



**Gladwin County Board of Commissioners
Board Minutes March 28, 2023**

Mike Visnaw, District 1, (Sherman, Butman, Clement, Secord)
Ron Taylor, District 2, Vice-Chairperson (Sage, Gladwin, Gladwin City N of M61)
Tami O'Donnell, District 3, (Bentley, Billings, Bourret, Grim, Hay)
Karen Moore, District 4, Chairperson (Tobacco, Buckeye, Beaverton City)
Rick Grove, District 5, (Grout, Beaverton, Gladwin City S of M61)

The Gladwin County Board of Commissioners met for a regular Board Meeting on March 28, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairperson Karen Moore. The Pledge of Allegiance was said, roll was called, and all Commissioners were present.

Public Comment – Agenda Items

No public comment.

City Report

Nancy Bodnar from the City of Gladwin shared information on park improvements and they are still looking for a park manager; the road project on Silverleaf that may not happen; and, the Highland Park Cemetery clean up.

The Board reviewed the Consent Agenda –

The Board reviewed the agenda items and consent agenda. Motion made by Commissioner Taylor to accept the agenda and consent agenda items as presented with no changes or additions, seconded by Commissioner O'Donnell, all in favor, motion carried.

Cash balances were read by Commissioner Taylor. General Fund balance \$65,031.33 before payment of bills.

Approval of the Board Minutes:

1. March 14, 2023, Regular Board Meeting

Finance Reports/Claims and Accounts General Fund

- A. Discussion of attendance at:
 - i. MAC Legislative Conference, April 24-26 in Lansing
 - ii. MACAO Conference, May 23-26 at Crystal Mountain in Thompsonville
 - iii. MAC Annual Conference October 1-3 in Kalamazoo

Early bird rates in effect for Legislative Conference until April 3. Conference registration \$405; hotel \$142.95/night for two nights = \$285.90; mileage of approximately \$200; meals included. Total cost of approximately \$886.00. Motion by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Grove, to approve attendance by Commissioner Visnaw; all in favor, motion carried. The other conferences will be addressed once the registrations become available.

- B. Request approval for new fire control panel at the jail to replace panel that failed on 3/22/2023. Cost of \$3,862.98 (of which a claim has been submitted to MMRMA which could result in reimbursement of \$2,862.98) to be paid from 101-351-930.000. Motion by Commissioner Grove, seconded by Commissioner Taylor, to approve the replacement of the fire panel. All in favor, motion carried.
- C. Request approval for County Administrator to attend DNR Workshop on ORV, Snowmobile, and Marine Safety Grant programs on April 20 in Houghton Lake. No cost for workshop, only cost is mileage of approximately \$40. Motion by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner O'Donnell, for the County Administrator to attend this workshop. All in favor, motion carried.

Committee Meeting Reports

A. March 14, 2023, Personnel Committee

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

- A. Request approval for FOIA training for Ronnie Bontumasi April 13 at Auburn Hills Police Department. \$165 from line 101-301-804.000
- B. Request approval for FOIA training for Susan Walker on May 17 in Grayling, location TBD. \$165 from line 101-301-804.000

Payments required by Collective Bargaining Agreement

- A. Request approval for payout of 36.625 hours of unused comp time for Deputy Clerk Ashley Longstreth of \$590.61
- B. Request approval for payout of 65.475 hours of unused comp time for Deputy Clerk Mandy Hodge of \$1,038.12.

Miscellaneous

- A. EMS quarterly update – *EMS Director, John Clayton*
- B. Drain Commissioner Update – *Drain Commissioner, Terry Walters*
- C. Request approval for Board Chair to sign PA-214 Resolution from Veteran's Committee – *Veteran's Director, Kenneth Roberts*. Motion by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Visnaw, to approve the Resolution concerning the Modification of Act 214 of 1899. All in favor, motion carried. Roll call as follows: Commissioner Visnar – yes; Commissioner Grove – yes; Commissioner Moore – yes; Commissioner Taylor – yes; Commissioner O'Donnell – yes. 5 Ayes; 0 Nays; Resolution 2023-011 hereby adopted.
- D. BOC review of County Procurement Policy – *County Administrator, Mark Justin*.
- E. Request approval for Dispatcher Samantha Little to attend the 40-hour Advanced Dispatch School, an on-line course, no cost for travel. Cost of training is \$845, payable from line 282-000-804.001 – *911 Director, Mike Brubaker*. Motion by Commissioner Grove, seconded by Commissioner Taylor, for Dispatcher Little to attend this on line course. All in favor, motion carried.

