



**Gladwin County Board of Commissioners  
Board Minutes, July 11, 2023**

**Mike Visnaw, District 1, (Sherman, Butman, Clement, & Secord Twps.)**  
**Ron Taylor, District 2, Vice-Chair (Sage, Gladwin Twp. & Gladwin City P1)**  
**Tammy O'Donnell, District 3, (Bentley, Billings, Bourret, Grim & Hay Twps.)**  
**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 July 11, 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, Commissioner Grove was excused, all other commissioners were present.

**The Board reviewed the Consent Agenda –**

The Board reviewed the consent agenda. Commissioner Moore asked to add an item to Finance, purchase of patrol vehicles as #3. A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to accept the agenda with changes, seconded by Commissioner O'Donnell, all in favor motion carried.

**Public Comment – Agenda Items**

Bev Przystas and Dave Bonham shared some information and flyers on 4H as part of the MSU extension millage renewal. Reminding everyone of the programs available through the MSU Extension, and to vote in August.

Joel Vernier of Secord township shared his support for the 4H program.

**City Report**

Nancy Bodner from the City of Gladwin shared that the silverleaf project is coming along nicely.

**Cash balances** were read by Commissioner Taylor. General Fund balance \$118,263.26 before the payment of bills.

**Approval of the Board Minutes:**

1. **June 27, 2023, Regular Board Meeting**

**Committee Meeting Reports**

1. **Data Committee July 07, 2023**

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

**Payments Required by Collective Bargaining Agreement**

**Finance**

1. Request approval for 911 Dispatcher Training  
Administrator Justin shared details of the request.

Commissioner Taylor made a motion to approve Dispatcher Heather Arnold to attend the Basic 40 Hour Dispatch School in October. Cost of \$845 to be paid from line #282-000-804.001, Wireless Training Fund. Seconded by Commissioner Visnaw; all in favor, motion carried.

2. **Data Committee Recommendation's**  
Administrator Justin Shared details of the Data Committee meeting with VC3, Customer Relations Manager, Dee Putman will be the new contact for Gladwin County, as others have taken on new roles within the company. Additionally, conversation was had on how to move forward with managing the county website.
3. **Vehicle Procurement for Sheriff's Office**  
Undersheriff Hartwell shared that the Sherriff's Office needs new vehicles, the timing of an order through Ford, and the current availability of two vehicles at the Ford dealer.

A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to approve the procurement of two (2) patrol vehicles for the Sheriff's Office from ARPA Funds. Each will cost approximately \$61,000, totaling \$122,000. Seconded by Commissioner O'Donnell, all in favor, motion carried.

## **Miscellaneous**

1. **Spongy Moth Millage Renewal Conversation**  
Chris Haupt shared an update on the spongy moth program status. Current death rate is where it is supposed to be, male trapping started last week. Financially things are looking good. He is asking the Commissioners to approve a renewal to go on a ballot for the next county wide election.

## **New Business**

### **Chairperson Comments**

- Chairperson Moore reminded everyone that it is fair week, Thursday is the truck pull.
- Point Broadband's grant application to the State was approved; Gladwin County will be a part of the State Project

### **Board Comments**

Commissioner Visnaw, District 1 –

- Attended the Data Committee meeting and is looking to get better results on the website, not spending a lot of money.
- The VA Golf outing raised \$21,935 to support veterans in Gladwin County.

Commissioner Ron Taylor, District 2 –

- Attended the Sports Complex meeting. Their sewer system has collapsed, and they are in need of funding to repair it. Approximate cost will be \$25,000.

Commissioner O'Donnell, District 3 –

- Attended the Data Committee meeting last week.
- She attended Bentley and Billings township meetings last night.
- Wixom Lake Improvement sprayed the lake bottoms; there are a lot of dead plants now.
- Wixom Lake Association is hosting another Happy Hour on the 27<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. at Mary Hearted Cidery off M61.

Commissioner Moore, District 4 –

- The Trail of Two Cities had a marathon on Sunday that was very well attended.
- Beaverton 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade had a great turnout.

- FLTF will host another webinar at 3:00p.m. on the 13<sup>th</sup>; if you cannot register and attend it will be posted to their website. Dale Rd has been paved and the M30 bridge is being worked on. On the Tobacco side cutting is being done.

#### **Administrators Report –**

- Finance Committee meeting next week on the 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Facilities and Transportation will get together on the 21<sup>st</sup>.
- The Millage is less than a month away, a new mail piece will be mailed out this week. A lot going on to inform the community about the law enforcement millage.

#### **Civil Attorney –**

#### **Public Comment -**

- 911 Director Mike Brubaker shared that a storm took out a tower on Breault Rd. that has impacted 911 communications, among other county services. Temporary equipment has been loaned to get us up and running; they are working on funding the repairs and toward insurance claims.

- Joel Vernier, Secord Township, discussed the dumping of tree/plant debris into the water. He also discussed the cofferdams, tree cutting, and preparing for the water to come back. He asked the Commissioners to please share the information with the townships.

- John Giegler thanked the commissioners for the work they do and shared his concern of the solar farms coming into our communities He would like to see some supervision of the process and restrictions at a local level. He asked the Commission to consider an ordinance.

- Sheriff Shea shared the Michael Fields of the Democratic Party, wrote an article for the local paper promoting the millage, and the Republican Party has invited him to speak at their next meeting.

Carrie Wills shared the ORV Trailhead information is updated on the Chamber site. She is learning how to manage her site, hosted by Sterns Marketing, and offered to help the county if needed. GAFT has a play coming up, tickets are on sale at several locations in the county.

#### **Receive & File**

Gladwin County Library June Statistics

No further business, meeting adjourned at 10:19 a.m.

  
Karrie Hulme, County Clerk

  
Karen Moore, Chairperson