



## Gladwin County Board of Commissioners Board Minutes, June 25, 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 June 25, 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

None

### City Report

None

### The Board Reviewed the Consent Agenda

The Board reviewed the consent agenda. Removal of the MACC Conference Request from the consent agenda to the regular agenda. 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. June 11, 2024, Regular Board Meeting

**Cash balances** were read by Commissioner Taylor. The General Fund balance is \$28,877.16 before the payment of bills.

### Department Head Reports

#### Finance

1. Request approval for Melanie Thume to attend the 2024 MERS Annual Conference  
A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to approve Melanie Thume to attend the conference from October 10<sup>th</sup> - October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The cost of \$255 for the conference, hotel cost of \$174 per night, and mileage reimbursement to be paid from line 101-101-860.000. Motion seconded by Commissioner O'Donnell. All in favor, motion carried.
2. Vehicle Purchase for the Building Department  
A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to approve the Building Department to purchase a used Construction Codes vehicle from line 101-900-970.371(Construction Codes Capital Outlay). Motion seconded by Commissioner Grove. All in favor, motion carried.
3. Request for County Clerk Karrie Hulme to attend Michigan Association of County Clerks 2024 Summer Conference.  
A motion was made by Commissioner Grove, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to allow the Clerk to attend the MACC Conference; cost of \$350.00 to be broke up between lines 263-000-860.000 for \$125.00, 101-215-860.000 for \$ 175.00 and 262-000-860.000 for \$50.00.

## **Committee Meeting Reports**

### **1. Finance Committee**

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

#### **Payments Required by Collective Bargaining Agreement**

#### **Miscellaneous**

#### **New Business**

#### **Old Business**

#### **Chairperson Comments**

Commissioner Moore shared that Judge Beal has issued a written opinion in favor of the counties and Four Lakes Task Force (FLTF). July 10<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m. will be the next FLTF meeting; register ahead of time to receive the link for virtual attendance. The FLTF is actively seeking grants to keep projects moving along.

#### **Board Comments**

Commissioner Visnaw, District 1 –

- 12<sup>th</sup> was Clement and Butman Township Meetings
- 18<sup>th</sup> was Sherman Township Meeting
- 19<sup>th</sup> was Secord Township Meeting
- 19<sup>th</sup> was contract negotiations

Commissioner Taylor, District 2 –

- 12<sup>th</sup> was Sage Township Meeting
- 13<sup>th</sup> was the Health Board Meeting; Union Negotiations are being worked on.
- 17<sup>th</sup> was the Gladwin City Meeting
- 18<sup>th</sup> was Veterans Affairs Meeting; they have delegated an interview team for the open position.
- Also, on the 18<sup>th</sup>, were the Lake Contos, Pratt & Wiggins Lakes association meetings.
- 19<sup>th</sup> met for negotiations
- Also, on the 19<sup>th</sup> was Gladwin Township meeting; solar projects were discussed.
- 20<sup>th</sup> was a Finance Committee meeting.
- Last night was the Sport Complex meeting

Commissioner O'Donnell, District 3 –

- Did not attend Billings and Bentley
- Grim and Bourette nothing major going on, did share about grant opportunities
- MMP meeting in MtPleasant; the work plan has not been released yet, so we can not move forward on meeting deadlines yet
- MAC call yesterday, conversation was had on short term rentals
- Wixom Lake Association did some moving, 14 volunteers came out. The island area of Heron cove was addressed by a vendor.
- Wixom Lake Improvement Board meets Thursday night at 6:00 p.m.

Commissioner Moore, District 4 –

- A Tornado touched down in Gladwin County, over the weekend, The Emergency Manager, 911 and the Sheriff's department did a great job managing that incident.
- June 27<sup>th</sup> is the Veteran's Dinner, the dinner is free, but you must pre-register.

- June 20<sup>th</sup> Northern Michigan Children's Alliance had their 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting; the Prosecutors Office was recognized for their work.
- Gladwin County Community Builders next meeting will be at the Knights of Columbus on June 29<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.
- Spending of the Opioid Funds to Gladwin County is still being discussed by the Task Force in order to make a recommendation to the Board.
- Northern Michigan Association of Counties met, Broadband and Robin Grant are still being discussed.
- July 13<sup>th</sup> will be the Gladwin Fun Fest; main street will be closed from 6 a.m.- 6 p.m.
- and July 14<sup>th</sup> is a 5 K Fundraiser for the Trail of Two Cities.

Commissioner Grove, District 5 –

- Attended the Grout Township meeting and shared the recent grant opportunity with them.
- Met with a solar company again and invited them to come share information with the Commissioner's and local jurisdictions.

### **Administrators Report**

### **Civil Attorney Report**

Working with negotiations for UAW 6 & 7 tomorrow, opioid meeting on Thursday, lawsuit over the flooding is still in litigation but we did win summary disposition. The materials management plan was well drafted, only a couple of suggestions.

### **Public Comment**

- John Clexton, Gladwin County District Library Director, invited everyone to the library and shared information on the events the library offers; he reminded everyone of the millage that is on the ballot in August.
- Joel Vernier, Secord Township, shared details of his visit with John Moolenaar's staff and representatives from Heron Cove. He also shared a thought for finishing the gates and raising the lakes to create positive momentum. August 26<sup>th</sup> will be the next Council of Local Government meeting.
- Carrie Will, Gladwin County Chamber, shared details of the locations that county signs will be put, trail clean up was done in preparation for the ORV Fun Fest on August 17<sup>th</sup>.

### **Receive and File**

1. May 2024 Library Statistics

No Further Business, the meeting adjourned at 9:49 a.m.

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Karrie Hulme, County Clerk

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Karen Moore, Chairperson