



Gladwin County Board of Commissioners Board Minutes, September 13, 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 Sept 13, 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, all commissioners were present.

Public Comment – Agenda Items

No public comment.

City Report

Nancy Bodner from the City of Gladwin shared that the silverleaf project is underway, it will likely be running through November.

The Board reviewed the Consent Agenda –

The Board reviewed the consent agenda. Chairperson Moore recommended moving presentations to the beginning of the meeting. Motion made by Commissioner Taylor to accept the agenda with changes, seconded by Commissioner Szuch, all in favor motion carried.

Cash balances were read by Commissioner Taylor. General Fund balance \$482,547.95 before payment of bills. Conversation was had on the status of the General Fund and anticipated budget amendments.

Approval of the Board Minutes:

1. **August 23, 2022, Regular Board Meeting**
2. **August 23, 2022, Special Board Minutes**

Communications

None

New Business

1. Educational presentation re: Status of Opioid Problem in Gladwin County. *Sam Price, President/CEO of Ten16 Recovery Network*

Sam Price introduced himself and Taylor Pretzer and gave a brief background of Ten16 Recovery Network before presenting on Opioid use in Gladwin County, services available (or unavailable) in our region, and where Opioid Settlement funds could be used help mitigate the problems. Taylor shared some of the challenges she faces at a local level.

2. Four Lakes Task Force Update – *David Kepler, Four Lakes Task Force*

Dave Kepler gave an update on Four Lakes Task Force (FLTF).

- Progress is being made on permitting; third party reviews of engineering is part of this permitting process.
- Smallwood and Secord Dams are being worked on, there is anticipation of a public hearing announcement from the department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) for various projects coming up. The northern dams are yet to be bid, anticipate the cost will be similar.
- Sanford is in the last phase of stabilizing. Wixom and Sanford lakes are working through the environmental restoration process; they have received a grant for vegetation spraying.
- Submitted a grant to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).
- Fifteen (15) appeals of the assessment have been filed between the two counties.
- Hosting a full day symposium on October 20th at Midland Center for the Arts.

3. Auditor's report from 2021 Financial Audit. *Ken Talsma, Anderson, Tackman and Company*

Ken Talsma presented the 2021 Financial Audit results to the Board. A two-year comparison of Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Inflows and Deferred Outflows was reviewed. The County's net worth was explained, and Revenues and Expenditures were reviewed.

4. Law Enforcement Update for Gladwin County – Sheriff, Michael Shea

Sheriff Shea requested an executive session to discuss security issues.

Finance

1. Request approval for Dispatch/Sheriff Training

Commissioner Taylor made a motion to approve Dispatcher Chuck Peters to attend the Maximizing Interactions with the Special Needs Population for Police/Fire/Dispatch on October 4th, 2022. Total cost of \$175 to include hotel, food, and mileage; for Dispatcher Valiant Bondie to attend the 911 Peak Performance Through Optimized Home Life course on October 25th, 2022. Total cost of \$229.00 to include hotel, food, and mileage, and for Dispatchers Chuck Peters and Valiant Bondie to attend the Emotionally Intelligent Comm Center-the Healthy Dispatcher on November 3rd, 2022. Cost of \$229 per person to include hotel, food, and mileage reimbursement. All costs to be paid from line 282-000-804.001. Seconded by Commissioner K. Grove; all in favor, motion carried.

2. Request approval for new Corrections Officers to be reimbursed up to \$250 for pre-employment testing.

Commissioner Moore made a motion to approve the new Corrections Officer Sadie Haines being reimbursed \$51.12 for pre-employment written test, physical fitness test, and psych exams to be paid from line 101-351-804.000. Seconded by Commissioner Taylor; all in favor, motion carried.

3. Request approval for Sheriff Mike Shea, Jail Administrator Matt McGourty, and Administrative Assistant Sue Walker to attend Michigan Sheriff's Association Fall Conference.

Commissioner Taylor made a motion to approve Sheriff Mike Shea, Jail Administrator Matt McGourty, and Administrative Assistant Sue Walker to attend Michigan Sheriff's Association Fall Conference from 10/22/2022→10/25/2022. Cost of \$593 total be paid from line 285-000-804.000, Cost of \$936 total be paid from line 264-000-6074.000. Seconded by Commissioner R. Grove; all in favor, motion carried.

