



**Gladwin County Board of Commissioners  
Board Minutes, September 26, 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 September 26, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by Chairperson Karen Moore. The Pledge of Allegiance was said, all commissioners were present.

**Public Comment – Agenda Items**

No public comment.

**The Board reviewed the Consent Agenda –**

The Board reviewed the consent agenda; Commissioner Moore asked to move new business item 1 to the beginning of the agenda before Finance, and to move Finance D to Finance A. A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to accept the agenda with the changes, seconded by Commissioner Grove. All in favor, motion carried.

**Public Comment – Agenda Items**

No public comment.

**City Report**

- None

**Cash balances** were read by Commissioner Taylor. General Fund balance \$1,260,836.35 before the payment of bills and repayments of loans.

**Approval of the Board Minutes:**

1. **September 12, 2023, Regular Board Meeting**
2. **September 21, 2023, Special Board Minutes**

**New Business**

1. **Assessment Roll for Wiggins Lake Level**

Drain Commissioner Walters shared information on the proposed Dam Budget for 2024-2028 and lake levels at Wiggins Lake.

A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor and seconded by Commissioner O'Donnell, to approve the assessment roll and lake levels of Wiggins Lake.

A motion to adopt a resolution for Wiggins Lake Level Authority was made by Commissioner Taylor, and seconded by Commissioner O'Donnell. The resolution was read by Commissioner Moore, Roll Call vote, 5 – Y, 0 – N, resolution was adopted.

## Finance

### 1. Equipment Purchase for Victim's Rights Grant.

A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Grove, to approve the request made by the prosecutor's office to purchase equipment in the amount of \$1,153.98 from line 101-229-835.003; amount fully reimbursable through the Victims Right Grant. All in favor, motion carried.

### 2. Salary Schedule for FY2024

Conversation was had on the salary schedule; these items will be discussed again at the special meeting on 9/29/23.

### 3. Special Funds for FY2024 Budget

County Treasurer VanTiem shared information with the Board.

A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to approve special funds for the FY24 budget, seconded by Commissioner Visnaw. All in favor, motion carried.

### 4. Everbridge Upgrades to the Nixel System.

Emergency Manager, Bob North shared details of expanded service options for Nixel. He is asking the board to approve upgrades to include these new services.

A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to approve the payment of \$1,879.98 to Everbridge from line 101-426-802.000 for Nixel upgrades, seconded by Commissioner Visnaw. All in favor, motion carried.

### 5. Presentation of Yearly Foreclosure Report

Treasurer VanTiem shared details of the Foreclosure Sales in 2021.

A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor, to approve the 2023 Foreclosure Sales report, with the comment of "Good Job". The motion was seconded by Commissioner Grove. All in favor, motion carried.

## Committee Meeting Reports

### 1. Zoning Board of Appeals 9/19/2023

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

1. Request approval for Dispatcher Jennifer Matteson to attend "Leadership V-Conflict Resolution" course October 12/13, 2023, in Sturgis, MI. \$420 cost includes hotel, food, and mileage reimbursement. Pay from wireless training fund line 282-000-804.001

## Payments Required by Collective Bargaining Agreement

## **Return to Finance** (at the request of Commissioner Taylor)

Commissioner Visnaw made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Taylor, to adopt the three-month FY24 budget, as presented in the public hearing, for October 1, 2023, thru Dec 31, 2023. All in favor, motion carried.

## **Miscellaneous**

### 1. Proposed County Resolution Recognizing Ann Manning Clayton

Commissioner Moore shared details of the Register of Deeds conference and Ann being named Register of the Year by the Michigan Association of Register of Deeds

A motion was made by Commissioner O'Donnell, seconded by all other commissioners, to adopt a resolution in recognition of Ann Manning-Claytons service to Gladwin County and being named 2023 Register of the Year. Roll Call vote, 5 -Y, 0 – N, resolution adopted.

### 2. Appointment of Scott Govitz to the Land Bank Board

Treasurer VanTiem shared details of the request.

A motion was made by Commissioner Grove, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to appoint Scott Govitz to the land bank board for a term expiring 12/31/2025

### 3. CDBG Grant Administrator

Treasurer VanTiem asked that the Board give some thought to finding an Administrator for the GDBG Grant.

## **Chairperson Comments**

Commissioner Moore shared information given at the recent Opioid Settlement conference, recently being hosted in Milwaukee.

