



**Gladwin County Board of Commissioners  
Board Minutes, August 8, 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 August 8, 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.

**The Board reviewed the Consent Agenda –**

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

**Public Comment – Agenda Items**

No public comment.

**City Report**

No City reports were made.

**Cash balances** were read by Commissioner Taylor. General Fund balance \$45,264.01.

**Approval of the Board Minutes:**

1. **July 21, 2023, Special Board Meeting**
2. **July 25, 2023, Regular Board Minutes**

**Committee Meeting Reports**

1. **Finance Committee August 1, 2023**
2. **Data Committee August 4, 2023**

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

- A. **Request approval for Dispatcher Jennifer Matteson to attend the "Leadership IV-Coaching, Counseling and Discipline" training course September 7-9, 2023, sponsored by Success911. The total cost of \$420 includes hotel, food and mileage reimbursement to be paid from Wireless Training Fund 282-000-804.001.**

**Payments Required by Collective Bargaining Agreement**

- A. **Request approval for payment of 6.75 hours compensatory time to Juvenile Officer Danielle Lundquist per CBA guidelines in the amount of \$190.28 from line 101-148-706.001.**

**Finance**

- A. **Request approval of round 2 of vest purchases for Correction Officers in the amount of \$3,172.50 from line 101-351-758.000. Commissioner O'Donnell made a motion to approve the purchase of vests, Seconded by Commissioner Taylor; all in favor, motion carried.**
- B. **Request approval for Director of Veterans Affairs, Kenneth Roberts, to attend the 2023 Michigan Association of County Veterans Counselors (MACVC) Fall Conference on 9/21-22 at Tawas Bay**

Beach Resort and Conference Center at a cost of \$350, hotel \$170, mileage \$80 for a total of \$600 to be paid from line 101-682-860.000. Motion by Commissioner Taylor to approve Ken Roberts attendance, seconded by Commissioner Visnaw; all in favor, motion carried.

- C. Request approval for County Administrator to attend the MERS Annual Conference in Detroit 9/28-29 at a cost of \$255, hotel \$398, parking and mileage \$288 for a total of \$941 to be paid from line 101-101-860.000. Motion by Commissioner Taylor to approve attendance at this conference by County Administrator, seconded by Commissioner O'Donnell; all in favor, motion carried.
- D. Request approval for appropriation of \$15,000 from ARPA funds to Gladwin County Sports Complex for repair of sewer lines. Motion by Commissioner Taylor to appropriate the ARPA funds for sewer repairs, seconded by Commissioner Visnaw; all in favor, motion carried.
- E. Finance Committee Report on budget discussions.

### **Miscellaneous**

- A. Request approval for appointment of Ken Roberts to the Region VII Advisory Council for a 3 year term. Joel Vernier spoke on his recommendation of Mr. Roberts. Motion by Commissioner Taylor to approve this appointment, seconded by Commissioner O'Donnell; all in favor, motion carried.
- B. Presentation by Community Mental Health for Central Michigan (CMHCM). Executive Director and Program Director, Bryan Krogman and Sara Miceli-Sorenson, gave updates on new programs and how they are staying involved in our community.
- C. Report from the Data Committee on the County website and continuing with Stearns.

### **New Business**

- A. Public hearing for review and consideration of the Gladwin County Animal Control Ordinance. Motion by Commissioner Taylor to go into Special Meeting of public hearing on the Animal Control Ordinance, seconded by Commissioner Grove; all in favor, motion carried. Mary Moylan spoke on her concern in Tobacco Township of excessive barking for hours. No other comments or concerns were voiced. Motion by Commissioner Taylor to close the public hearing, seconded by Commissioner Grove; all in favor, motion carried. Further Motion by Commissioner Grove to approve the Gladwin County Animal Control Ordinance, seconded by Commissioner Taylor. Roll call vote as follows: Commissioner Visnaw – yes; Commissioner O'Donnell – yes; Commissioner Taylor – yes; Commissioner Grove – yes; Commissioner Moore – yes; 5 - yes; 0 – no; all in favor, Gladwin County Animal Control Ordinance hereby adopted and approved.
- B. Board discussion regarding the Planning Commission, included discussion by Civil Attorney. The County Master Plan is required by law to be updated every 5 years but has not been done since 2008. Administrator Justin needs to move ahead to get quotes on a planner to get them hired and get a Master Plan in place. The employees and Board members involved also must move forward to get the proper training.

