



## Gladwin County Board of Commissioners Board Minutes, July 25, 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 25, 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, all commissioners were present.

### **Public Comment – Agenda Items**

- None

### **City Report**

- None

### **The Board reviewed the Consent Agenda –**

The Board reviewed the consent agenda. A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to accept the agenda as presented, seconded by Commissioner O'Donnell, all in favor motion carried.

**Cash balances** were read by Commissioner Taylor. General Fund balance \$56,861.99.

### **Approval of the Board Minutes:**

1. **July 11, 2023, Regular Board Meeting**

### **Committee Meeting Reports**

1. **Finance Committee 7/19/2023**
2. **Facilities & Transportation Committee 7/21/2023**

### **Finance**

1. Request Approval for the Purchase of Filing Cabinets for the Prosecutor's Office. Office Manager, Katie Newman, shared details of the request

A motion was made by Commissioner O'Donnell to approve the purchase of filing cabinets for the Prosecutors office. Total cost of three (3) cabinets at \$573.28 each, for a total of \$1,719.83, 100% to be paid from the Victim's Rights grant; line item 101-229-835-003. Seconded by Commissioner Taylor; all in favor, motion carried.

2. Finance Committee Report – nothing to report or move forward.
3. Facilities & Transportation Committee Report – There are a lot of issues with the jail that will need to be addressed in the future. Currently, the county has five obsolete vehicles that should be auctioned off.

A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to properly advertise & auction off three police vehicles, a maintenance truck, and a construction codes truck, by sealed bid. Seconded by Commissioner O'Donnell. All in Favor, motion carried.

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

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

### **Miscellaneous**

1. Request Approval for Region VII Area Agency on Aging Annual Implementation Plan for FY 2024 and Region VII Area Agency on Aging Report

Region VII Area Agency on Aging Executive Director, Bob Brown, and Board Director Joel Vernier, shared information on the Area Agencies on Aging including the programs they offer and their funding. Details of their Annual Implementation Plan were also shared. VA Director Ken Roberts shared that RVIAAA programs also benefit local senior veterans.

A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to approve the Region VII Area Agency on Aging Annual Implementation Plan for FY 2024, seconded by Commissioner Grove. All in favor, motion carried.

2. 2022 Audit Report

Ken Talsma, partner with Anderson, Tackman & Company, PLC, shared details of the 2022 Financial Audit including Revenues, Liabilities, Net Position, and Fund Balance. Changes to the Chart of Accounts, specific to the Building Department, were also discussed. A clean recommendation was issued by the Auditors, as well as a clean recommendation from the federal government regarding ARPA funds.

A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner O'Donnell to receive and file the 2022 Audit Report. All in favor, motion carried.

3. Request Approval of Spongy Moth Ballot Language and Resolution to Place Spongy Moth Millage on Next Available Ballot.

Attorney Hoerauf read the proposed resolution including ballot language to the Board. Chair Moore noted a grammatical correction to the Language. Commissioner Grove asked that the language reference the former "Gypsy Moth" millage.

Commissioner Visnaw moved the proposed resolution be approved with edits. Seconded by Commissioner Taylor. Roll call vote, 5-y, 0-n, resolution declared adopted.

### **New Business**

#### **Chairperson Comments**

- Chairperson Moore shared that the FLTF will be having a board meeting at noon today at the Billings Township Hall. The meeting is open to the public. Details will be posted to the website.

#### **Board Comments**

Commissioner Visnaw, District 1 –

- 12<sup>th</sup> was Butman and Clement Township Meetings, last night was the first Townhall meeting.
- 14<sup>th</sup> Sugar Springs Lake Authority meeting
- 17<sup>th</sup> NMAC meeting in Roscommon
- 19<sup>th</sup> was the Secord township meeting; he has been promoting the town halls.
- 21<sup>st</sup> special meeting BOC
- Last night first town hall at k of c

#### Commissioner Ron Taylor, District 2 –

- 12<sup>th</sup> was the Sage Township meeting.
- 13<sup>th</sup> was the Airport meeting.
- 17<sup>th</sup> Gladwin City meeting; the silverleaf project is almost complete.
- 18<sup>th</sup> was the Veterans Affairs meeting; the Fair was a huge success for them.
- 18<sup>th</sup> was all four Lake's meetings.
- Wiggins Lake Authority Board is looking at running a maintenance assessment.
- 19<sup>th</sup> was Finance and Gladwin Township meetings.
- 21<sup>st</sup> Special Board meeting.
- The Townhall had a small turnout.

#### Commissioner O'Donnell, District 3 –

- Attended Grim and Bourret township meetings, a trash assessment is being worked on for Bourret.
- FLTF webinar
- Attended the Wixom Lake Improvement Board meeting, they had requested a drone video to access the canals. August 3<sup>rd</sup> is their next regular meeting. August 9<sup>th</sup> will be a public meeting to discuss reinstating a special assessment.
- Wixom Lake Association will be putting \$50,000 toward lake bottom mowing; tonight they have Happy Hour from 4:00-7:00 at the cidery.
- Attended Hay Township's meeting.
- Attended the Special Board Meeting and the Transportation and Facilities Meetings.
- Bill G. Schutte Birthday Bash last night

#### Commissioner Moore, District 4 –

- Tonight, is a listening session hosted by Michigan High-Speed Internet Office regarding the Broadband Equity Access and Deployment program from 5:00 – 7:00, at the Beaverton Jr./Sr. High School
- Commissioner Moore shared her appreciation for our commissioners' involvements in these committees.
- MAC met last week in Roscommon and presented on the Opioid Settlement. Conversation is being had on how Counties are handling the distribution of these funds. Gladwin County has been invited to present at the State level on August 4<sup>th</sup> to share what we are doing here.
- Attended the Finance Meeting
- Attended a Special Meeting to hear about Early Voting – thanked the Clerk for all of the effort she's put in.
- We are working to bring back Jeep Creep in 2023
- The Fair was very successful, the events brought in money every night, it was a lot of fun.

#### Commissioner Grove, District 5 -

- 21<sup>st</sup> was a Special Meeting, the Clerk did a good job.
- Attended the Building and Grounds meeting.

#### **Administrators Report**

- MERS conference is coming up, early registration ends Aug 4<sup>th</sup>.
- FLTF and MDOT meetings regarding the M30 bridge
- 2024 Budget work
- We are in the last couple of weeks before the election, get the word out on the public safety millage.

#### **Civil Attorney**

1. Update on Zoning and Process for Moratorium – still waiting on revisions from the planner to make a permanent zoning ordinance, so the attorney has drafted a moratorium (an ordinance) regarding solar wind farms for one year, a public hearing to be held September 6th.
2. Animal Control ordinance has been revised and is ready to be noticed for public hearing.

A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to set a Public Hearing date to hear from the public regarding the review, consideration, and adoption of the Gladwin County Animal Control Ordinance on August 8th, during the Regular Meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Visnaw. All in favor, motion carried.

#### **Public Comment**

- Tim Mester, Billings Township Supervisor, shared with the Board that Billings Township has voted to remove the well from their Point of Sale due to the distance of preexisting wells from sewer systems. The Board is considering removing the Point of Sale all together. Conversation was had on the States involvement in this process and the attempt to remove control at a local level.
- Joel Vernier, Secord Township Supervisor, also spoke to the Point of Sale and State involvement, and that Torch Lake Township passed a Point of Sale just last night.
- Carrie Wills shared that the ORV Funfest will be August 19<sup>th</sup>. 9&10 news will be airing on the event, registration is open online now.

#### **Receive & File**

No further business, meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.m.



Karrie Hulme, County Clerk



Karen Moore, Chairperson