



**Gladwin County Board of Commissioners  
Board Minutes, January 10, 2023**

**Open Seat, District 1, (Sherman, Butman, Clement, and Secord Twps.)**  
**Ron Taylor, District 2, Vice-Chair (Sage, Gladwin Twp. and Gladwin City P1)**  
**Tami O'Donnell District 3, (Bentley, Billings, Bourret, Grim & Hay)**  
**Karen Moore, District 4, Chairperson (Buckeye, Beaverton City & Tobacco)**  
**Rick Grove, District 5, (Grout, Gladwin City P2, Beaverton Twp.)**

The Gladwin County Board of Commissioners met for a regular Board Meeting, on January 10, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairperson Moore. The Pledge of Allegiance was said, roll was called. Commissioner Schaefer was absent, all other commissioners were present.

Commissioner Moore noted that Commissioner Schaefer gave his resignation this morning due to residency issues. Attorney Hoerauf reviewed the statutes regarding appointment of that position.

**Public Comment – Agenda Items**

**No public comment**

**City Administrators Report**

Nancy Bodner, from the city of Gladwin, shared on an update on the awarded ARPA funds to repair the roof on the historical building.

**Consent Agenda** *(All bold items are approved with the approval of the Consent Agenda)-*

Chairperson Moore requested to add #8 to Finance, BABA and GBPA association dues, and #2 to New Business, Request to Donate Time to Staff in the Prosecutors Office. A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor, second by Commissioner O'Donnell to accept the agenda with the additions. All in favor; motion carried

**Cash Balances**

Commissioner Taylor read the cash balances of \$95,599.67 for the balance to date for 2022, and \$629,724.70 for the 2023 new year.

**Communications**

1. Carrie Will, introduced herself as the new Gladwin County Chamber Executive Director. She is excited to be learning her role and meet local business owners. She is working to have the Chamber open every day from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00p.m.
2. Dave Kepler, with Four Lakes Task Force (FLTF), reviewed highlights from 2022 with the Board. To date, FLTF has received approximately \$230,000,000 in State funds and \$1,500,000 in Federal funds, and the Department of Environmental, Great Lakes, and Energy receive \$9,000,000; how to spend some of those funds is still being determined. They are about 90% complete on the design engineering of the dams. Fisher won the bid, and FLTF is working with them toward an open book model to decrease costs and increase transparency. The remaining capital assessment was discussed as well as work being done with MDOT to replace the M30 Bridge; the conversation included the perceived timeline for shut down due to the repairs. The lawsuits filed by residents appealing the special assessments were reviewed, and there was additional conversation on the DNR upkeep of their neighboring boat launch. Dr. Zacket shared that the Clare DNR Parks and Recreation managed the boat launch. Commissioner Moore shared her appreciation for FLTF and their commitment to bringing back our lakes. Commissioner Taylor shared his appreciation for the continued updates to the County.

3. **Commissioners Chambers Technology.**  
Various opinions on the previously noted technology options were discussed. Commissioner O'Donnell made a motion to place video recorded meetings on the county's website, seconded by Commissioner Taylor. Additional conversation was had on the process. Roll call vote, two – yea votes by O'Donnell and Taylor, two -nay votes by Moore and Grove; tie vote, motion failed.

