



Gladwin County Board of Commissioners Board Minutes, August 13, 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 August 13, 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

Nancy Bodner, City of Gladwin, shared that Hazardous Waste Day had 321 participants this year.

The Board Reviewed the Consent Agenda

The Board reviewed the consent agenda. Item 14B will be removed, the auditor could not make it. A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to approve the agenda with amendments, seconded by Commissioner O'Donnell. All in favor, motion carried.

Approval of the Board Minutes

1. July 23, 2024, Regular Board Meeting

Cash balances were read by Commissioner Taylor. The General Fund balance is \$188,538.50 before the payment of bills.

Department Head Reports

- Ken Roberts from Veterans Affairs gave an update on the new staff person; she is doing a great job. A brief update on VA projects was also given.

Finance

1. Gladwin County Website

Commissioner Moore shared details from a meeting she had regarding website accessibility. Stearns marketing can assist with this. As the website host, she prepared a quote for this service. A motion was made by Commissioner O'Donnell to approve the request in the amount of \$170 from line 101-258-801.001. Seconded by Commissioner Visnaw. All in favor, motion carried.

2. Public Safety Leadership Forum

A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to allow Karee Barlow to attend the Public Safety Leadership Forum Sept 12-13. Cost of \$995 plus hotel, meals and mileage reimbursable from 282-000-804.001. Seconded by Commissioner O'Donnell. All in favor, motion carried.

3. Jail Generator Purchase

Commissioner Grove shared details of the request, and the bids received. He made a motion to approve the purchase of a new generator in the amount of \$88,954.28, from ARPA line 282-000-802.000. Seconded by Commissioner Taylor. Additional conversation on a third of that cost to come from 911 funds. The motion was amended to state 2/3 of that amount to come from ARPA. All in favor, motion carried.

4. Michigan Counties Annual Conference

A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to approve Chair Moore to attend the Michigan Counties Annual Conference. Cost of \$415 plus approximately \$600 for hotel, meals and mileage to be reimbursed from line 101-101-860-000. Seconded by Commissioner O'Donnell. All in favor, motion carried

Committee Meeting Reports

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

- 1. Request for Chuck Peters to attend The Changing Face of the Active Shooter training, cost of \$275 to be paid from line 282-000-804.001**

Payments Required by Collective Bargaining Agreement

Miscellaneous

- 1. Region VII Area Agency on Aging Presentation**
Joel Vernier, on behalf of Bob Brown, shared information on the services provided by Region VII AAA including Meals on Wheels, Medicaid Waiver, Senior Employment, and many others.

New Business

- 1. DTE Energy Agreement**
Attorney Hoerauf shared details of the review requirement; the fee is paid by DTE.
A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to allow the Chair to sign the for the proposed DTE Energy Site Plan Review. Seconded by Commissioner Visnaw. All in favor, motion carried.
- 2. MSHDA Chill Grant Agreement**
Kimberly Hines shared that the county has finally received their approval. Additional conversation was had on timelines of approvals and moving forward with projects.
A motion was made by Commissioner O'Donnell to allow the Chair to sign the for the Chill Grant Agreement. Seconded by Commissioner Grove. All in favor, motion carried.
- 3. Postage Machine Upgrade Request**
Melanie Thume shared details of her request.
A motion was made by Commissioner Grove to approve Chair Moore to sign the contract with Automated Business Equipment. Seconded by Commissioner Taylor. All in favor, motion carried.
- 4. Secondary Road Patrol**
A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to allow the Chair to sign the for the Secondary Road Patrol Agreement for 2025, and to allow the Administrative Assistant to submit it to MGX. Seconded by Commissioner O'Donnell. All in favor, motion carried.

Old Business

- 1. City Tree Replacement Project**
Conversation was had between the Board, Tom Winarski, and Chris Shannon on the City's Tree Replacement Project.
A motion was made by Commissioner Grove to allow the tree replacement on county property, Seconded by Commissioner Taylor. All in favor, motion carried.

Chairperson Comments

Commissioner Moore shared that July 13th Street Fest was incredible; Thunder on the Strip is September 14th, there is construction on M-30 you may need to avoid some areas.

