



Gladwin County Board of Commissioners Board Minutes, July 09, 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 July 09, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairperson Karen Moore. The Pledge of Allegiance was said, all commissioners were present.

Public Comment – Agenda Items

Marietta Sprott, Animal Shelter Advisory Committee, shared her opposition to the current Animal Shelter Building Proposal as it will be presented today. She feels there are things included that are not needed, and accommodations for large animals are not being considered.

Nicole Plude, Animal Shelter Advisory Committee, shared her concerns over the lack of detail in the proposal.

Lauren Essenmacher, Animal Shelter Advisory Committee, shared her concern over not having had an architect draw up the specs, lack of detail in the print design, and lack of service options for large animals. She is not opposing the proposal though as she believes they can move forward and edit the plan as they go.

Anna McNeal, Animal Shelter Advisory Committee, shared details of a conversation had with FED (the proposed company to contract with) stating they would be able to make changes as they go without additional costs.

City Report

City Manager Chris Shannon shared that Hazardous Waste Day this year will be August 3rd. The cost of the clean-up is roughly \$20,000; the city is asking a contribution from the county of \$5,000, as it is getting harder for them to afford the project.

The Board Reviewed the Consent Agenda

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

Approval of the Board Minutes

- 1. June 25, 2024, Regular Board Meeting**
- 2. July 2, 2024, Special Board Meeting**

Cash balances were read by Commissioner Taylor. The General Fund balance is \$27,700.22 before the payment of bills. Commissioner Taylor commented that the loan used for building maintenance and improvements is nearly paid off, and he thanked Commissioner Rick Grove, and former Commissioner Kyle Grove for their contribution to that process.

Department Head Reports
None

Finance

1. Credit Card Use by the Prosecutors Office

A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to approve the Prosecuting Attorney's use of the County Credit Card to file an Appeal with the MI Court of Appeals. Cost of \$375 to be reimbursed by the States WD Grant. Seconded by Commissioner Grove. All in favor, motion carried.

2. Animal Shelter Bid Approval

James Maveal and Anna McNeal shared details of bids from FED and DeShano. They are asking board approval to move forward with the more expensive bid from FED, stating that FED's cost might go down due to re-use of current infrastructure and fund raising, and their service of searching for grants. Commissioner Grove shared his concerns with the bid from FED as it is worded. Additional conversation was had on obtaining more details in the bid, spending of tax dollars, and lack of vision for large animals.

No action taken.

3. Recovery Court Funds Request

Moved to the next agenda.

Committee Meeting Reports

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

- 1. Request for Probate Register Kristie Simrau to attend Michigan Probate and Juvenile Registers Association Annual Conference October 16, 2024, to October 18, 2024, cost of Conference \$100.00 and Rooms \$142.00 per night plus mileage reimbursement from line 101-148-860.000**
- 2. Request for Juvenile Register Peggy Chaffee to attend Michigan Probate and Juvenile Registers Association Annual Conference October 16, 2024, to October 18, 2024, cost of Conference \$100.00 and Rooms \$142.00 per night plus mileage reimbursement from line 101-148-860.000**
- 3. Request for Deputy Clerk Natividad McColley to attend Court Support Staff Certification Training July 17-18, 2024. Training is free, hotel costs for one night up to \$170, plus mileage up to \$80.00. Total of \$250 to come from line 101-215-860.000.**
- 4. Request for Check Peters to attend Grit and Value of Critical Thinking: Common Sense and Emotional Intelligence in the Dispatch Center, sponsored by Macnlow on September 10, 2024, cost is \$275.00 plus meals and mileage reimbursement to be paid from line 282-000-804.001.**

Payments Required by Collective Bargaining Agreement

Miscellaneous

1. Solar Energy Benefits Presentation

Tyler Durgan, Tyler Barron, and Scott Olsen of Invenergy were present. Tyler Durgan shared the history of the company, current projects and benefits of solar farming including drainage and soil health, vegetation management, and financial program eligibility. Conversation was had with the Board and questions were answered.

