



Gladwin County Board of Commissioners Board Minutes May 23, 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 May 23, 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

Chris Shannon from the City of Gladwin shared information on City projects since the flood 3 years ago.

The Board reviewed the Consent Agenda –

The Board reviewed the agenda items and consent agenda. Commissioner Moore proposed a change under Miscellaneous to add "E. Veterans Affairs status report." Motion made by Commissioner Taylor to accept the agenda and consent agenda with the proposed change under "Miscellaneous," seconded by Commissioner O'Donnell, all in favor, motion carried.

Cash balances were read by Commissioner Taylor. General Fund balance \$29,665.97.

Approval of the Board Minutes:

1. May 9, 2023, Regular Board Meeting
2. May 15, 2023, Special Board Meeting

Finance Reports/Claims and Accounts General Fund

- A. Pete Preston, Equalization Director, requested approval of the L-4029 for the Summer 2023 tax levy. Motion by Commissioner Taylor to sign the Summer L-4029, seconded by Commissioner Visnaw. All in favor, motion carried.
- B. Robert North, Emergency Manager, requested approval of the following items, all fully reimbursable from grant funds: 92 Stop the Bleed Kits at \$5,330.48 to be distributed between the two school districts and continued programming for previously purchased radios at \$1,250 payable to the State of Michigan and \$125 to vendor. Motion by Commissioner Grove to approve the purchases as requested, seconded by Commissioner Taylor. All in favor, motion carried.
- C. Gladwin Zettel Airport is requesting approval of I-Deal Sealcoating to perform crack sealing in the amount of \$2,450 to be paid from ARPA funds. This is less than the original request. Motion by Commissioner Taylor to approve the request, seconded by Commissioner Visnaw. All in favor, motion carried.
- D. The Data Committee requested approval for funding of the NetMotion project in the amount of \$30,814 to be funded from a combination of Sheriff Department and technology budgets. Motion by

Commissioner Visnaw to approve the funding, seconded by Commissioner Taylor. All in favor, motion carried.

E. No Finance Committee recommendations.

Committee Meeting Reports

- A. May 9, 2023, Personnel Committee
- B. May 11, 2023, Airport Committee
- C. May 12, 2023, Data Committee

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

Payments required by Collective Bargaining Agreement

- A. Request approval for payout of 4 hours of vacation time for Deputy Clerk Ashley Longstreth of \$75.80 from line 101-215-705.000

Miscellaneous

- A. Clark Yosin from Kofile did a presentation on preservation of old Commissioner minute books that are beginning to mold and come apart. He explained the process of preserving the paper and placing them in waterproof/fireproof books. He will get back with the County Clerk on pricing.
- B. Joe Andrist provided the County on an update to the Beaverton Sports Complex.
- C. Gladwin Zettel Memorial Airport requested approval of a resolution allowing Mike Hargrave, Airport Manager, and Angela Bigham, City Treasurer, to sign contracts and agreements on behalf of the Airport. Motion by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Visnaw, to approve the Resolution allowing Hargrave and Bigham to sign on behalf of the Airport. Roll call as follows: Commissioner Visnaw – yes; Commissioner Grove – yes; Commissioner Moore – yes; Commissioner Taylor – yes; Commissioner O'Donnell – yes. 5 Ayes; 0 Nays; Resolution 2023-019 hereby adopted.
- D. Discussion was had on the Camp Grayling expansion and a resolution to oppose the use of State Lands by Permit was requested. The County is in full support of the U.S. Military, however it is not in support of the State in the vagueness of the use of the land and not providing any real answers to the affect on residents. Motion by Commissioner O'Donnell, seconded by Commissioner Grove, to approve the Resolution to Oppose the Camp Grayling use of State Lands by Permit. Roll call as follows: Commissioner Visnaw – yes; Commissioner Grove – yes; Commissioner Moore – yes; Commissioner Taylor – yes; Commissioner O'Donnell – yes. 5 Ayes; 0 Nays; Resolution 2023-020 hereby adopted.
- E. Ken Roberts, Veterans Affairs, provided the County with their yearly status report.

