



**Gladwin County Board of Commissioners
Regular Board Minutes, February 28, 2023**

Mike Visnaw, 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 February 28, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairperson Moore. The Pledge of Allegiance was said, roll was called; all Commissioners were present.

Public Comment – Agenda Items

No public comment

City Administrators Report

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Moore requested an addition to New Business for the hiring of a part time courthouse security officer and a Closed Session to discuss an employee matter. A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor, second by Commissioner O'Donnell to accept the agenda with amendments. All in favor; motion carried.

Cash Balances

Commissioner Taylor read the cash balances of \$28,910.61 before the payment of bills.

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Finance

Committee Meeting Reports

Routine Payments Made Within Department's Budget, less than \$500

Payments Required by Collective Bargaining Agreement

Miscellaneous

1. Request of a Resolution for Michigan Institute of Forensic Science and Medicine (MISFM)

A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to adopt a resolution to appoint Dr. Roshan Mahibar, MD, PhD, MPH as Chief Medical Examiner for Gladwin County and Dr. Donald Higgs, MD, PhD as Chief Deputy Medical Examiner for Gladwin County; seconded by Commissioner Visnaw. Additional conversation was had on the timing of this request. Roll call vote, 5 -Y, 0 – N, resolution adopted.

2. Gladwin Community Schools Update

Gladwin School Superintendent, Rick Seebeck, shared information on the condition of the current junior high school building, the cost of repairing the infrastructure, and the purpose behind the millage they

are seeking this year. Additional information was share on what the new building would look like, and the plans for the current building if the maillage passes.

New Business

1. Gladwin County Broadband Initiative Update –
MI Works Director, Matt Lang; Scott Govitz, and Ryan Peel from Point Broadband were present to share information with the board. Mr. Govitz shared some of the history of the broadband project. Mr. Lang discussed the lack of Broadband in Gladwin County and the Robin Grant Program. Chair Moore shared the counties involvement in the project so far. Mr. Peel gave an overview of Point Broadband, the unserved /underserved population in our area and the plan for serving Gladwin County. They are seeking a resolution or letter of support from the county. Commissioner Taylor motioned to approve a resolution in support of Point Broadband's grant application, seconded by Commissioner Visnaw. Roll call vote will be done when the physical resolution is available for reading later in the meeting.
2. Part-time Staff for Court House Security
Commissioner Moore shared information that had been presented at the Personnel Committee meeting this morning, the possibility of having MIDC grant coverage for this position, and the recommendation of the committee to allow the Undersheriff to hire.
A motion was made by Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Taylor, to allow the hiring of a part-time security officer at \$17.98 per hour, for 20 hour works a week. Additional input was given from Commissioner Taylor on the committee conversation. All in favor, motion carried.

Chair Comments

Chair Moore shared her thoughts in Support of Point Broadband. Reminded everyone of the first Opioid Settlement Committee meeting in April. She also commented that the Fair board is trying to have another snowmobile race this Saturday, and planning a Farm Rodeo for Memorial Day.

Board Comments

Commissioner Visnaw, District 1 –

- Attended Secord Townships meeting on the 15th
- Sherman Township on the 21st , Broadband was discussed

Commissioner Taylor, District 2 –

- 15th Gladwin Township meeting
- 21st was the Veterans Board meeting.
- No Health Board meeting due to weather
- Council of Local Government and sports complex cancelled last night.

Commissioner O'Donnell, District 3 – Absent

- Attended the Data Committee meeting.
- MAC Environmental meeting was attended virtually, PFAS from run off was discussed
- MAC Judicial meeting yesterday.

Commissioner Moore, District 4 –

- Reiterated the need for Broadband and the impact it could have on the community.
- MAC Judicial Breakout and Public Safety meeting yesterday.
- GBPA tomorrow morning at the Riverwalk.
- April 11th at 4:00 p.m. at the Great Lakes Loon stadium, Beaverton V Gladwin baseball

Commissioner Grove, District 5 –

- Attended Grout township meeting.
- Attended the Jail Committee meeting.
- Attended the City of Gladwin meeting.

Administrator Report.

- Working on the 2024 budget with the Treasurer.
- Finishing 2022 budget today.
- Med Exam RFP has been drafted and is being reviewed by the attorney.
- MMRMA active in Cyber Security
- Email security updates are underway.
- MMRMA Risk Management Conference next Wednesday
- Spongy Moth program updates
- Letters of support have been requested and received for the Robin Grant Broadband application.
- Alternate funding plans are being investigated in regard to the jail feasibility study.
- Juvenile feasibility study is being drafted.

Conversation was had on where the county is with grants and grant applications. The county administrator will meet with commissioners Moore and Grove regularly going forward to review grant status'.

Return to New Business

Commissioner Moore read the resolution in support of Point Broadbands Robin Grant Application. Roll Call vote, 5 – y, 0 – n, resolution adopted. Taylor, Visnaw, Moore, Grove, O'Donnell

Civil Attorney

Nothing to approve today. She has been working on Zoning and Med Exm topics with Mark.

Public Comment

Joel Vernier, Secord Township, shared that the Council of Local Government is being rescheduled for April 24th here at the county building, the Road Commission has been contacted by EGLE, and they (EGLE) are looking to eliminate the ability to brine the dirt roads. Joel also shared pamphlets for MMCAA and details of their winter carnival for kid's last weekend.

Dr. Don Zackett stated the Wixom Lake Association may offer a letter of support for Point Broadband. Yesterday at 3:37 p.m. the commissioners should have received an email from Mr. Kepler at FLTF, with a preview of the next quarterly update. Additionally, Dr. Zackett drafted a summary of costs questioned in the last meeting if the commissioners would like a copy.

Jason Minock, Senior Development Manager with Atwell, shared that there is interest in solar development in Grout township. Conversation was had with Commissioner Grove and Attorney Hoerauf about solar zoning, and updates being worked on for such ordinances in Grout township.

Kerry Wells, from the Gladwin Chamber of Commerce shared that March 10th is the next Legislative Breakfast at the Knights of Columbus, Columbus Hall; speakers will be State Representatives Roger Hauck, Mike Hoadley, and Bill Schutte. Also, a blood drive is being held at the BAC from 1:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m. tonight.

Receive and File

Treasurer VanTiem shared some information in the 2022 Investment Report.

Treasurer VanTiem also shared details on the events of the treasurers office and is temporarily down one person. She has hired a temporary person paid for from the tax eversion fund.

Commissioner Grove made a motion to approve the hiring of the part time staff in the Treasurer's Office, to be paid from the tax eversion fund. Seconded by Commissioner Taylor. All in favor, motion carried.


A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Visnaw, to go into closed session for an employee matter. Roll call vote, 5- y, 0- n, motion approved.

Closed session began at 11:12.

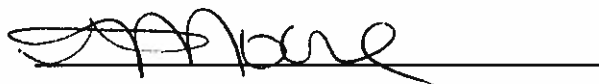
A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor, Seconded by Commissioner O'Donnell to return to open session. Roll call vote, 5- y, 0- n, motion approved.

Return to open session 11:56 a.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner O'Donnell; meeting adjourned at 11:57a.m.



Karrie Hulme, County Clerk



Karen Moore, Chairperson