New Business

- A. Opening of RFPs for Medical Examiner/choosing of project award – *BOC Chair, Karen Moore*. These will be reviewed and a Special Board Meeting called to approve.
- B. Request approval of Quote #VC3Q25786 for the purchase of 95 SafeID Diamond Multi-Factor Authentication Tokens, card reader, and labor to install. Total cost of \$6,981.25 to be initially paid from Line 101-258-815-005 and is fully reimbursable through MMRMA RAP grant – *County Administrator, Mark Justin*. Motion by Commissioner O'Donnell, seconded by Commissioner Visnaw, to approve the quote received from VC3. All in favor, motion carried.

Chairperson Comments

- There is an upcoming baseball game between Gladwin and Beaverton.
- The water in the County Building is scheduled to be turned off on Wednesday, but they will check into other options since it may be more than an hour to fix.
- Gladwin made such a great impression on many people in Saginaw when Gladwin won the football game recently.
- She showed off her shirt for March for Meals and commented on the ride along done recently with Meals on Wheels.

Board Comments

Commissioner Visnaw, District 1 –

- Attended Secord Township meeting.
- Visited Wexford Jail and 911 center with Chairperson Moore.

Commissioner Taylor, District 2 –

- 15th Gladwin Township meeting with discussions on solar farms.
- 20th Gladwin City meeting.
- 21st Veterans Committee.
- 22nd Health Board Meeting.

Commissioner O'Donnell, District 3 –

- Attended Bourret and Grim meetings.
- Hay Township meeting, commenting there is good revenue to be made by Townships with marijuana facilities.
- Did the ride along with Council on Aging for Meals on Wheels.
- MACC subcommittee meeting.

Commissioner Moore, District 4 –

- MACC subcommittee meeting discussing the Opioid epidemic.
- Attended the GAFT murder mystery presentation.
- FLTF Board Meeting with Commissioner O'Donnell and a follow-up Zoom meeting tomorrow.
- Visited Wexford County jail and dispatch center.
- City of Beaverton meeting where Scott Govitz has stepped in as interim Administrator.

Commissioner Rick Grove, District 5 –

- Attended the Beaverton City meeting.
- Grout Township meeting with discussions on broadband and solar farms.
- He's been out of the state for a couple weeks as well.
- Discussion of patrol car USDA grants or using ARPA money for new cars.

Administrators Report - He has meetings scheduled regarding the Opioid problem; discussions of EGLE offering money to counties for material management programs (recycling); he has a large list of projects to discuss with the State of Michigan Treasury for possible funding; the data meeting was rescheduled to April 14th; the ARPA report is due April 30th; the broadband report was submitted for funding but takes 4-6 weeks on decision; brining of roads has been reinstated by the State; and PC's out of service by the County have the hard drives destroyed by VC3.

Civil Attorney Report

She is working on the sick leave policy for part time employees.

A letter will be sent out to all employees on the health insurance policy changes; motion by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Visnaw, to approve the revised Personnel Policy with those changes. All in favor, motion carried.

The Michigan Supreme Court is proposing changes to MCL 7.201 regarding governmental immunity. Motion by Commissioner Moore to sign a letter drafted by Jaynie opposing these changes, seconded by Commissioner Taylor; all in favor, motion carried.


Public Comment -

- Joel Vernier spoke on the changes made by Region 7b to assist veterans with mental health issues, the Leadership Program kickoff and the Council of Local Government implementing an Open Meetings Act workshop.

-Jim Shea, Grout Township Supervisor, expressed his willingness to help the County with zoning for solar farming.

- Don Zackett provided some clarification on the State's issue with brining and the possible contamination of the brine from fracking; he explained a bit about the Lamprey problem in the Tobacco River; and commented on the high reviews received by FLTF on their recent audit.

A motion was made by Commissioner O'Donnell to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Visnaw. All in favor, meeting adjourned at 11:11 a.m.



Julie A. Jackson, Chief Deputy Clerk



Karen Moore, Chairperson