



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 July 02, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by Chairperson Karen Moore. The Pledge of Allegiance was said, Commissioner Grove was excused, all other commissioners were present.

Public Comment – Agenda Items

None

The Board Reviewed the Agenda

Commissioner Moore asked to add Judge Farrell to the agenda under New Business to discuss changes the court is making to the FOC / Family Court Referee positions. A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to approve the agendas as amended, seconded by Commissioner O'Donnell. All in favor, motion carried.

New Business

1. Union 6 Grievance

Jennifer Ochab, Clara McGowen, and Jason VanBocxlaer, representatives of Union Unit # 6, shared their views of Unit 6 contract violations. Conversation was had between the Board, the Clerk, the civil attorney, and the union Reps regarding various aspects of the contract, specifically those in Articles 18 and 38. It was agreed that vague areas of the contract language would be addressed during negotiations, and a process for the collaboration of all parties was discussed.

2. FOC / Family Court Referee Hiring

Chairperson Moore shared details of a conversation she had had with Chief Judge Farrell. The Judge elaborated on that conversation and shared information from his conversation with Clare County's Administrator. The Courts will be combining the position of FOC and Family Court Referee and reducing the salary of the position. This will be a shared position between the two counties, and Clare County is already in agreement. Commissioner Moore noted that budget negotiations are currently being worked on in preparation for the upcoming fiscal year.

A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner O'Donnell, to approve the hiring as presented for the courts. All in favor, motion carried.

Old Business

Chairperson Comments

Board Comments

Commissioner Visnaw, District 1 –

Commissioner Taylor, District 2 –

Commissioner O'Donnell, District 3 –

Commissioner Moore, District 4 –

Civil Attorney Report

Public Comment

Clerk Hulme asked the board to again consider the hiring of a full-time staff person in her office, as opposed to the part-time position previously approved. Conversation was had on the funding of that position, points were noted from the earlier conversation with the Union regarding the grievance, and line items previously in the budget for the purpose of funding over time hours of court staff in the Clerk's office were discussed.

A motion was made by Commissioner O'Donnell to approve the full-time position as requested, seconded by Commissioner Visnaw. Additional conversation was had on proposed figures for funding this position. A motion was made by Commissioner O'Donnell to table the item until the July 9th Board meeting, where numbers will be presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Visnaw. The item is tabled.

Receive and File

No Further Business, the meeting adjourned at 1:16 p.m.

Karrie Hulme, County Clerk

Karen Moore, Chairperson