



Gladwin County Board of Commissioners Board Minutes, September 24, 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 September 24, 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 shared details of the work being done on city streets, and they held a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new cabins at city park

The Board Reviewed the Consent Agenda

The Board reviewed the consent agenda. An addition of RFP reviews for Civil Council was added to New Business, EDC Update under Miscellaneous is moved to 9:15 to be presented virtually. A motion was made by Commissioner Visnaw to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Commissioner Taylor. All in favor, motion carried.

Approval of the Board Minutes

1. September 10, 2024, Regular Board Meeting

Cash balances were read by Commissioner Taylor. The General Fund balance is \$930,007.47 before the payment of bills.

Department Head Reports

1. Drains Update

Drain Commissioner Walters and Deputy Drain Commissioner Zeestraten, shared information on the status of county drains including projects, beaver damage, and conversations with EGLE.

Miscellaneous

1. EDC Update

Scott Govitz joined the meeting via Zoom. He shared information on the county's status with Middle Michigan Development Corporation (MMDC); with the resignation of the EDC Director, Matt Lang, the EDC is making a recommendation to return to the former model as the Gladwin County EDC. A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to terminate the MMDC agreement at the end of 2024 and return to the Gladwin County EDC, seconded by Commissioner O'Donnell. All in favor, motion carried.

Finance

1. FY 24-25 Budget
A motion was made by Commissioner Visnaw, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to approve the FY 24/25 Budget as presented. All in favor, motion carried.
2. Program Income Annual Report
Treasurer VanTiem gave an update on the Program Income Certificate. She reported for July 1, 2023 thru June 30th, 2024, we received \$9545 in funding that the State will allow us to keep. These funds will be added to the program income fund.
3. Request approval to allow additional funding from CDBG
Treasurer VanTiem and PCD Consultant, Kimberly Hines, shared details of their request. A resident is in need of additional funding for well issues. They are asking the board to approve another \$2000, to drill further, the total funds allowed would still be less than the \$10,000 limit for the program, A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to authorize an additional \$2000. Any additional funding to come from another entity. Seconded by Commissioner Visnaw. Additional conversation was had. Roll call vote, 2-y, 3-n, motion defeated.
4. Foreclosing Governmental Unit (FGU) Annual Report
Treasurer VanTiem reported tax year 2022. All but two parcels of the original thirty-three have been sold. Sales totaled \$267,000, of which \$86,000 is being held for pending lawsuits. A motion was made by Commissioner O'Donnell to accept the FGU Annual Report, seconded by Commissioner Taylor. All in favor, motion carried.
5. Request approval to Enroll in Lexipol's Online Training Program
Undersheriff Hartwell shared details of his request for an online training that will be covered by the State, no general fund dollars would be used. A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to approve \$2,205 for the Undersheriff to attend the Lexipol's Online Training Program; funds to come from the 302-CPE fund. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Visnaw. All in favor, motion carried.

New Business

1. Jail Inmate Contract with Ogemaw
Undersheriff Hartwell and Jail Administrator, Matt McGourty, shared details of the proposed contract. A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to allow the Chair to sign the contract with Ogemaw County for housing their inmates, pending Ogemaw's approval on Thursday. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Grove. All in favor, motion carried.

Return to Finance

6. Lake Drain Committee Payments Returned to 1099's
Deputy Drain Commissioner Lucy Zeestraten, shared details of her request. A motion was made by Commissioner O'Donnell to allow Drain Committees to be paid from Accounts Payable, effective with the 24/25 budget. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Moore. Roll call vote, 4-y, 1-n, motion carried.

Committee Meeting Reports

1. **Budget 09/16/2024 & 09/23/2024**

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

Payments Required by Collective Bargaining Agreement

1. **Matt McGourty PTO payout per union contract 105 hours \$3,118.50 paid from line 101-351-707.000**
2. **Sherry Messer Vacation payout per union contract union 28 hours \$569.80 from line 101-253-705.000**

- 3. Lisa Pollock Vacation payout per union contract union 35 hours \$712.25 from line 101-253-705.000**

Return to Miscellaneous

- 2. Pratt Rec Area Hall Update**
Administrative assistant Melanie Thume shared details of an insurance claim at the Pratt Lake Rec Area Hall.
No action taken.
- 3. Renewal of Professional Concept and Designs Contract**
The Board discussed details of the contract and the value of grant dollars coming back into the county.
A motion was made by Commissioner O'Donnell, to approve the PCD contract for Sept 27, 2024 – Sept 30, 2025. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Visnaw. Roll call vote, 3-y, 2-n, motion carried.