New Business

1. MMP Interlocal Governmental Agreement

A motion was made by Commissioner O'Donnell to allow the Chair to sign the Intergovernmental Agreement to partner with the neighboring counties of Clare Gratiot, Isabella, Mecosta, Midland, Ogemaw, and Oscoda for a Multi-County Materials Management Plan. Seconded by Commissioner Taylor. All in favor, motion carried.

2. Disposal of Two County Vehicles

Melanie Thume shared details of a request to scrap two county vehicles that are no longer useable. Additional conversation was had on how to determine if a vehicle is still useable, and to what extent.

A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to allow the vehicles to be scrapped, and money to return to respective maintenance line items. Seconded by Commissioner O'Donnell. Additional conversation was had on journal entries. Commissioner Taylor amended his motion to return the money to the general funds fixed assets account, amendment seconded by Commissioner O'Donnell. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Visnaw to have the old Building Department vehicle used by the Maintenance Department going forward. The motion was seconded by Commissioner O'Donnell. All in favor, motion carried.

Old Business

1. Clerk's Office Position

County Clerk Karrie Hulme shared conversation from the special meeting on July 2nd, as well as law changes, workloads, and options for funding a full time staff person.

A motion was made by Commissioner O'Donnell to approve a full-time staff person in the Clerk's office in place of the part time position, with funding as set forth. The Motion was seconded by Commissioner Visnaw. All in favor, motion carried.

Chairperson Comments

Commissioner Moore shared the need to consider and decide how to move forward with the Civil Council. She recommends the county put out an RFP.

Board Comments

Commissioner Visnaw, District 1 –

- June 25th was a budget meeting.
- 26th negotiations
- 1016 on the 27th
- Special Board meeting on the July 2nd

Commissioner Taylor, District 2 –

- 26th was a Negotiation & a Health Board Meetings
- 2nd was a special board meeting over a union grievance and Sports Complex meeting with the Drain Commissioner.

Commissioner O'Donnell, District 3 –

- The Wixom Lake Association parade committees participated in the Beaverton parade and put out a great parade in Billings Township this year. A lot of respect is given to them for a great job.

- Wixom Lake Improvement Board has agreed to contract with Wixom Lake Association for mowing of the canals and lake bottoms. A contract is being drafted. Spraying after mowing is completed is being considered. The next Association meeting will be Thursday evening, the Improvement Board meeting will be July 25th.

Commissioner Moore, District 4 –

- The Health Department Board held a food safety presentation.
- This week is the Fair, truck pull tonight, Friday mud bog, Saturday bump and run
- FLTF public update tomorrow at 5 p.m., register to request the link.
- Construction has paused on the Edenville dam.
- July 13th is Gladwin Days 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- July 14th is the Trail of Two Cities 0.5k fund raiser.
- The Veteran's Dinner was June 27th, great food and great information.
- Opioid funding will be impacted by recent bankruptcy filings.

Commissioner Grove, District 5 –

- Attended the Beaverton Twp. meeting; it's been really slow since the last Board Meeting.

Administrators Report

Melanie Thume shared that she has been working with MiSHDA on the Chill Grant, working on the budget, a lot of things coming across her desk.

Kimberly Hines shared some details of her communications with MEDC and their Letter of Intent; by the 31st we anticipate sign off to move forward.

Civil Attorney Report


Answers are due to the Federal Court for the Heron Cove suits, bargaining teams are meeting tomorrow to finalize the initial proposal of Unit 6 & 7; a closed session meeting will need to be on the next agenda. Will schedule UAW after that.

Public Comment

- Commissioner Grove thanked everyone for their donations to his fund raiser for the family of an employee who passed away a short while ago. He raised \$20,500 for an education fund for the couple's new born daughter.

Receive and File

No Further Business, the meeting adjourned at 11:27 a.m.



Karrie Hulme, County Clerk



Karen Moore, Chairperson