New Business

Chairperson Comments

- May 24th is the annual meeting of Middle Michigan.
- Friday Bill Schuette will have his office hour at the Beaverton Activity Center.
- Memorial weekend there will be a rodeo at the fairgrounds.
- Saturday is the Wixom Lake Association road rally in Billings Township.

Board Comments

Commissioner Visnaw, District 1 –

- May 10th Butman and Clement meetings.
- May 12th Legislative Breakfast and MCOT meetings.

- May 15th NMCA meeting in Roscommon and the Special Board meeting.
- May 17th Secord Township meeting.
- May 19th Chamber golf outing.
- May 31st he will be attending the Open Meetings Act seminar.

Commissioner Taylor, District 2 –

- May 11th Airport meeting.
- May 15th Gladwin City meeting.
- May 16th Veterans meeting – Ken and Jamie are doing important work.
- May 16th Wiggins Lake Authority Board meeting.
- May 18th met with the planning team and Bob North about emergency management grant money coming in.
- May 19th Finance and Budget meetings.
- He reminded everyone of the Memorial Day parade and service and there will be a free lunch for Veterans at Riverwalk after.

Commissioner O'Donnell, District 3 –

- May 9th attended Bourret and Grim meetings. Grim is moving their meeting from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. which is a great change for her.
- May 12th the Legislative Breakfast.
- Saturday she will be attending the Wixom Lake rally in Billings.
- The Wixom Lake Improvement Board meeting is tonight.
- She will also be attending the Open Meetings Act seminar.

Commissioner Moore, District 4 –

- Memorial Day the Beaverton Fire Department is hosting a pancake breakfast beginning at 8 a.m.; the Gladwin parade will begin at 10 a.m.; and, the Beaverton parade will be at 1 p.m.
- May 12th attended the Legislative Breakfast, where 3 of our Judges were present. The graduation of the Youth Leadership Program took place, along with safety day with Sheriff Shea and 911 Director Mike Brubaker, and a mock trial with Prosecutor Gage and Judge Farrell.
- Attended the NMAC meeting in Roscommon.
- She will also be attending the Open Meetings Act seminar.
- This past Saturday was Thunder on the Strip at the Airport and it was a huge success.

Commissioner Rick Grove, District 5 –

- May 16th Grout Township meeting.
- May 18th he met with InverEnergy on solar panel installation in Gladwin Township.
- May 23rd Animal Control meeting where it was suggested a daily activity log by minutes instead of hourly be kept.
- He will also attend the Open Meetings Act seminar.

Administrators Report - The Law Enforcement millage web page is now live; he has started the budget preparation for 2024; attending the County Administrator's Conference the rest of the week; the Spongy Moth spray treatment is beginning; the Opioid Advisory Committee member appointment has been completed.

Civil Attorney Report

The Board was updated on the Animal Control Ordinance and urged to get it out to the Townships for approval to bring back to the Board for final adoption. Treasurer VanTiem does need the monthly deposit wording changed to weekly first.

The solar panel zoning issue is difficult to adopt because of the land use laws. She suggested the Planning Commission all take the training that is offered at \$250 per person.

There were several judgments recently entered for past due jail fines.

Public Comment -


- Joel Vernier spoke on the Open Meetings Act workshop being held next week and there were approximately 100 people registered; the current Youth Leadership group graduated; Smallwood Lake is meeting on the tree cutting; there is a meeting coming up on updates of the dam improvements; the Board was thanked for their due diligence on the Camp Grayling expansion.

-Mary Moylan spoke on her concerns for the push for green energy and all the solar farms coming to Gladwin County. She also thanked the Board for the Resolution on Camp Grayling.

- Sheriff Shea spoke on his concerns with the new red flag resolutions and the State's dismal job on dealing with mental health issues. Also a huge concern is social media and the negative impact it has on law enforcement.

A motion was made by Commissioner O'Donnell to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Taylor. All in favor, meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.


Julie A. Jackson, Chief Deputy Clerk


Karen Moore, Chairperson