



## Gladwin County Board of Commissioners Regular Board Minutes, April 25, 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 April 25, 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 Visnaw was excused, all other Commissioners were present.

### **Agenda (All bolded Consent Agenda items will be approved with the approval of the Agenda)**

Commissioner Moore asked to add EGLE, regarding materials management, to the agenda under Miscellaneous. A motion was made by Commissioner O'Donnell, second by Commissioner Taylor to accept the agenda with amendments. All in favor; motion carried.

### **Public Comment – Agenda Items**

Sara Kyle and Joel Vernier addressed the Board inviting them to attend an event on May 31 at the Knights of Columbus, at 6:30 regarding the Open Meetings Act presentation by Matt Nordford. Motion by Taylor to endorse the program being, seconded by O'Donnell, and inform the townships of the program. Additional conversation, all in favor, motion carried.

Jim Knight, from Kalkaska County, addressed the Board regarding the Camp Grayling Expansion asking them, again, to consider joining other counties in adopting a resolution to oppose the expansion.

Nola Knight addressed the Board regarding the Camp Grayling Expansion. She shared her concerns for the safety of residents driving through an experimental weapons zone, and potential impacts believed to be the results of experimental weapons testing.

### **City Administrators Report**

- Nancy Bodner, with the City of Gladwin, shared that the City is working on next years budget. The old Greer brothers shop has been torn down on cemetery street. A lot of work has been done at the cemetery. Last night was a Parks meeting and they heard a lot of good ideas from the new Parks & Rec Manager. She reminded everyone that the Park opens on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Cash Balances**

Commissioner Taylor read the cash balances of \$94,291.71 after the advances to the general fund approved at the last meeting.

### **Board Minutes:**

#### **1. April 11, 2023, Regular Board Meeting**

### **Finance**

#### **1. Road Commission Millage**

Gladwin County Road Commissioner, Dave Pettersch discussed the following:

- a. Request approval of resolution for Road Commission millage on August 8, 2023 ballot
- b. Request approval of Road Commission ballot language

A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to adopt a Road Commission Millage Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Grove. Resolution was read including the ballot language. Additional conversation on the condition of the roads in our county. Roll call vote; 4-Y, 0-N, resolution adopted.

## 2. County Equalization

Equalization Director, Pete Preston and Kayla Marchington discussed the following:

- a. Request permission for Board Chair to sign Form L-4024 – Statement of Acreage and Valuation for Gladwin County in the year of 2023 being a total Equalized Value of \$1,563,023,387
- b. Preston Community Services Contract
- c. Request permission for Board Chair to sign resolution for adoption of 2023 County Equalization allowing for changes in the current staffing.

A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to allow the Chair to sign the 2023 L-4024– Statement of Acreage and Valuation, seconded by Commissioner O'Donnell. All in favor; motion carried.

Conversation was had on the current staffing in the Equalization Department, and the neutral effect to the budget for staffing increases.

A motion was made to allow an increase in fees to \$27,600 annually for the Preston Community Services Contract for professional equalization services. Seconded by Commissioner O'Donnell. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to adopt, and allow the Chair to sign, the 2023 County Equalization Resolution, seconded by Commissioner O'Donnell. Roll call vote; 4-Y, 0-N, resolution adopted.

## 3. Spongy Moth Update/Millage Renewal Discussion

Spongy Moth Program Coordinator, Chris Haupt, shared information on the status of the Spongy Moths in the County and discussed the current millage and potential renewal.

## 4. EGLE presentation from Tracy Purrenhage

Tracy shared information on a Materials Management Plan mandate that will be upcoming in the next five years. The presentation included information on Michigan's current recycling system, changes in recycling in recent years, Renew Michigan Funding, Grant Opportunities for recycling programs, and the goals for recycling in MI going forward. Discussion was had on different recycling programs, how they can be implemented at a township or county level, and the economic benefits to recycling.

## 5. Recommendation from the Data Committee

Commissioner O'Donnell shared the following recommendations:

- a. Recommendation to approve the estimate from VC3 for seven (7) G3 licenses for Microsoft 365 for use by Board of Commissioners, County Administrator, and Civil Attorney along with 6 iPad's to be used by the Commissioners and Civil Attorney
  - I. Cost of licenses \$1,848.00
  - II. Cost for devices/accessories \$2,429.88

A motion was made by Commissioner O'Donnell to approve the purchase of seven (7) licenses from Microsoft 365 in the amount of \$1,848.00 from line 101-258-815.006, and the purchase of six (6) ipads for use by the Commissioners and County Attorney, in the amount of \$2,429.88 from line 101-258-815.005, seconded by Commissioner Taylor. Three years, Commissioner Grove opposed, motion carried.

## **Committee Meeting Reports**

1. **4/10/2023 Sports Complex Meeting**
2. **4/14/2023 Data Committee Meeting**

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

### **Payments Required by Collective Bargaining Agreement**

1. **Request approval for the payout of 35 hours of unused vacation time to Chief Deputy Clerk, Julie Jackson, in the amount of \$826.35.**

### **Miscellaneous**

1. **Camp Grayling Expansion Resolution Discussion**  
Conversation was had by the commissioners on the continued need to research the Camp Grayling Expansion and obtain more information from the National Guard and Camp Grayling.
2. **Request to Approve members to the Joint West Branch Community Airport Zoning Board**  
A motion was made by Commissioner O'Donnell to approve a resolution to appoint Dale Taylor from Bourette Township, Michael Visnaw from Butman Township, and Eric Hose from Clement Township to the Joint West Branch Community Airport Zoning Board. Seconded by Commissioner Taylor; Roll call vote, 4 - Y 0 - N, resolution adopted.

