



## Gladwin County Board of Commissioners Regular Board Minutes, May 09, 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 May 09, 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

None

### City Administrators Report

Nancy Bodner, from the City of Gladwin, shared that they have found a vendor, ERG Environmental, to host Hazardous Waste Day to be held August 12<sup>th</sup>. Clean up is being done at the old Dollar General site, there is a new pavilion in the City Park by the ranger station for bike rentals, and the used book sale starts tomorrow at the library.

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

Commissioner Moore asked to move Finance – B & D, and Miscellaneous – A to the beginning of the agenda. A motion was made by Commissioner O'Donnell, second by Commissioner Taylor to accept the agenda with amendments. All in favor; motion carried.

### Cash Balances

Commissioner Taylor read the cash balances of \$54,994.74 before the payment of bills.

### Board Minutes:

#### A. April 25, 2023, Regular Board Meeting

#### Finance

2. District Court Software  
Magistrate Post provided information on the recent change in law regarding Set Aside/ Automatic Set Aside Convictions and the status of the current AS400 software.  
A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor, to approve District Court to purchase software and hardware upgrades to become compliant with the State's new set-aside laws. The cost is approximately \$20,262.50, to be paid from line 101-136-983.000. The purchase is reimbursable through Clean Slate funding. Motion seconded by Commissioner Visnaw. All in favor, motion carried.
4. Council on Aging (COA) Fiscal Year Budget Request  
Bonnie Klein, Financial Director for Council on Aging provided statistics to the Meals on Wheels program, as well as their projection for the upcoming year.  
A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor, second by Commissioner O'Donnell to approve the COA Budget request for FY 23/24 in the amount of \$794,595. All in favor, motion carried.

#### Miscellaneous

1. Four Lakes Task Force Update  
Dave Kepler with Four Lakes Task Force (FLTF) gave an update on lake restorations. His update included the cost of various phases of the projects, funding sources, and the status of Secord and

Smallwood dams. FLTF is working toward resolving permitting issues in 2023, as well as Federal Emergency Management Agency requirements for flood plain areas, interest rate concerns and project costs. The Commissioners thanked Mr. Kepler and his team for the work they do. Additional conversation was had on the progress being made.

2. John Burnett, Regional Coordinator for Mid Michigan Community Action Agency, shared an update on the Agency's Weatherization program. The program is funded through government grants and has an income qualification requirement that is 200% above poverty level. Mr. Burnett explained the process of testing and evaluating homes for the program, gave answers to some common questions, provided statistics for Gladwin County, and briefly discussed other programs offered through the Agency.

## **Finance**

1. Drain Commissioner's Office Phone Stipend Request

County Administrator Justin shared details of the request, including concerns over FOIA and the use of personal phones for county business.

A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to approve the Drain Commissioner and Deputy Drain Commissioner to receive a \$30/month phone stipend, seconded by Commissioner Grove. All in favor, motion carried.

3. Patrol Vehicle Repair Request

County Administrator Justin shared details of the request, including the bid process and the request of MMRMA to approve Triple M Collision being the lowest bid.

A motion was made by Commissioner O'Donnell to approve repairs to a patrol vehicle damaged in car/deer collision by Triple M Collision. The cost to the County is \$1,000 payable from line 101-301-932.000. Motion seconded by Commissioner Taylor. All in favor, motion carried.

5. Emergency Management Purchase Request

County Administrator Justin shared details of the request to purchase a multi-force door opening device, including the support of other emergency response teams.

Motion by Commissioner Taylor to approve the purchase of one (1) Multi-Force Door device. Cost of \$8,735 payable from line 101-426-720.001. The purchase is reimbursable through grant funding from the Michigan State Police Emergency Mgmt/Homeland Security Division. Motion seconded by Commissioner Grove. All in favor, motion carried.

6. Community Mental Health Fiscal Year Budget Request

County Administrator Justin shared that the request is the same appropriation request as previous years.

Motion by Commissioner O'Donnell to approve the appropriation to Community Mental Health of \$91,531 for FY 23/24; seconded by Commissioner Visnaw. All in favor, motion carried.

## **Committee Meeting Reports**

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

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

## **New Business**

1. Commissioner Moore shared information on the relationship between the city, county, and airport in regards to Thunder on the Strip.

Motion by Commissioner O'Donnell, seconded by Commissioner Grove to approve the Vice Chair to sign the joint lease agreement between the City of Gladwin, County of Gladwin, and Zettel Memorial Airport Commission (the Lessors) with the GBPA for the purpose of holding a drag racing event know as Thunder on the Strip. All in favor, motion carried.

2. Recommendations from the Personnel Committee

Commissioner Taylor shared conversation from the personnel committee on the following requests:

a. Request approval for additional employee to change health care plan based on hardship.

Motion by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Moore to approve this request. All in favor, motion carried.

b. Request approval for proper handling of employee requesting unpaid leave for family emergency.

No action was taken.

