



Gladwin County Board of Commissioners Board Minutes, March 26, 2024

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 March 26, 2024. 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

City Report – Nancy Bodner with the City of Gladwin shared that this is the last week to enter a name for the Cabin competition at the park.

The Board Reviewed the Consent Agenda

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

Cash balances were read by Commissioner Taylor. General Fund balance \$142,626.24 before the payment of bills.

Approval of the Board Minutes:

1. March 12, 2024, Regular Board Meeting

Department Head Reports –

- Veterans Affairs Director Ken Roberts shared details of a vacancy on the Veterans Committee. On behalf of the committee, he is asking for the appointment of Dr. Richard Bratton to the Veterans Committee.
A motion was made by Commissioner Visnaw to appoint Dr. Bratton to the Veterans Committee, seconded by Commissioner Grove. Additional conversation was had. All in favor, motion carried.
Additional information was shared on the veteran's memorial status and fundraising ideas.

Finance

Committee Meeting Reports

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

1. Training request for Ronnie Bontumasi ARMA Seminar in Lansing April 17th. The cost of the registration is \$125.00 plus mileage reimbursement and is paid from line 101-301-804-000.

Payments Required by Collective Bargaining Agreement

Miscellaneous

1. Ballot Proposals for 2024 Elections for Dial-A-Ride and Senior services
Lori Stout shared information on the millage renewal and increase that are being sought for the organizations. Plans for returning services to the Senior Service program if the millage increase is approved were shared.

A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to adopt the Dial A Ride Funding Renewal resolution, seconded by Commissioner Odonnell. Resolution 2024-024 was read; Roll Call Vote, 5-Y, 0-N, resolution adopted.

A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to adopt the Senior Services Funding Request resolution, seconded by Commissioner Odonnell. Resolution 2024-025 was read; Roll Call Vote, 5-Y, 0-N, resolution adopted.

New Business

1. Presentation of Gladwin County Hazard Mitigation Plan.
Emergency Manager Bob North explained the next steps in the Hazard Mitigation Plan. He is asking the Boards Consent to post a three-day public comment period.
A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner O'Donnell, to allow the Emergency Manager to proceed with the three-day public comment for the Hazard Mitigation Plan. All in favor, motion carried.
2. MSHN 2024 substance use disorder (SUD) Oversight Policy Advisory Board Intergovernmental Agreement
No action taken.
3. Internal Governmental Contract between the County of Gladwin & Houghton Lake Building agency renewal.
A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Grove, to allow the chair to sign the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Houghton Lake Building Authority. Additional discussion was had on the supervision of this process. Four Commissioners were in favor, Commissioner Moore opposed; motion carried.
4. House Bill for Special Assessment burdens 5419 & 5420.
Commissioner O'Donnell made a motion to support HB 5419 & 5420, seconded by Commissioner Taylor. The support letter was read by the Chair. All in favor, motion carried.
5. Contract Renewal
Mathew McGourty shared details of the request to renew the kitchen contract. They had requested bids and only received the renewal from Summit. Their contract is historically the cheapest, he is asking the Board to approve the renewal.
A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Grove, to renew the Summit contract for Inmate Meals. Additional conversation was had on quality of service. All in favor, motion carried.

Old Business

1. Computer Update
Commissioner Visnaw shared information from the computer verification that he and Commissioner O'Donnell investigated. Conversation was had on the Current IT contract, and the pricing process for computers at the county. The data committee will continue to look into the numbers of computers being used and make a recommendation to the Board in a future meeting.

Return to Miscellaneous item 2.

Miscellaneous

2. Update on Beaverton Community Athletic Park
Joe Andrist shared information with the board on the progress being made with BCAP (Beaverton Community Athletic Park). Financial details were shared as well as a few setbacks that occurred, and project status's including some that have been completed. There is a link on the website where community members can make donations, and a Facebook page with pictures.

Public Comment

- Dr. Bratton thanked the Board for the appointment to the Veterans Affairs Committee, and shared that there will be an Open House for the American Legion following the Memorial Day parade.

Chairperson Comments

Board Comments

Commissioner Visnaw, District 1 –

- 13th was the Butman & Clement Township meetings.
- 14th was the Airport meeting.
- 19th was the Sherman Township.
- 20th was the Secord township meeting.
- 21st was the Data Committee meeting.

Commissioner Ron Taylor, District 2 –

- 13th was Sage Twp meeting, a letter of recognition honoring Denis Vannest was read.
- 14th was the Airport Meeting; they are looking to obtain an Automated Weather Service and are seeking a grant for that purpose.
- 18th he attended the Gladwin City & Sports Complex meetings. The Sports complex is looking to update all their fees.
- 19th was the Veterans Affairs meeting.
- 20th was the Health Board meeting, and Gladwin Township meeting later that night.
- Last night was the Council of Local Government meeting.

Commissioner O'Donnell, District 3 –

- She is gathering information on a grant available for recycling, a 20% match is available to promote recycling in communities.
- During the MACC Judicial meeting yesterday, an increase to revenue sharing was discussed for the FY25 budget, to counties that have all of their ARPA funds allocated by October.
- Broadband challenge opportunities were opened on the State Broadband Challenge Portal. Please go in and submit information if you are in an underserved community.

Commissioner Moore, District 4 –

- Gladwin County Community Builders will be partnering with and meeting at the Gladwin School at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the BEAD grant, on April 3rd, 10th and the 17th.
- Citizens for Local Choice petitions are going around to oppose State control over renewable energy in local communities.
- MACC meeting yesterday discussed court funding, the concern is that courts will not be able to access fines and fees to indigent defendants.
- Courthouse Security has been going well, improvements and changes are being discussed.
- Beaverton School Superintendent has resigned. Tom House will be the Interim Superintendent.

- Details were shared on lawsuits filed against Four Lakes Task Force.

Civil Attorney Report

- Attorney Hoerauf shared the difference between an “Appeal” and a “Claim for Damages.”

Commissioner Rick Grove, District 5 –

- 12th was the Grout Township meeting; the Clerk will not be running again this year.
- 21st was the Land Bank meeting.
- 22nd was the Animal Shelter meeting, no quorum was established.
- The Council of Local Government meeting was last night.

Administrators Report

- The Auditors are seeking an extension of time to complete the audit; things are going well, but there have been several changes.
A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Visnaw to allow the Chair to sign the letter approving and extension of time for the audit until April 30, 2024. All in Favor, motion carried.

Public Comment

- Joel Vernier, Secord Township Supervisor, thanked everyone for their attendance at the Council of local Government meeting. We would like to get the information out to our local community. Thank you for your letter of support for the two house bills, please send one to Cynthia Neeley.
- Kimberly Hines shared information from the City’s DDA meeting.

Receive and File

1. February Library statistics 2024

No Further Business, the meeting adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

Karrie Hulme, County Clerk

Karen Moore, Chairperson