m., all other Commissioners were present.

**Public Comment – Agenda Items**

No public comment.

**City Report**

Nancy Bodner from the City of Gladwin shared that City Hall would not be moved and they would instead be adding an addition.

Kim Hines from the City of Beaverton announced they would like to organize some type of get together for residents to help support the sports complex. They are hoping to have a car show, band and craft show. She also shared that they are looking to hire DPW staff and a utilities biller.

**The Board reviewed the Consent Agenda –**

The Board reviewed the consent agenda. Motion made by Commissioner Kyle Grove to accept the agenda as written, seconded by Commissioner Taylor, all in favor, motion carried.

**Cash balances** were read by Commissioner Taylor. General Fund balance \$111,661.08 before payment of bills.

**Approval of the Board Minutes:**

1. **August 9, 2022, Regular Board**

**Communications**

None

**Finance**

1. Discussion on waiving building permits for replacement of civic organization signs.

Commissioner Rick Grove made a motion to waive the \$150 permit fee to put up a new sign announcing civic organizations in the County, Seconded by Commissioner Taylor; all in favor, motion carried.

2. Request approval for corrections officers Veasna Seng and Sadie Haines to attend Kirtland Community College for the 19 day Corrections Office Academy at a cost of \$1,500 per employee plus travel at \$1,200, and overtime and fringes of \$2,805 for a total cost of \$7,005 payable from 264-000-607.000.

- The Data meeting was canceled because the Courthouse closed for some horrid smell.
- He only attended the Butman Township meeting and not his other 3.
- He got the text to attend the Sports Complex meeting and was waiting there for it but then got another text the time had been changed to earlier.

**Commissioner Ron Taylor, District 2 –**

- Attended the Prat Lake Authority meeting on August 10<sup>th</sup>.
- The Sage Township meeting.
- The Airport meeting and the discussion of replacing the lights.
- August 12<sup>th</sup> was the ARPA Meeting.
- August 16<sup>th</sup> the veterans meeting and the fundraiser for the new memorial.
- August 17<sup>th</sup> was the Contos, Pratt and Wiggins Lake meetings.
- He attended negotiations on August 22<sup>nd</sup> for Sheriff Command Unit.

**Commissioner Michael Szuch, District 3 –**

- He attended the meetings for Bourret and Secord Townships.
- He attended several Secord Lake Association meetings and work is going forward on getting weeds cleared.
- August 24<sup>th</sup> is a golf outing fundraiser and October 22<sup>nd</sup> a chili cook off fundraiser.

**Commissioner Moore, District 4 –**

- She attended the Hay Township meeting.
- She is very interested in reaching out to the Michigan Association of Counties as well as the Northern Michigan branch to support our local law enforcement.
- Thunder on the Strip had no bleachers and Bob Balzer worked to get a \$10,000 grant which is now increased to \$20,000.
- The Wixom Lake Improvement Board is meeting tonight at 6 p.m. at Billings Township to discuss weed control.

**Commissioner Rick Grove, District 5 –**

- Attended the Grout Township meeting.
- The Airport meeting where there was discussion on the old beacon possibly worth \$15-20,000 and they thought it was just going to be worthless and tossed.
- The Beaverton City meeting and how things in town are just looking really good. The Beaverton football field has new red bleachers and a press box.

**Administrators Report –**

Mark Justin commented on his meeting the with Four Lakes Task Force and the discussion of liability insurance for work on the dams.

He also attended the ORV fun fest.

He also attended a Loons game with the City of Beaverton and City of Gladwin.

He and Melanie are working on committees to see who is on each and whether they have met recently or still need to continue meeting and if there is still need for each committee.

The jail should be back to normal be early September.

Commissioner Taylor made a motion to approve the training, Seconded by Commissioner Rick Grove; all in favor, motion carried.

3. Request approval to offer employment to Racheal Nyarko for the part time position with Spongy Moth.

Commissioner Rick Grove made a motion to approve the hiring, Seconded by Commissioner Taylor; all in favor, motion carried.

