



Gladwin County Board of Commissioners Board Minutes, May 28, 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 May 28, 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, City of Gladwin, shared that Potholes are getting fixed, the cemetery is looking nice, and they have a lot of campers in the campground.

The Board Reviewed the Consent Agenda

The Board reviewed the consent agenda. Chair Moore asked to remove the approval of the May 14th minutes from the consent agenda and add them to the regular agenda, and to move the EMS presentation ahead in New Business. A motion was made by Commissioner O'Donnell to approve the agendas as amended, seconded by Commissioner Taylor. All in favor, motion carried.

Approval of the Board Minutes

1. May 14, 2024, Regular Board Meeting

A motion to amend the May 14 minutes by removing "excused absences" from Commissioner Groves comments, and approve them with the amendment, was made by Commissioner Taylor; seconded by Commissioner Grove. All in favor, motion carried.

Cash balances were read by Commissioner Taylor. General Fund balance is **(\$319,645.23)** before the payment of bills.

A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to temporarily advance \$600,000 from the Unallocated fund to the General fund, until the delinquent tax payments come in early June; seconded by Commissioner O'Donnell. All in favor, motion carried.

Department Head Reports –

- County Clerk, Karrie Hulme, presented the 2023 Annual Clerks Report.
- Veterans Affairs (VA) Director, Ken Roberts, shared that the County Veterans Service Officers has resigned; He is seeking to post and hire for that position.
A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Visnaw, to post and hire for the vacant full-time position in the VA office. All in favor, motion carried.

New Business

1. Bonnie Klein & Lori Stout, Council on Aging (CoA)
Information was shared on the updated CoA budget request presented to the board and the option to submit comments to Region 7 Area Agency on Aging.
A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Grove, to approve the amended budget submitted by CoA. All in favor, motion carried.
A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Visnaw, to allow the Board chair to sign a letter of support of the Council on Aging's Request for Funding to Region 7 Area Agency on Aging. All in favor, motion carried.
2. EGLE Materials Management Plan (MMP), Recycling Specialist Tracy Purrenhage & Materials Management Planning Specialist Christina Miller
Definitions, Requirements, and an Overview of a Material Management Plan were presented to the Board. A focus on recycling, funding and goals of a material management plan was shared. Questions from the Board were heard and addressed.
3. EMS Update, Director John Clayton and Gladwin County Operations Supervisor Matt DeBrosse
Information was shared on the services provided by EMS by Matt DeBrosse. Additional information was provided by Director Clayton on the budget, including call volumes, revenues, and expenses.
4. EMS Millage Discussion, Director John Clayton
Director Clayton discussed the current millage.
A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Visnaw, to allow EMS to maintain their .95 millage rate for the 2025FY budget. All in favor, motion carried.
5. Vacant Deputy Position, Undersheriff Hartwell
Undersheriff Hartwell shared that a new hire has resigned.
A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Grove, to allow the sheriff's department to hire for a vacant deputy position and enter into a contract. All in favor, motion carried.

Committee Meeting Reports

1. Commissioner Taylor shared details of the Personnel Committee meeting regarding the terms of the contract.
A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor, and seconded by Commissioner Grove, for the county to move forward on collecting the maximum amount allowable under the violated contract. All in favor, motion carried.

Return to New Business

6. Training Contract Changes, Attorney Hoerauf
A motion was made by Commissioner O'Donnell to accept changes made to the Deputy's Training Contract, seconded by Commissioner Visnaw. All in favor, motion carried.
7. Full Time Hire for the County Clerk's Office, Clerk Hulme
Conversation was had on the need for more staff in the Clerk's Office.
A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to allow the Clerk to hire a part time staff person, up to 29 hours a week, seconded by Commissioner Visnaw. Additional Conversation was had by the Board on the need for a full-time position. Four in favor, Commissioner O'Donnell voted no, as she believes the county should authorize a full-time hire as requested; motion carried.
8. Katie Goretcki, Bentley Township, Estey Ball League President
Details were shared of the needs at the Estey ball field.
A motion was made by Commissioner Grove, seconded by Commissioner Taylor, to allocate \$50,000 of ARPA funds to Bentley Park. Additional conversation was had on the use of ARPA funds. 4- yes, Commissioner Moore voted no, motion carried.

Miscellaneous

Finance

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

Payments Required by Collective Bargaining Agreement

- Payout of 63 hours of unused vacation to Ashley Longstreth from line 101-215-704.000 in the amount of \$1,517.04

Chairperson Comments

Board Comments

Commissioner Visnaw, District 1 –

- Secord Township Meeting on the 15th.
- Sherman Township meeting on the 21st.
- Golf outing on the 17th.
- Network assessment Zoom on the 20th.

Commissioner Taylor, District 2 –

- 15th was the Gladwin Twp. meeting.
- 20th was the Gladwin City & Sports Complex meetings; the Drain Commissioner is working with the Sports Complex to resolve some repairs being done.
- 21st Veteran's Affairs meeting and Lake Board meetings.
- 22nd Health Board Meeting, Bird Flu is infecting cattle in Michigan.
- Thanks were given to the maintenance team for their assistance with the Memorial Day events.

Commissioner O'Donnell, District 3 –

- Attended Grim, Bentley & Hay township meetings.
- 18th was a Wixom Lake Association clean up.
- Council of Local Government on the 20th. Aug 26th is the next meeting.
- 22nd was the Wixom Lake Improvement Board meeting.
- Wixom Lake Association had a Lake rally, there were 364 participants.

Commissioner Moore, District 4 –

- May 18th was Thunder on the Strip, a great turn out.
- Court Cost and Collections Sunset Law was extended through 2026.
- Middle MI Development Corporation, Hillary Doe, discussed how to grow MI's economy.
- She will be attending the Four Laes Task Force (FLTF) hearing in Midland County tomorrow.
- Gladwin Community Builders meets tomorrow via Zoom.
- Northern MI Association of Counties discussed reducing energy and operational cost. The next meeting in June will discuss investing in Broadband.

Commissioner Grove, District 5 –

- Council of Local Government meeting on the 20th.
- Attended the Land Bank Meeting.
- Animal Control on the 24th; they opened bids for the new building. More information to come.

Administrators Report

- Getting ready to start budget review.
- Annual Profile Review for the IGX system has been submitted.
- Had a Grants Committee meeting.

Civil Attorney Report

- Union Negotiation meetings have been tentatively scheduled.
- Appeal hearing this week for FLTF.
- Attorneys for the civil lawsuit by Heron Cove held a conference call.

Public Comment

- Sid Hansen addressed the board to follow up on previous public comments made regarding Four Lakes Task Force.
- Chair Moore acknowledged her respect for Mr. Hansens but addressed her reservations with his comments regarding FLTF.

Receive and File

No Further Business, the meeting adjourned at 11:41 a.m.

Karrie Hulme, County Clerk

Karen Moore, Chairperson