### Chair Comments

Chair Moore reminded residents that Thunder on the Strip is May 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m., the fee to enter is \$5. May 27<sup>th</sup> is a Road Rally hosted by the Wixom Lake Association; line up starts at 10:30 a.m. at Billings Park. On Memorial Day there will be a pancake Breakfast at the Beaverton Fire Department from 8:00 – 11:00 a.m. Gladwin Memorial Day Parade is at 10:00 a.m., Beaverton Memorial Day Parade is at 1:00 p.m. REMAX of Gladwin is having a ribbon cutting ceremony tonight, tomorrow night Schumacher Agency in Beaverton will have an open house to celebrate their 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Gladwin County's Register of Deeds, Ann Manning-Clayton, presented at the MAC finance Board and did a fantastic job, thank you.

### Board Comments

Commissioner Visnaw, District 1 –

- Attended the Butman and Clement Township meetings on April 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Attended the Airport Commission meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Attended the Data Committee meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup>.
- On the 18<sup>th</sup> he attended the Sherman township meeting.
- The 19<sup>th</sup> he attended the Secord township meeting.
- April 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> he attended the MAC Legislative conference., Court Funding and Juvenile Justice breakouts were interesting.
- On the 1<sup>st</sup> of May he attended the Sugar Spring Lake Authority meeting.
- On the 5<sup>th</sup> he attended the Police Academy Graduation in Grayling, 3 Gladwin Graduates.
- The 8<sup>th</sup> was the Juvenile Feasibility meeting in Grayling.
- Yesterday was the Jail Committee meeting.

Commissioner Taylor, District 2 –

- Relatively quite couple of weeks; the 26<sup>th</sup> was the Health Board Meeting.

Commissioner O'Donnell, District 3 -

- The FLTF Webinar was very informative.
- Attended Billings and Bentley township meetings last night. Both townships are in full swing with township projects. She shared law enforcement millage information at both.

Commissioner Moore, District 4 –

- The Office of Veterans Affairs has issued a handout with Memorial Day activities information on it.
- The Council of Local Government will present on the Open Meetings Act May 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:30; doors open at 6:00 p.m.
- May is Mental Health Awareness Month

- BCAP (Beaverton Community Athletic Park) presented in Tobacco Township, their project is really coming along.
- Gladwin County Leadership Program Youth participants will be graduating this week. The ceremony will be here in the commissioners' chambers on Friday. Commissioner Moore shared comments from the youth on the types of things that would keep youth in our community. This information was also shared with Middle MI Development Company.
- May 20<sup>th</sup> thunder

#### Commissioner Grove, District 5 –

- The City of Gladwin had some issues with the tree cutting on River Rd, so they are looking at options to address the issues.
- Jail meeting yesterday, there are a ton of moving parts in this project.
- Beaverton Township meeting last night; the sidewalk looks great. Mosquito control contract renewal
- Grout Township meeting is tonight.

#### Administrator Report.

- The auditors were here last week.
- We are moving forward on the opioid project.
- Millage flyers are available, please hand them out. We are still working with Trapani on webpage details. There is more information to be put out, but we must be careful to inform, not advocate.

#### Board Communication

- Commissioner Moore shared a communication from Mike McNamara, retired Lieutenant Colonel from Camp Grayling. He would still like a resolution from Gladwin County opposing the expansion. The DNR has denied the request for a 20-year lease, but there is an appeal phase and short-term leases may still move forward.

#### Civil Attorney

- Zoning ordinances have been being worked on; a meeting is scheduled for the 19<sup>th</sup>.
- A newly introduced package of Bills has been introduced removing local control over gravel and sand mining.
- An Animal Control Ordinance from perhaps 2013 was presented, she is searching for enactment language.
- There has been no government use found for the Clendening Rd. property owned by the county. She recommends the Board consider what they would like to do with it, keep it an pay the taxes, or sell it and get it back on the tax roll.

#### Public Comment

- Ken Robert, VA Director, reminded everyone of Memorial Days purpose and Memorial Day Events. Parade in Gladwin at, Parade in Beaverton at, VA is hosting a luncheon at the River walk following the memorial service in Gladwin.
- Joel Vernier, Secord Township, thanked the board for the information from Council on Aging, MMCAA, and the Open Meetings Act presentation. Knights of Columbus are donating the next two dinners to Sacred Heart Mission, and the subsequent to the Beaverton Mission.
- Carrie Wills shared that she has Chamber directories available for distribution. Sugar Springs Golf outing is May 19<sup>th</sup>, and the last Legislative Breakfast is this Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup>.

- Sheriff Shea shared with the Board that the Academy graduates were Racheal Nyarko, Evan Bussell, and Jeremy Renshaw. He thanked Commissioner Visnaw for attending. They start their on-the-job training today. He also encouraged the Board to have conversations with department heads regarding the impact on the County of a failed law enforcement millage.
- Dr. Zakett emphasized the importance of an Army Core of Engineers loan at 3.6% to FLTF, and the

**Receive and File**

A motion was made by Commissioner O'Donnell to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Grove; meeting adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

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Karrie Hulme, County Clerk

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Karen Moore, Chairperson

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