4. Request approval for dispatcher Jennifer Matteson to attend online training "Train the Trainer" course at a cost of \$530; dispatcher Valiant Bondie to attend "Stress Management School" at a cost of \$275 which includes hotel, food and mileage; and, dispatcher Chuck Peters to attend "Negotiations for Dispatch and Incident Debriefing" at a cost of \$300 which includes hotel, food and mileage – all to be paid from 282-000-804.001.

Commissioner Kyle Grove made a motion to approve all the training listed, Seconded by Commissioner Taylor; all in favor, motion carried.

**Committee Meetings** were approved with the approval of the Agenda.

#### **New Business**

1. Sheriff Shea addressed the Board on his concerns for the law enforcement crisis in Gladwin County and the need for our County and Board to rally together to address the State for funding our local officers.
2. Request approval by the Board to recognize September 17-23 as Constitution Week.

Commissioner Taylor made a motion to sign the Proclamation declaring September 17-23 as Constitution Week, Seconded by Commissioner Kyle Grove; all in favor, motion carried.

3. Request for permission of Administrator to submit candidacy for seat on MERS Board. This is a non-paying position for a 3 year term and would not cost the County any travel expenses.

Commissioner Kyle Grove made a motion to approve the Administrator seek this nomination, Seconded by Commissioner Szuch; all in favor, motion carried.

#### **Chairperson Comments**

- Chairperson Moore spoke to address the following:
  - Her attendance at the ORV even this past weekend and how many County officials were also there.
  - Thunder on the Strip being held September 10<sup>th</sup>.
  - The car show on September 17<sup>th</sup> at the Gladwin County Fairgrounds.
  - The radio control airplane show being held at the Airport on August 27<sup>th</sup> from 11-3.
  - The Wixom Lake Association Annual Meeting will be this Saturday at 10 a.m. at the Eagles.

#### **Board Comments**

Commissioner Kyle Grove, District 1 –

There is concern that the Boy Scouts are being charged for meeting at the County recreational center and he will contact the Seebeck Foundation to make sure this does not happen.

He will get with Kyle and Mike to make sure the fee structure for inspection permits are not correct, as Justin Schneider had originally incorrectly reported them.

#### **Public Comment -**

- Jeff Sorenson, Secord Lake resident, thanked the Board for their support at the FLTF meeting held at Meridian. This makes the seeking of grants much easier and they are hoping to have Secord Lake "back to normal" by 2024.

- Joel Vernier, Secord Township Supervisor, commented on how they are getting the weeks under control and there are all kinds of positive things going on. The Leadership program is seeking recruits and thanked Christy Van Tiem for joining.

-Kim Hines, Beaverton City Administrator, thanked everyone for their support of her in the 8 months she's been on the job.

#### **Civil Attorney**

1. Requested approval for the Board Chair to sign LoA's amending the Union Contracts. Motion by Commissioner Taylor, Seconded by Commissioner Kyle Grove; ayes carried, motion passed.
2. Request approval for Board Chair to sign updated ARPA agreements. Motion by Commissioner Taylor, Seconded by Commissioner Kyle Grove, ayes carried, motion passed.
3. The new jail collection lawsuit has been filed.
4. Closed session to discuss Sheriff Command contract and County Administrator evaluations.

Commissioner Taylor made a motion to go into Closed Session at 10:45 a.m. to discuss Sheriff Command Contract and the Administrator Evaluations, Seconded by Commissioner Rick Grove; all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Rick Grove, to return to Open Session at 11:25 a.m.

Motion by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Kyle Grove, to stay the course with regards to Sheriff Command negotiations and setting out the Administrator evaluations for two weeks to get more feedback from Department Heads and Elected Officials; ayes carried, motion passed.

Judge Farrell addressed the Board on his disappointment at the outcome of their vote against paying Court employees extra for their work during COVID but could spend the money to buy chairs.

A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Kyle Grove. All in favor, meeting adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

  
Julie A. Jackson, Chief Deputy Clerk

  
Karen Moore, Chairperson