



Gladwin County Board of Commissioners Board Minutes, October 24, 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 October 24, 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

- The city focus is on the park; two new cabins will be built.

Board Review of the Consent Agenda –

(All items in bold are approved with the approval of the consent agenda)

The Board reviewed the consent agenda. Chairperson Moore asked to add the MSU Extension's Agreement as item one under New Business and to move the Emergency Management Performance Grant as the first item of the agenda. Attorney Hoerauf is not prepared to discuss the payout request from Renshaw, that item will be removed. A motion was made by Commissioner O'Donnell to approve the agenda with amendments, seconded by Commissioner Visnaw, all in favor motion carried.

Cash balances were read by Commissioner Taylor. General Fund balance \$782,358.63 before the payment of bills.

Approval of the Board Minutes:

- 1. October 04, 2023, Special Board Minutes**
- 2. October 10, 2023, Regular Board Minutes**

Committee Meeting Reports

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

Payments Required by Collective Bargaining Agreement

- 1. Payout request of 32 unused PTO and 52 Holiday hours for Deputy M. Franklin, \$2,240.28 from line 101-301-705.000.**

Finance

- 1. Request Approval for the Chair to sign the Emergency Management Performance Grant Renewal. – Emergency Manager North presented the renewal information.**

A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor, to allow the Chair to sign the renewal contract for the Emergency Management Performance Grant; seconded by Commissioner Visnaw. All in favor, motion carried.

2. Request for approval for Sgt. Gruhzt to attend the FBI – Leeda Executive Leadership Institute

A motion was made by Commissioner Grove, to allow Sgt. Gruhzt to attend the FBI – Leeda Executive Leadership Institute course in Bay City. Registration cost is \$795, plus meals and mileage. 50% reimbursable through the RAP grant and the balance through the training line. Seconded by Commissioner Taylor. All in favor, motion carried.

Miscellaneous

1. Request for Appointment of Lori Fall to the Library Board

Commissioner Taylor made a motion, seconded by Commissioner O'Donnell, to reappoint Lori Fall to the Gladwin County Library Board for a term from January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2027. All in favor, motion carried.

New Business

1. MSU Extension of services Agreement

Eric Karbowski presented the FY2022 Annual Report to the Board. He reviewed information from the report including community engagement, program statistics, and services available through MSU Extension. The Agreement for Extension of Services was reviewed, including the minimal changes to the funding appropriations.

A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to have the county enter into this MOA, and to allow the Chairperson to sign the Agreement for Extension of Services, seconded by Commissioner Grove. All in favor, motion carried.

2. Solar and Wind Siting Resolution

Attorney Hoerauf shared her thoughts on the proposed resolution. Chairperson Moore added her thoughts and information she received during a meeting with our State Reps. Conversation was had among the commissioners about keeping local control and standing with other counties on this issue.

A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to adopt the proposed resolution, second by Commissioner Visnaw. Chairperson Moore read the resolution, roll call vote: 5- y, 0- n. Resolution adopted.

3. Grant Updates

Clerk Hulme shared the status of the following Grants: 416 Grant with MSP, Community Facilities Block Grant with the USDA, Marine Patrol Grant with the DNR, FOC Grant and Prosecutors Office Grants, Tower Generator through MMRMA, and the RAP Grant.

4. Request for an Animal Control Vehicle

Animal Control Director, James Maveal shared information with the board on the condition of the Animal Control vehicle. He shared that 65% of the cost would come from millage, and 35% from the USDA grant.

A motion was made by Commissioner Grove to allow James Maveal to seek pricing and a grant application for the same. Seconded by Commissioner Taylor. All in Favor, motion carried.

5. Request to allow Clerk Hulme to serve as the Authorized Representative to the USDA for the purpose of Grant Applications.

A motion was made to allow Clerk Hulme to serve as the Authorized Representative to the USDA for grant purposes by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner O'Donnell. All in favor, motion carried.

Old Business

1. Master Plan Update

Clerk Hulme shared that she had met with the State regarding funding assistance for the Master Plan, and subsequently submitted a request for the same. She has also reached out to EMCOG, per information provided from Kimberly Hines. Chairperson Moore thanked Ms. Hines for her assistance and the information provided to the County.

2. Review of the Previously Presented Purchasing and Procurement Policy

Commissioner Moore discussed the previously presented policy.

A motion was made by Commissioner O'Donnell, seconded by Commissioner Visnaw, to approve the Purchasing and Procurement Policy as presented. Additional conversation was had on increasing the purchasing limit for Department Head approval, further conversation on the current limit. All in favor, motion carried.

3. Credit Card Use Policy for Discussion

Not discussed, no action taken.

Chairperson Comments

Chairperson Moore shared that the position for Executive Secretary is posted on the website. This past Saturday the Wixom Lake Social group held a member appreciation day, Commissioner O'Donnell was instrumental in setting this event. The Robin Grant approved for Gladwin has been challenged by an internet provider. They are challenging the State map, stating that a certain percentage of homes in Clare and Gladwin County do have the minimum internet. Conversation is being had with State Representatives.