**Report of Civil Attorney** – Jaynie spoke on the moratorium on the planning and zoning ordinances which do not provide for solar farms so permits should not be issued for them at this time at the County level.

### **Chairperson Comments**

Chairperson Moore reminded everyone it was Election Day and please get out to vote if interested.

### **Board Comments**

Commissioner Visnaw, District 1 –

- He attended both Public Safety Townhall meetings on July 24<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.
- He attended the FLTF meeting in Billings Township.

- He attended the Broadband meeting at Beaverton High School.
- He voted this morning.

Commissioner Ron Taylor, District 2 –

- Attended the Townhall meeting at Butman Township.
- August 1<sup>st</sup> Finance Meeting.
- August 7<sup>th</sup> Sports Complex meeting.
- He voted.

Commissioner O'Donnell, District 3 –

- August 2<sup>nd</sup> Townhall meeting at Billings Township.
- Wixom Lake Improvement Board meeting.
- She will be voting later today.
- September 9<sup>th</sup> there will be a public hearing at Beaverton High School on reinstating the special spray on Wixom.
- The Wixom Lake annual meeting will be this Saturday.
- There is nothing really going on in her Townships.

Commissioner Moore, District 4 –

- July 25<sup>th</sup> FLTF quarterly Board meeting.
- August 10<sup>th</sup> FLTF update meeting.
- Last Saturday Wixom Lake Association meeting where Commissioner O'Donnell was honored for her work.
- Friday attending the MAC meeting on opioids.
- July 27<sup>th</sup> Opioid task force meeting.
- August 23<sup>rd</sup> Middle Michigan Development meeting at Riverwalk.
- August 19<sup>th</sup> Chamber ORV event.
- September 9<sup>th</sup> Thunder on the Strip.
- August 11<sup>th</sup> group meeting on reinstating Jeep Creep.
- This Saturday Golden Key Club meeting to bring children's cancer treatment facility to old Good News Camp.
- August 9<sup>th</sup> music by Claim Jumpers from 6:30-8:00 pm at Billings Township pavilion.
- Attended the Beaverton Townhall meeting.

Commissioner Rick Grove, District 5 –

- July 28<sup>th</sup> Animal Control meeting.
- August 4<sup>th</sup> Beaverton Townhall meeting.
- August 7<sup>th</sup> Gladwin City meeting.
- Voted at his Township this morning and was #9.
- Thanked Ken Roberts for his work and going above and beyond.

**Administrators Report**

Thanked everyone, especially the Sheriff, for their work at attending the Public Safety Townhall meetings.

The MAC Annual Conference early bird registration is now open to attend October 1-3 in Kalamazoo. Motion by Commissioner Taylor for Commissioner Moore to attend in October, seconded by Commissioner O'Donnell; all in favor, motion carried.

He attended the second group meeting pertaining to the Opioid crisis and there will be another next week.

The Maintenance Supervisor presented a quote of approximately \$8,000 from Central Ceiling to replace the tiles in the Courtroom. If it isn't an emergency to do right away, a recommendation will be taken back to him to get additional bids.

**Public Comment -**

- Joel Vernier, Secord Township, spoke on the Townships need for Master Plans but most don't have the funding. A FLTF zoom meeting is scheduled to discuss finances. There will be a grant presentation workshop coming up at Riverwalk by Michigan Works and encourages everyone to attend.

- Brian Stone, business developer for Michigan Institute of Forensic Science, spoke on his working relationship with the Board and requested a letter of support to present to other Counties interested in their services.

-Carrie Will of the Chamber of Commerce spoke on the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual ORV Fun Fest August 19<sup>th</sup> and so far there are 75 ORVs registered.

The meeting adjourned at 11:14 a.m.



Julie A. Jackson, Chief Deputy Clerk



Karen Moore, Chairperson