



**Gladwin County Board of Commissioners
Board Minutes, October 25, 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 October 25, 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 Silverleaf St. is being paved today, and line striping is planned for next week. A grant has been obtained for south Silverleaf S. to be redone next year. The City's park manager is full time now at the DPW (Department of Public Works), so they are taking applications for this seasonal position. Several bike racks have been donated to the city.

The Board reviewed the Consent Agenda –

The Board reviewed the consent agenda. Commissioner Moore requested to remove the Administrators evaluation due to his absence. Motion made by Commissioner Taylor to accept the agenda with changes, seconded by Commissioner R. Grove, all in favor motion carried.

Cash balances were read by Commissioner Taylor. General Fund balance \$856,020.66 before payment of bills.

Approval of the Board Minutes: were approved with the approval of the Agenda

1. October 11, 2022, Regular Board Meeting

Communications

None

Finance

1. Request approval for Council on Aging to modify funding – Bonnie Klein reviewed the requested amendment to their budget. Current fund balance is \$114,888, requested amount of the adjustment is \$29,308.00 to go toward a new route for Meals on Wheels. \$12,345 will go to the purchase of a vehicle the rest will go toward the expense of the new route.

Commissioner Taylor made a motion to approve the request for a budget amendment made by Council on Aging, Seconded by Commissioner Szuch. All in favor, motion carried.

2. Request approval for changes to the County of Gladwin Emergency CDBG Program guidelines –Karen Blondie shared details on the struggle they are having completing projects under current CBDG guidelines and proposed solutions through a grant opportunity and guideline adjustments. \$65,927

went back to the MEDC last year because they were not able to use the funds under the current guidelines. Conversation was had on the various options.

Commissioner K. Grove made a motion to allow for changes to Gladwin County's CDBG guidelines as outlined, seconded by Commissioner Taylor. Four in favor, Commissioner Szuch opposed, motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Taylor to allow the county to sign the administration agreement renewal for the Housing Commission to remain the third-party administrator of the CDBG Grant. Second by Commissioner K. Grove; all in favor, motion carried.

3. Request approval for FED to design a building for the Animal Shelter– James Maveal discussed the status of the current building, and the request to have a new one designed.

Commissioner R. Grove made a motion to approve a deposit of \$4000.00 from 206-000-759.000, Animal Shelter Mileage Miscellaneous, to have FED design a new building. Seconded by Commissioner Taylor. Additional conversation was had on the design contract and keeping funds in our community through the utilization of local business's. All in favor, motion carried.

4. Request approval for 3rd quarter budget amendments to be done. Administrative Assistant Melanie Thume and Treasurer VanTiem discussed the proposed budget amendments and asked that the last amendment be tabled until the fourth quarter. Conversation was had on the involvement of the Administrator and the entire request was tabled until the next meeting when the Administrator will be available.

5. Request approval for an employment contract between the recruits and the County of Gladwin – Attorney Hoerauf discussed a contract drafted by herself and Undersheriff Hartwell. Conversation was had on the contract and the struggle with recruiting.

Commissioner Taylor made a motion to approve the contract between the County of Gladwin and sheriff department recruits. Seconded by Commissioner R. Grove; all in favor, motion carried.

Committee Meetings

New Business

1. Request approval for Library board to appoint Don Hoffman – Administrative assistant Melanie Thume shared details on the request.

Commissioner K. Grove made a motion to approve the appointment of Don Hoffman to the Library Board in the County seat. Seconded by Commissioner Taylor; all in favor, motion carried.

Chairperson Comments

- We will have the Administrators review at the next Board meeting; she asked that the commissioners be prepared to go into closed session if requested.

Board Comments

Commissioner Kyle Grove, District 1 –

- Was not able to make it to Butman or Clement this month
- The Sports Complex is laying out the rout of a proposed path, discussion was had on the well installation and thanks was given to the County for their contribution of ARPA funds.
- At the Gladwin Township meeting Terry Brockhoff gave a presentation
- Fire Department Board gave an update new tanker.

Commissioner Ron Taylor, District 2 –

- October 12th was the Sage Township meeting; tonight they'll have a meeting at 6 p.m. on making the building a Red Cross Shelter.
- 13th was an Airport meeting, the lighting project should take a month to complete once it is started. Anticipation of 50% cost savings.
- 17th Gladwin City meeting was short due to union negotiations in closed session.
- 18th was VA meeting
- 19th was Gladwin Township, Terry Brockhoff presented
- Last Friday Judge Hovey had a swearing in Ceremony.
- Pratt Lake project is complete.

Commissioner Michael Szuch, District 3 –

- Attended all five township meetings last month, and heard Terry Broekhoff's presentation all five times
- Secord meeting was on the 19th, not a lot going on.
- Bentley township meeting was full; there is an ongoing investigation on illegal dear poaching.
- 20th was the Four Lakes Task Force symposium, where he learned there are 121 engineers from all over the country currently working on this project.

Commissioner Moore, District 4 –

- Greg Alward is currently the temporary interim chief at the Fire Department
- Thursday morning Farm Bureau will be hosting their morning breakfast at Roosters Corner, they will open and make breakfast. School Board candidates have been invited for discussion.
- Reminder that the Council of Local Government's October meeting is cancelled.
- She will be attending a settlement conference this afternoon in Bay City, along with a representative from MMRMA, regarding one of the lawsuits against the County.
- FLTF had a lot of people in attendance, the keynote speaker was the Director of EGLE and a lot of great information was given. FLTF management is working with the Drain Commissioners office on water shed, as well as the Beaverton City Manager regarding the Beaverton Dam. They have been a great resource for our community.
- Mark Berdan from MI Works needs to sign off on our MMDC agreement before we get it back.
- Northern Michigan Association of Counties was in Roscommon, good conversation on changes to the Open Meetings Act and Shirkey's Mental Health Bill. Michigan Association of Counties is asking for support in opposing this bill.

Commissioner Rick Grove, District 5 –

- Heard several of Terry Brockhoff's presentations as well, he has done a lot for this community.
- Will be gone Wednesday through Monday?
- Attended the Airport Meeting with Ron
- Beaverton Township, everything is going good there.

- City of Beaverton meeting was last night, there is a lot going on there. The bids they received on the farmers market are astronomical, so that is on hold.
- Grout township residents are asking about solar panels and the zoning process.

Administrators Report -

Public Comment –

- Nancy Bodner asked for Chris Shannon to be put on the agenda to discuss ARPA parking lot projects.
- No other public comment

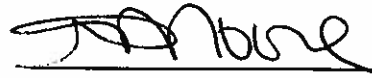
Civil Attorney

1. Mediation next week, Nov 3rd, for the Command contract.
2. FLTF Attorney Colaianne had 10 dismissals of appeals from the Tax Tribunal.
3. MI Association of Municipal Attorneys meeting was last week; she has a copy of the Election Law Guide if anyone wants one.
4. OMA revisions were reviewed.
5. Looking for a federal civil rights law or regulation regarding individuals needing assistance with writing.
6. Rosati Schultz Joppich & Amtsbeuchler PC, the lawsuits defense attorney for two Ward v Gladwin County cases, has closed both files and the physical files will go to shred unless they are requested by the County.

A motion was made by Commissioner Szuch to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner K. Grove, meeting adjourned at 10:56.



Karrie Hulme, County Clerk



Karen Moore, Chairperson