



Gladwin County Board of Commissioners Board Minutes, November 28, 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 November 28, 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

- None

The Board reviewed the Consent Agenda

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

Cash balances were read by Commissioner Taylor. General Fund balance \$195,365.36 before the payment of bills.

Approval of the Board Minutes:

1. November 14, 2023, Regular Board Minutes
2. November 14, 2023, Interviews

Finance

Committee Meeting Reports

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

Payments Required by Collective Bargaining Agreement

Miscellaneous

New Business

1. Court House Security Manual
Discussion was had on the courthouse security manual provided by Judge Klause. Commissioner Moore asked that board members please review it and be prepared to discuss it at the next meeting.
2. CDBG Housing Improving Local Livability Program
A motion was made by Commissioner O'Donnell to allow a letter of intent to be submitted, if appropriate to MISHDA, to be drafted by the Clerk and signed by the Chair; second by Commissioner Taylor. All in favor, motion carried.

Old Business

A. Review of the 2024 Board Rules – Jaynie Hoerauf

Attorney Hoerauf reviewed the proposed Board Rules as drafted for 2024.

B. Resolution to Approve the Board Rules

A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Visnaw, to approve a resolution to adopt the 2024 Board Rules. The proposed resolution was read by Commissioner Moore. Roll call vote, 5-y, 0-n, resolution declared adopted.

C. Discussion on County Phone Stipends

Commissioner Taylor shared details of the conversation from a finance meeting regarding phone stipends, the concern over FOIA requests for a personal phone, and the potential to not pay a phone stipend for employees and replace with a county phone for the employees who are required to have a phone for county business.

A motion was made by Commissioner O'Donnell, seconded by Commissioner Taylor, to eliminate the phone stipend. All in favor, motion carried.

D. County Credit Card Policy

Chairperson Moore discussed the process of drafting a Credit Card Policy.

A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Grove, to adopt the County Credit Card Policy. All in favor, motion carried.

Commissioner Grove asked to revisit the conversation of payroll. Discussion was had on the laws surrounding the Clerk's responsibility in payroll, the job description posted for the executive secretary, and the titles of deputy county clerks in the contract. Union Representative Jason VanBocxlaer, shared details of a typo in the Unit 7 contract, and how to resolve it.

Chairperson Comments

Chairperson Moore noted that the Board still needs to address a Board meeting currently scheduled for Dec 26th; Should this meeting be cancelled, with Budget meetings continuing in preparation for the Dec 12th Board meeting.

A motion was made to cancel the Dec 26 regular Board meeting by Commissioner Visnaw, seconded by Commissioner O'Donnell. All in favor, motion carried.

Board Comments

- Mike Visnaw, District 1
 - 15th attended Butman and Secord township meetings.
 - 21st attended Sherman Township meeting.
 - 22nd, was a meeting with MMRMA regarding the county's insurance renewal.
 - Attended a Special Board meeting on the 22nd
 - Also, on the 22nd, he met with a couple of individuals to learn more about what is going on with the Four Lakes Task Force.
- Ron Taylor, District 2
 - 15th attended the Gladwin Township meeting, there was conversation on blight.
 - 20th was the Gladwin City meeting.

- 21st was the VA meeting, Spicer's presented information on the memorial.
- 22nd, was an Insurance Committee meeting with MMRMA. We'll have more details for the next meeting.
- 22nd was the Finance Committee meeting and a Special Board meeting.
- Tami O'Donnell, District 3
 - Attended Grim & Bourret meetings last week, there was no quorum in Grim, so the meeting could not be held. Bourret had a conversation on the cost of Garbage Collection.
 - Did not make the Hay Township meeting.
- Karen Moore, District 4
 - The Gladwin County Prosecutor retired; Mark Toaz was sworn in as the new Prosecutor last Monday. Please congratulate him.
 - The 20th was the City of Beaverton meeting, the new City manager, Shannon Spirilla, has started; the Mayor said his goodbyes and a new mayor will be sworn in.
 - Middle Michigan Development Corporation's board meetings will be the third Tuesday of the month starting in 2024. Gladwin's Breakfast meeting will be August 20th at 8 a.m., location stil to be determined.
 - The City of Gladwin will be meeting for a public Hearing on Dec 4th at 5 p.m. to hear from the public regarding mosquito abatement.
- Rick Grove, District 5
 - 22nd was the Special Board meeting.

Administrators Report

Attorney Report

- MMRMA has hired representation for the Zlatkin lawsuit.
- A jail collections lawsuit has not been filed yet but we are moving forward on that.
- Talked to the council of local government regarding blight; this is addressed at a local level.

Public Comment

- Michael Fields shared that a new organization has been constructed, Gladwin County Community Builders. The idea is to follow a program put forth by Peter Block. We will be holding a meeting on Saturday, Feb 17th, at 2:30 at the Knights of Columbus.
- Sheriff Shea thanked Michael Fields for his support during the election, informed the Board that his staff are currently doing mobile app training, and he is interested in feedback.
- Carrie Wills shared that she has been in contact with Congressman Moolenaar's office; they are looking for nominations of local businesses to be recognized by the Congressman's office for their contributions to the community.
- Commissioner Taylor reminded everyone of the Christmas Parade this Saturday.

No further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.


 Karrie Hulme, County Clerk


 Karen Moore, Chairperson