## **Finance**

1. **Gladwin City County Transit (GCCT) 2023 Resolution of Intent**  
Commissioner Taylor made a motion to adopt the 2023 Resolution of Intent for GCCT, second by Commissioner Grove. Roll call vote, 4-yes, 0-n; Resolution adopted.
2. **MMRMA 2023 Proposal**  
Administrator Justin discussed the increase to the MMRMA contract due to claims on the policy, the process of shopping for other providers, and the inability to obtain service from other vendors due to the dams. Discussion on declining vs. accepting the Stop Gap option, and which fund to place the payback from MMRMA each year.  
A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to put \$5,000 in the retention fund and the balance into the general fund, and to sign the renewal contract with MMRMA with the Stop Gap option added. Seconded by Commissioner Grove. All in favor, motion carried.
3. **Repair of Patrol Vehicle**  
A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to approve the High Caliber bid of \$1,522.53, seconded by Commissioner Grove. All in favor motion carried.
4. **Wage Adjustment for Jail Nurse**  
Jail Administrator McGourty shared details on the request including the bidding process of a contracting company and current RN wages for the State. County Administrator Justin shared the wage gap difference between the LPN and RN.  
A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to pay the Jail's RN \$36/hr., seconded by Commissioner O'Donnell. Additional conversation on the impact this could have on the budget. All in favor, motion carried.
5. **Transfer of Funds for 2022 Year end Balances**  
Treasurer VanTiem discussed unallocated funds vs. ARPA funds. She is asking the Board to adjust the fund transfer to take \$200,000 less from unallocated and instead take them from ARPA funds.  
A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to take \$200,000 from ARPA funds instead of unallocated funds for year end balances, item to be visited again in March of this year. Seconded by Commissioner Grove; all in favor, motion carried.
6. **2023 Indirect Costs**  
Treasurer VanTiem shared the details on the indirect cost charge backs.  
A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Moore, to approve the 2023 Indirect Cost Billing. All in favor, motion carried.
7. **Request to Increase Mileage Rate for County Business**  
County Administrator Justin shared details on his request. This request does not include County Commissioners due to statute regulations.  
A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to regularly follow the IRS mileage reimbursement rate, unless accounted for already by statute. Second by Commissioner O'Donnell; all in favor, motion carried.
8. **BABA and GBPA Memberships.**  
A motion was made by Commissioner Grove to pay both memberships at \$100 each. Seconded by Commissioner Taylor. All in favor, motion carried

## **Committee Reports**

1. **Gladwin County Zoning Board of Appeals 2023 Meeting Schedule**
2. **12/7/22 Gladwin County Planning Commission**

## **Miscellaneous**

1. Request Approval for the Board Chair to Sign Physicians Contract for the Jail  
A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to allow the Board Chair to sign the Physicians Contract. Seconded by Grove; all in favor, motion carried.

## **New Business**

1. Request to Transfer PTO  
Corrections Officer Veasna Seng is asking to donate PTO time to Dispatcher Valiant Bondie. Attorney Hoerauf shared information on the Union Contract, and perceived complications with approving these types of requests. Conversation was had on what the process might look like, how Union views could impact a process, the desire to be compassionate and the need to avoid the stated perceived complications. The personnel committee will look into this, no action taken.

## **Cahir Comments**

Chair Moore shared that the Beaverton City Administrator resigned, the city will be seeking a replacement. Chair Moore also shared the a little information on the Opioid Fund project that Gladwin County was selected to participate in.

## **Board Comments**

Open Seat, District 1 –

Commissioner Ron Taylor, District 2 –

- Organizational meeting last week.
- Ask interested residents of District 1 to submit letters of interest if they would like to fill this seat.

Commissioner Tami O'Donnell, District 3 –

- Bentley and Billings meetings last night.
- Bentley township is having some complications with their EIN.
- Billings township meeting went well. They approved some payroll changes.
- MDOT meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> at 4:30

Commissioner Moore, District 4 –

- She is excited about the conversations had today and appreciate the sharing of knowledge.
- Buckeye Township has a new Clerk
- Attended the City of Beaverton meeting
- GBPA met last Wednesday. They are looking to host Thunder on the Strip twice a year
- Fair had snowmobile races, recent one cancelled due to no snow
- Data Meeting
- Legislative Breakfast this Friday

Commissioner Rick Grove, District 5 –

- Nothing at this time.

## **Administrator Report.**

Closed next Monday for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

A company called VC3 will be at or next Board Meeting to present.

Jail meeting coming up next week on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

Juvenile facility conversations are ongoing.

Working on a Fiscal year 2024 budget to take to the finance committee.

Maintenance needs key assignments from the Commissioners please.

## Public Comment

Commissioner Grove left for an appointment at 11:17

Joel Vernier, Secord Township, shared information on tree growth in the lakes. Check recording. Council of local government last Monday in February. Conversation on community need and resources, they are working toward a handout for residents.

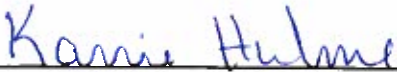
## Civil Attorney

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Management contract has been revised to address grant options. She is waiting to hear back from the Housing Commission. She is asking the Board for approval.

A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner O'Donnell, to approve and CDBG contract as revised, allow the Board Chair to sign. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to allow the board chair to sign the POLC Command Group contract, seconded by Commissioner O'Donnell. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner O'Donnell; meeting adjourned at 11:21.



Karrie Hulme, County Clerk



Karen Moore, Chairperson