4. Request approval Personnel Committee recommendation to increase the Building and Electrical Permit Fees.

Commissioner Szuch made a motion to approve the Personnel Committees recommendation to increasing Building and Electrical permit fees from the current \$70.00 to \$75.00 per permit and to raise the respective inspector's per-inspection fee from the current \$35.00 to \$37.50 per inspection. Seconded by Commissioner R. Grove; all in favor, motion carried.

5. Request approval of a payout of 14 hours unused vacation time to Treasurer's Clerk Sherry Messer.

Commissioner Taylor made a motion to approve payout of 14 hours unused vacation time to Treasurer's Clerk Sherry Messer per union contract. Cost of \$272.44 from line 101-253-705.00. Seconded by Commissioner K. Grove; all in favor, motion carried.

6. Opening and Award of RFP for Jail Feasibility Study

Commissioner R. Grove opened the one bid received from Goldberg Group Architects. Copies were disbursed to the commissioners for review and discussion.

Commissioner R. Grove made a motion to approve the bid and move forward. Seconded by Commissioner Taylor; additional conversation was had the lack of response to the RFP. All in favor, motion carried.

7. Request approval to increase Recovery Court Budget - No Action Taken

Committee Meetings were approved with the approval of the agenda

Chairperson Comments - None

Board Comments

Commissioner Kyle Grove, District 1 –

- Parks and Recreation meetings have been resurrected. They are currently working on some storage issues.

Commissioner Ron Taylor, District 2 –

- Health Board finished Union negotiations with 100 % approval on both sides
- Gladwin City meeting was the 6th of the month, they are working on water mane and gas leaks.
- Sept. 8th was the airport meeting, they are preparing for the lighting project

Commissioner Michael Szuch, District 3 –

- Last night was the Bentley Township meeting. They had a large crowd of roughly 30 people. The township is considering raising the speed limit on Estey Rd. from 25 mph to 45 mph, and illegal poaching is an issue in the area.
- Bourret township meeting is tonight.
- Secord Lake Association's golf outing is Saturday the 24th.

Commissioner Moore, District 4 –

- Lake bottom cleanup is the responsibility of the lake associations and townships. The lakes have been being sprayed for years; this is not a new process. The spraying being done by FLTF on Wixom is to

test the chemical approved by EGLE to see what works, so they know how to move forward in the spring. The process is permitted and monitored by EGLE.

- Health Department Union Negotiations were so successful in part because of the webinar that was hosted by the director Steve Hall.
- Council of Local Government meeting is off for October, meetings to resume in January.
- GBPA hosted Thunder on the Strip; it was the biggest turnout to date with the second highest contribution of funds to our community. They received a grant from Consumers Energy for bleachers.
- Buckeye Trailhead Ribbon Cutting is October 7th
- Meet the Candidates night will be hosted by the Chamber of Commerce on September 29th at 5:30 at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

Commissioner Rick Grove, District 5 –

- Beaverton Township meeting last night; drain assessments are a concern.

Administrators Report –

- MEDC is hosting a townhall Thursday night at 6:00 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall to discuss State appropriations of funding resulting from the flood.
- The jail reopened as of yesterday, all of the inmates have been brought back.
- ARPA meeting the 23rd at 9:00 a.m. and Finance to follow that
- MMRMA & MESSA renewals are being worked on
- Flu shot clinic today at 1:00 in the commissioners' chambers
- Ogemaw Administrator and County Functions meeting October 7th, 12:00 -3:00 at River walk.

Public Comment -

- Joel Vernier, Secord Township, shared his thoughts on EGLE's engineering process regarding our dams and the cleanup efforts of Secord Lake. He would like to see more resident involvement in Smallwood. The Gladwin County Leadership program kicked off on Friday.

- Tim Mester from billings township thanked the board for their continued efforts with FLTF and restoring the lakes.

No other public comment.

Civil Attorney

Motion by Commissioner R. Grove, second by Commissioner Taylor to go into closed session for the purposes of hearing from the Sheriff on security issues.

Closed session from 11:33 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

A motion was made to return to open session by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Szuch; all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Taylor to allow the Chairperson to sign the 416 Grant renewal seconded by Commissioner R. Grove; all in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner R. Grove to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Szuch. Meeting adjourned at 11:48 a.m.

Karrie Hulme, County Clerk

Karen Moore, Chairperson