The end of October 27-29 will be Jeep Creep

MAC Conference in Kalamazoo this coming Sunday – Tuesday.

## **Board Comments**

Commissioner Visnaw, District 1 –

- Butman and Clement 13
- Sherman 19
- Secord 20<sup>th</sup> spoke often about the millage, seemed to be well received.
- Met with a resident of Sherman Township on the 20<sup>th</sup>, who has issues with the Zoning department.
- Sugar Springs Lake Authority meeting with EGLE this afternoon.

Commissioner Ron Taylor, District 2 –

- 13<sup>th</sup> was the Sage Township meeting; millage is being well received.
- 14<sup>th</sup> was the airport meeting; things are going well.
- 16<sup>th</sup> were three public hearings for Pratt Lake, Lake Contos, and Wiggins Lakes.
- 18<sup>th</sup> was Gladwin City Council meeting. The building was full, a lot going on.
- 19<sup>th</sup> were four more lake meetings: Pratt, Contos, Wiggins and Chappel Dam

- 20<sup>th</sup> was Gladwin Township meeting; a member of the Amish community shared his thoughts on solar power.

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

- Attended Billings and Bentley earlier in the month.
- Grim and Bourette meetings on the 12<sup>th</sup>, Bourette is trying to figure out what to do with their building, as a portion of it is historical and they get push back from residents.
- Saturday was the Wixom Lake Association Golf Outing, raised \$27,980.
- Monday morning, she and Commissioner Moore were in Emmet County to do a tour with NMCA of a recycling plant.
- Hay Township has resolved some ongoing blight issues.

#### Commissioner Moore, District 4 –

- Wixom Lake Golf Outing last Saturday
- NMAC tour of the recycling plant in Emmet County
- Eastern Michigan Council of Government meeting recently in Mt. Pleasant. Conversation was had about a joint recycling effort amongst eight counties, Gladwin being one. Commissioner Moore asked that she or Commissioner O'Donnell be included in those future conversations.
- Sept 16<sup>th</sup>, Gladwin County Record had a car show.
- Sept 25<sup>th</sup> MAC Judicial and Public Safety Meeting; conversation was had on funding appellate defenders.
- September 30<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m., Gladwin Fire Department is having an open house.
- The ROD Conference was a really positive opportunity to recognize Ann and Gladwin County

#### Commissioner Rick Grove, District 5 –

- 13<sup>th</sup> was the Grout Township meeting.
- 21<sup>st</sup> was the Land Bank meeting.
- 21<sup>st</sup> was the Jail Committee meeting; since then, Branro Enterprises came back with an estimate of \$209,300 for plumbing modifications. Additional costs for roof expense and other items, the anticipated cost of all repairs is between \$250,000 and \$300,000.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> was the Animal Control meeting.
- Seeing a lot of road work being completed, Gladwin is lucky to have the team we have at the Road Commission.

### **Administrators Report**

The Opioid Committee had a productive meeting last week; he is hoping to bring ideas to the board in December.

### **Report of Civil Attorney**

- Master Plan RFP response is being reviewed and compared to other proposals.
- Thursday is the Michigan Association of Municipal Attorneys meeting in Lansing.
- The County is not getting proper service from the planner hired in July of 2021, to update the master plan. The attorney is asking permission to terminate the contract and file a lawsuit to compel the planner to reimburse funds paid for services not rendered.

Motion by Commissioner Moore, seconded by all other commissioners to allow the attorney to terminate the contract and file a lawsuit. All in favor, motion carried.

- The Sherriff just signed the latest collections.

- An Ordinance book being worked on is about 2/3 done.

**Public Comment -**

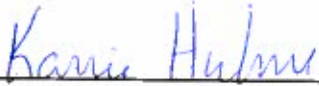
- Joel Vernier, Secord Township Supervisor, shared his views on the perception of residents on the proposed Law Enforcement Millage.

He has spoken on tree cutting at Smallwood Lake and helped initiate fund raisers for Smallwood.

The second annual chili cookoff at Lost Arrow will be held on Oct 7<sup>th</sup>.

- Commissioner Visnaw shared some thoughts on pending assessments and proposal language, and how residents perceive the information. He asked what is really going to happen in Gladwin County if we are not able to fund the county.
- Commissioner O'Donnell shared her thoughts on the connection between the County Budget and the Public Safety / Law Enforcement Millage.

The meeting adjourned at 11:01 a.m.



Karrie Hulme, County Clerk



Karen Moore, Chairperson