



**Gladwin County Board of Commissioners
Board Minutes November 22, 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 November 22, 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.

Commissioner Taylor shared the excitement about the Gladwin High School Football team going to Ford Field for State Championship this year. Discussion on community support and escorting the team out of town.

The Board reviewed the Consent Agenda –

The Board reviewed the consent agenda. Motion made by Commissioner R. Grove to accept the agenda with the addition of Nov 26 as “Flying G’s Day” under Miscellaneous and switching Miscellaneous with New Business. Seconded by Commissioner Taylor, all in favor motion carried.

Public Comment – Agenda Items

None

City Reports

Nancy Bodner from the City of Gladwin shared the City Council has a new Mayor and two city council members, and that the City Manager received a raise.

Beaverton City Manager, Kimberly Hines shared that Monday the turbine will be being reassembled should be up and running in the next two weeks; The water treatment plant has been held up with some delays, and yesterday met with all of the city engineers, Scott Govitz & Matt Lang, among others, on various grant opportunities. The city has hired a new attorney and IT firm, and are changing website host, going back to Stearns Marketing. Two ribbon cutting ceremonies will take place next Wednesday at 4:00 p.m. starting at Calhoun Campground and then to the DPW & Police Department

Cash balances were read by Commissioner Taylor. General Fund balance \$323,570.89 with no bills to be paid.

Approval of the Board Minutes:

1. **November 08, 2022, Regular Board Meeting**

Communications

Finance

Committee Meetings were approved with the approval of the Agenda.

New Business

1. Equalization 2022 Apportionment Report – Equalization Director, Pete Preston

Commissioner Taylor made a motion to accept equalizations Apportionment Report, seconded by Commissioner Szuch. All in favor, motion carried.

Conversation was had on the prepayment of estimated postage to the third part vendor that will be being processing the tax bills.

2. Gladwin County Sports Complex Financial Update – Sports Complex Manager, Trisha LaRue shared some information on the sports complex 's progress and hurdles, as well as plans for increasing revenues and improving the operating processes.

Miscellaneous

1. Board Discussion of County Administrative Structure

Administrator Justin shared some information on meetings and conversations had regarding a County Administrator's roll. Commissioner Moore discussed the roll of a Controller vs an Administrator, and the request of the Clerk to move finance and payroll back into the clerk's office. Additional conversation on the impact that could have to the county and the budget.

Commissioner Szuch shared that there was a lot of positive comments regarding Administrator Justin at the recent EDC meeting.

2. Gladwin Flying G's Day

Chairperson Taylor motioned to make a proclamation making Nov 26, 2022 Flying G's Day. Supported by Commissioner K. Grove. Additional conversation on the support of Gladwin's Highschool Football team in our community. All in favor; motion carried.

Chairperson Comments

- Chairperson Moore thanked Ken Roberts and Veterans Affairs for a great Veteran's Day ceremony.

Board Comments

Commissioner Kyle Grove, District 1 –

- Attended the Sports Complex and township meetings
- At the Gladwin Township meeting John Mella asked about the courthouse flag poles, wanting to know if they were put back up after the old ones had been taking down.
- Commissioner K. Grove asked that Commissioner Taylor take over the Sports Complex meetings in the new year.

Commissioner Ron Taylor, District 2 –

- 9th was the Budget meeting with the Finance committee.
- 10th was the Airport meeting; the lighting project is underway. They are seeing reductions in the bill already.
- 14th was a second Budget meeting
- The Health Board meeting had a good presentation on some of their programs.
- 21st was the Gladwin City meeting. The new mayor and council members we sworn in; the City Manager shared details on some grants they had been approved for.

- The VA raffle took place after the ceremony on Veterans Day; it raised just under \$70,000

Commissioner Michael Szuch, District 3 –

- Bentley, Billings & Secord meetings were not attended
- 9th was the EDC meeting.
- FLTF bid letting are due this week. He is hopeful for an announcement in the upcoming weeks.
- Very proud of Gladwin's Football team, the community support is great

Commissioner Moore, District 4 –

- The Four Lakes Task Force next meeting is Dec 13th
- We've had a lot of meetings on finance and budget
- The Fair Board will be having snow mobile races on January 14th and February 11th & 25th.
- Ken at the VA is doing a great job, she is proud of and grateful for his work.
- Dec 2nd is the Christmas Tree Lighting at the park in the City of Beaverton at 6:00 p.m.
- Gladwin's Christmas parade will be December 3rd.
- Northern Michigan Association of Counties meets in Roscommon on Dec 1, Commissioner Moore will be sworn in as Vice Chair.
- Tami O'Donnell, and Commissioner Moore are attending the New Commissioner's School in Frankenmuth.
- Commissioner Moore has been appointed to the Gladwin County Community Foundation Board. They are discussing allowing the county to be given an opportunity for a \$2000 grant similar to the townships

Commissioner Rick Grove, District 5 –

- Missed the two township meetings on the 14th and 15th
- The Peppermill Restaurant is waiting to open, there are questions on the role of the Health Department in that process.

Administrators Report -

- Commissioner Justin shared details of a conversation had with the new Gladwin City Mayor
- Budget and finance meetings
- New technology is being installed in the Commissioners Chambers next week.
- He is working with the school on SPARKs grant.
- He has had a meeting on the jail feasibility study
- There is ongoing conversation on joining with other counties to build a juvenile facility. There will be a meeting on December 15th at 11:00 a.m., at the River Walk with Roscommon, Clare, Ogemaw, & Gladwin counties.

Public Comment -

-Ken Roberts from the VA said he is blessed to be doing his job, and he appreciates the board support. The VA Program was a great program thanks to the American Legion.

-Joel Vernier, Secord Township shared the township used ARPA funds to purchase a generator. Which was used for the first time on election day. The Sand Bars are growing trees on them now. They have been sprayed, but there is still need for additional action to resolve the issues. Asking that EGLE give permission to have the stumps cut below the sand three inches

-Santa Clause will be at the Historical Village December 10th and 17th at the old schoolhouse giving out coupons for the Bulk Food Store.

-Administrator Justin shared that the individual currently filling the part time position with the Gypsy Moth program has given her two weeks.

Motion by Commissioner Taylor, second by Commissioner R. Grove to allow the program director to fill the part time position as appropriate. All in favor, motion carried.

- Ryan Sanders, with the EGLE Scouts, spoke about the illegal dumping he's been seeing on state land around Gladwin County. The corner of Estey and Deer Rd.'s has a lot of debris, as well as an abandoned oil pump. He is aiming to create a program to clean up this type of waste around the state, and he is wanting to start in Gladwin County.

- No other public comment

Civil Attorney

- She will be reviewing ordinances in the Clerk's office today
- The command group has not responded to the request for ratification
- The Housing Commission has not responded to the communication regarding the CBDG grant process.
- She is working with the jail on collections compliance.

A motion was made by Commissioner K. Grove to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner R. Grove.

Meeting adjourned at 11:11a.m.

Karrie Hulme, County Clerk

Karen Moore, Chairperson