

**RESOLUTION TO RATIFY AND CONFIRM ACTIONS APPROVED BY
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DURING REMOTE MEETINGS**

RESOLUTION # 2020-017
Amended - Nov 10, 2020

WHEREAS, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Governor declared a State of Emergency by Executive Order 2020-4 on March 10, 2020 and extended the State of Emergency by subsequent Executive Orders; and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with the State of Emergency, on March 18, 2020 the Governor issued Executive Order 2020-15 which authorized remote participation in public meetings and specifically allowed public bodies to hold meetings electronically, either by telephonic or video conferencing; and

WHEREAS subsequent Executive Orders extended the authorization to hold remote meetings and ultimately, on July 17, 2020, through Executive Order 2020-154, extended the authority to hold remote meetings through the remainder of the State of Emergency; and

WHEREAS, in reliance on the Executive Orders authorizing remote meetings, the Gladwin County Board of Commissioners, has conducted some meetings electronically since April 30, 2020.

WHEREAS, on October 2, the Michigan Supreme Court issued an opinion in which a majority of the Justices agreed that Executive Orders issued after April 30, 2020 are invalid as the law under which they were issued allowed an unconstitutional delegation of authority to the Governor; and

WHEREAS, in response to the October 2, 2020 Michigan Supreme Court Opinion, 2020 Public Act 228 was adopted by the state legislature and signed by the Governor. This Act is effective immediately and retroactively, and modifies the Open Meetings Act authorizing remote meetings through the December 31, 2020 for any circumstance and through December 31, 2021 for certain qualifying reasons.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that in light of the October 2, 2020 Michigan Supreme Court Opinion and 2020 Public Act 228 amending the Open Meetings Act, the Gladwin County Board of Commissioners affirms and ratifies all actions approved by the Gladwin County Board of Commissioners at the following meetings:

Committee of Whole (COW) meetings:

May 6, 2020
May 20, 2020
June 3, 2020

Gladwin County Commissioners Board Meetings:

May 12, 2020
May 26, 2020
June 9, 2020

AYES: 5

NAYS: 0

ABSENT/ABSTAIN _____

Sharron Smith

SHARRON SMITH, CHAIR
GLADWIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

11-10-20

DATE

Laura Brandon-Maveal

LAURA BRANDON-MAVEAL, CLERK
GLADWIN COUNTY

11-10-2020

DATE