Return to New Business

- 2. Open RFP for Computer**
RFPs were opened, Cortavo, Karhu Cyber, Vector Tech Group, and VC3. These will be reviewed and discussed at the next meeting.
- 3. Open RFP for Civil Attorney**
Discussion was had by the Board on the RFP's that were received at the last meeting. They would like to have individual conversations with each firm. Potential dates to meet will be October 18th and the 24th.

Old Business

Chairperson Comments

Oct 26th is the Beaverton Fall Festival, games and sidewalk sales. Thunder on the Strip was a couple of weeks ago, along with the County Record's Car Show.

Board Comments

Commissioner Visnaw, District 1 –

- 11th was Buman and Clement Township Meetings
- 13th was his first Gladwin County Leadership Program Module
- 17th was Sherman Township
- 18th I was not able to attend the Secord meeting to attend the Butman Golf Outing
- Budget committee meetings regularly.

Commissioner Taylor, District 2 –

- 11th was the Sage Township meeting.
- 12th was the Airport meeting.
- 16th was the Gladwin City meeting.
- 16th was the Sports Complex meeting, also.
- 17th was the Veterans Committee meeting.
- Lake boards also on the 17th.
- 18th was Gladwin Township meeting.
- 28th the Fire Department will have their Open House.

Commissioner O'Donnell, District 3 –

- Materials Management Planning is taking up a lot of time.
- Did not make the Bentley Township meeting.
- Attended the Billings Township meeting, they have a lot going on. A trunk or treat on the 19th at the park and the Billings Fire Department is having their open house on Oct 6th.

- Attended Bourret Township meeting.
- Hay Township received their new fire truck also.
- Attended a few MAC calls.
- Wixom Lake Improvement Board signed a contract with the Wixom Lake Association for mowing lake bottoms.
- The Wixom Lake Associations 5th Annual Golf Scramble was held on the 14th, they raised over \$28,000
- Wixom Lake Association is having a side by side event on Oct 6th to help with trimming in the lake beds and a Halloween party on October 26th,
- Has been attending free webinars on short term rentals.

Commissioner Moore, District 4 –

- Downtown Pitch was held in Beaverton last week, hosted at the theater, and sponsored by MMDC.
- EDC restructuring has been a lot of work.
- City of Beaverton has now contracted with Matt Lang and his new consulting company for grant management.
- Jeep Creep is coming back to Gladwin County Oct 18-20th.
- Tobacco Township's weed assessment for the lakes has been reinstated.
- MAC conference starts at 1:00 p.m. today

Commissioner Grove, District 5 –

- Did not attend the Downtown Pitch but heard that it was awesome.
- Matt Lang put on a presentation at the BAC on housing.
- Attended the Grout township meeting.
- Attended the Courthouse security meeting.

Administrators Report

- Year-end balancing is being worked on.
- Waiting on Health Care proposals to come in.

Civil Attorney Report

- Solar Application for Grout township materials have come in.
- Roscommon county has remitted damages for one of the Deputy Contract violations we have been working on.
- October 1st & 9th are negotiation meetings.

Public Comment

- Carrie Will, Gladwin County Chamber of Commerce, shared various updates with the board, including the tree planting. Meet the Candidates will be held October 10th at 5:30 p.m.
- Chuck Sikora, Clement Township, Secord Lake Association golf outing was held over the weekend. Mike Hoadley participated in the event; he is working for us in Lansing. FLTF no longer qualifies for the loan they applied for through the Army Corps of Engineers.
- Harold Day, Secord Township, shared that Joel could not make it today. Secord Township will have a grouse hunting event, and a conference coming into the Lakeshore RV Park.

Receive and File

No Further Business, the meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.