Board Comments

Commissioner Visnaw, District 1 –

- Butman and Clement meetings on October 11th, the millage was a topic of conversation at both meetings.
- Attended the Airport meeting on the 12th
- Attended the Sugar Springs Lake Authority meeting on the 12th, pricing and engineering on the dams was discussed.
- 17th was the Sherman Township meeting.
- 18th Secord Township meeting

Commissioner Ron Taylor, District 2 –

- The 10th was the regular Board Meeting and the Gladwin City Meeting
- 11th was the Sage Township meeting, the millage was discussed, along with solar control.
- The Airport meeting was on the 12th.
- 16th was the Sports Complex meeting; they are working on updating fees.
- 18th Gladwin township, solar control was part of the conversation there as well.
- Shared about a conversation he had with a resident about selling a 20-acre section of county owned land, landlocked by the resident's father, and located on the North side of the river next to Chappel Dam. Attorney Hoerauf gave her input on how to move forward.

Commissioner O'Donnell, District 3 –

- Grim and Bourette meetings were attended this month.
- Attended the Isabell County Meeting to discuss materials management. Mecosta County, the Tribe, and the College all had representation at the meeting. Information was shared on how their Conservation team assists with recycling currently, as well as grants received for expansion to meet the requirements of the State. Commissioner O'Donnell believes we would benefit from joining with Isabella County. Next meeting is in December. The State is asking for a preliminary plan design by the first of the year, we are nowhere near meeting that deadline.
- Things are good in Hay Township, there was a lot of conversation on perceived assessments for Four Lakes Task Force (FLTF). The millage was also discussed.

Commissioner Moore, District 4 –

- October 11th was the EDC meeting; the Robin Grant was discussed.
- October 12th was the FLTF webinar, a recording is available on their website.
- The 13th was the Materials Management meeting that Commissioner O'Donnell attended. Chair Moore has also received some of that information. There are monthly meetings being held.
- On October 16th the City of Beaverton signed a contract with a City Administrator.
- A Meet the Candidate event was also held on the 16th, at the Beaverton Activity Center, put on by the Chamber. Candidates for Beaverton City Mayor, and representatives from the Beaverton City Police and Gladwin County Sheriff's Office addressed the community.
- Carry Wills is working on updating the Chamber Directory.
- October 19th was the Opioid Advisory Board meeting. They are looking at joining Clare County to optimize the benefit of our funds to Gladwin County.
- Friday Jeep Creep starts, come out and support the community.

Commissioner Rick Grove, District 5 –

- Yesterday he and his crew went over and put fascia back on the Chamber building.
- 10th was the Board Meeting, and the Grouse township Meeting.
- Also on the 10th, he visited the Gravel Pit up by Sugar River and Chappel Dam. There is an unhappy resident, with some concerns. It is not real clear what the issue is, things look great to him.
- 17th was a Zoning meeting. The zoning board approved a carport and are addressing a blight issue.

Administrators Report

Commissioner Moore asked if any Department Head wished to address the Board.

- Sheriff Shea addressed the Board regarding the upcoming millage. He asked that we encourage voters to show up to the polls and vote. He shared statistics from the last couple of months. As well as recent meetings he's been attending. Today, tomorrow and Thursday, they will be making the conversion from

CAD Classic to the updated system at the Sheriffs Office. He hopes to be fully functional within the next two weeks. On Saturday, October 21st, in the early morning, deputies responded to a shooting. An individual is deceased, and the suspected shooter is lodged at the jail.

Civil Attorney Report

1. Attorney Hoerauf has been working on an Ordinances Book for the Clerk's Office. Many Ordinances are still to be found, but she recommends an intern to search publications for those records.
2. FLTF webinar updates are astonishing with the level of management they have going on. We have work coming up on that and will be before the Board as they go along.
3. Zoning Ordinances have been presented to the planning commission, with a spreadsheet discussing areas for them to look at. When the plan came, the package contained an invoice for final payment though services are not complete. She reached out to the planner, and he would like to meet without the civil attorney present. She recommends referring the invoice back to the planning commission to get input on the amount of the invoice they feel warrants being paid based on the work that has been completed.
4. Updates on the 2024 Board Rules were shared. She would like these on the agenda of the first meeting of December for approval.

Public Comment

- Sid Hansen, Wixom Lake resident of 51 years. He is asking for a joint review of the Four Lakes Task Force. He shared his concerns and reasoning for his request, and what he believes the goals for the joint review should be.
- Mary Moylan from Beaverton MI thanked the Board for the hard work they do, for the resolution on the Solar and Wind Siting, and reminded everyone that William Wagner, a constitutional expert, will be speaking this Thursday at the Free Methodist Church. She is curious to hear his views.
- Commissioner Taylor shared that the Beaverton Beavers start at home this year to kick off the Playoff's. Daylight savings time is the first week of November (November 5).

No Further Business, the meeting adjourned at 10:56 a.m.



Karrie Hulme, County Clerk



Karen Moore, Chairperson