### **New Business**

1. **Request approval for Board Chair and/or Vice-Chair to sign any required approval documents for the FY24 county Veterans Service Fund Grant**  
A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor, and seconded by Commissioner O'Donnell, to approve the Board Chair or Vice Chair to sign any required approval documents for the FY24 Veterans Service Fund Grant. All in favor, motion carried.

### **Chair Comments**

Chair Moore shared that the Wixom Lake Approval Board is being reassigned to Commissioner O'Donnell from Commissioner Moore to benefit scheduling conflicts, as well as that Board is largely in Commissioner O'Donnell's jurisdiction. Last week she went to their first Opioid meeting in N.C.; it was a very good meeting with a lot of information. Some guidance was given on opioid settlement fund spending.

### **Board Comments**

Commissioner Visnaw, District 1 – excused

Commissioner Taylor, District 2 –

- Attended Sage township meeting on April 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Attended Gladwin Twp on the 17<sup>th</sup>, solar panel projects were a large topic of discussion.
- Attended the airport meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup>, they passed their fly by inspection with only one small glitch.
- April 18<sup>th</sup> was the Law Enforcement millage and Veterans Affairs Committee meetings.
- Last night was the Council of Local Government meeting.

Commissioner O'Donnell, District 3 -

- Attended Bentley township meeting; they are excited to be starting their farmer's market, and are struggling with the cost of trash collection.
- The pavilion in Billings Twp. Park is up. June 17<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. will be their Blue & Gold Star Memorial; the park is looking amazing.
- Grim is discussing remodeling their hall.
- Bourrett is also struggling with the cost of trash collection; they are considering a millage proposal.
- Hay Twp. will be having fireworks on June 24<sup>th</sup> hosted by the Riverhouse Restaurant and the Marina.

- Sea Lamprey flyers were distributed. They are here in our rivers; treatment is starting May 9<sup>th</sup> and will run through the 19<sup>th</sup>.

#### Commissioner Moore, District 4 –

- Thunder on the Strip is coming May 20<sup>th</sup> hosted by the GBPA.
- BABA is working on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration.
- Legislative Breakfast was last Friday, the Youth Leadership Group attended and were able to hear from Congressman Moolenaar.
- Attended the Council of Local Government meeting last night. Mid Michigan Community Action Agency spoke specifically about their weatherization program; the qualification for that program is 200% above the Federal Poverty level, so many people will qualify.
- Tomorrow at 5 p.m. is a Four Lakes Task Force (FLTF) webinar, information I son their website. The M30 bridge is projected to be out March to November.

#### Commissioner Grove, District 5 –

- Attended Council of Local Government meeting last night. Residents should take advantage of the weatherization program opportunity if they qualify.
- Solar panels are a concern for farmers and other residents. There is a lot to consider regarding solar farming.
- Attended Animal Control meeting, they are currently working on Board structure.

#### **Administrator Report.**

- Working with MMRMA on funding infrastructure, security is poor and the front entry should be addressed.
- MMRMA is also meeting with FLTF May 17<sup>th</sup> regarding insuring our dams.
- ARPA reporting is due by the end of the month.
- Law Enforcement Millage and talking points literature has been provided.
- Juvenile study meeting May 8<sup>th</sup> in Grayling
- Welcome to Gladwin County signs are being worked on.

#### **Civil Attorney**

- Gladwin County sign easements are being worked on. One has been signed; we are waiting for the other; that ownership is held by a trust which has resulted in delays. Additional delays have resulted from the need for MDOT permits and additional surveys.
- The search for an animal control ordinance has been underway with no resolve. Jaynie will work on creating an ordinance to bring to the Board.
- Zoning regulations for solar developments in Gladwin County are being requested for DTE and Consumers Energy solar farm developments. Options were given for ordinance amendments to cover this, among other things.
- Records retention requirements were discussed, and the desire to develop a record retention policy.
- Developing a Facility Use Policy for all county facilities is being requested by the Civil Attorney.
- An update was given on the 40-acre property north of Clendening Rd., she is still searching for governmental use for this property.
- Residents are burning in the lake beds, she is looking into options for ordinances on burning through the townships, and specific ordinances regarding lake beds at the County level.

## Public Comment

- Dr. Zackett shared that Dave Kepler will be at the May meeting to share information from FLTF.
- Clerk Hulme shared the condition of some of the County Board of Commissioners historical records currently being stored in the basement of the Health Department. She is asking the Board to consider funding a document preservation project.
- Carrie Will, Executive Director for the Gladwin County Chamber of Commerce's shared that the last Legislative Breakfast will be May 12<sup>th</sup>, at the Knights of Columbus at 7:30 a.m.

## Receive and File

A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner O'Donnell ; meeting adjourned at 12:21 p.m.

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Karrie Hulme, County Clerk

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Karen Moore, Chairperson

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