Civil Attorney Report

- Attorney Hoerauf gave an update on the Zlatkin lawsuit.
- A response was issued on a flood lawsuit subpoena.
- A date is set to discuss corrections negotiations, and planning unit 6 & 7.
- Will need a closed session for courts union conversations.
- Deputy contract reimbursements are being worked on.

Public Comment

- Sid Hansen, Wixom Lake resident, shared his views and a handout on Four Lakes Task Force Funding, and a proposed Dam Settlement.
- Chuck Sikora, Clement Township, shared thoughts on the postage machine, election results access on the website, Senator Peters efforts toward assisting with funding of Four Lakes Task Force (FLTF), and on Aug 24th Four Lakes Association is holding a Member Appreciation Event.
- Joel Vernier, Secord Township, mirrored the comment that elections results need to be easier to find, Gladwin County Leadership Program is starting next month, Council of Local Government is meeting August 26th at Secord Township Hall. Joel shared information from a discussion with Bob North regarding inflation.
- Chris Shannon, Gladwin City Manager, shared statistics with the Board from the Hazardous Waste Day.
- Sheriff Shea shared a message from the vendor regarding an issue with the camera installation. Resolution can be had for an additional cost of \$500.
A motion was made by Commissioner Grove, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to pay the fee from the courthouse preservation fund. All in favor, motion carried.

Receive and File

A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to go into closed session for the purposes of union negotiation conversations pursuant to MCL15.2681c. Motion seconded by Commissioner O'Donnell, Roll call vote, 5-y, 0-n

Open Session closed at 10:32 a.m

Commissioner Grove made a motion, Seconded by Taylor, to go back into open session.
Roll call vote, 5- y, 0-n

Open Session resumed at 10:50 a.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Visnaw to direct the Attorney to move forward with negotiations as discussed in closed session. All in favor, motion carried.

No Further Business, the meeting adjourned at 10:51 a.m.



Karrie Hulme, County Clerk



Karen Moore, Chairperson

Board Comments

Commissioner Visnaw, District 1 –

- Sugar Springs Lake Authority meeting on the 2nd.
- MMRMA meeting yesterday.
- RFP Data meetings
- Budget and negotiation meetings

Commissioner Taylor, District 2 –

- 7th of Aug was a Health Department Negotiation meeting.
- Airport meetings have been discussing budget restraints.

Commissioner O'Donnell, District 3 –

- The Material Management project team has settled on the 8 counties, Hartland Materials Management Planning Group will be their name. They meet the third Friday of each month in a different county each time; October 18th is the Gladwin Meeting.
- Attended a Short-Term Rentals webinar.
- Wixom Lake Improvement Board has settled on a contract with Wixom Lake Association for lake bottom mowing.
- Wixom Lake Association Golf Scramble is September 14th, and a Halloween Party October 26th.
- Attended Bentley and Billings meetings.

Commissioner Moore, District 4 –

- Tobacco Township meeting was held last night; they discussed reinstating their assessment and working with Wixom Lake Association.
- Broadband grants are being worked on again.
- Conversation was had with Clare County on shared employees.
- Comedy night fundraiser
- Gladwin County Community Builders will be at the BAC next.
- Riverwalk Place celebrated their 20th Anniversary this past weekend. Tom Winarski was recognized for his contribution to them through the banking community.
- Jeep Creep is October 18-20th
- September 14th is Thunder on the Strip

Commissioner Grove, District 5 –

- Beaverton Township had a short meeting, he was not able to attend.
- Courthouse security meeting went well. Security is stopping a lot of things at the door. Bob North discussed the lack of a fire alarm system. Rick will schedule a walk through with Summit Fire Protection.
- He will be gone for the next week.

Administrators Report

- Melanie is asking for Board approval to seek a Broadband Grant.
A motion was made by Commissioner O'Donnell, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to allow Melanie and Kimberly to submit for the BTA Grant. All in favor, motion carried.
- Conversation was had on allocating ARPA Funds
A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor, and seconded by Commissioner Visnaw, to move \$417,633.93 to the Courthouse Preservation fund. All in favor, motion carried.