



**Gladwin County Board of Commissioners
Board Minutes, November 12, 2024**

Mike Visnaw, District 1 (Sherman, Butman, Clement, Secord)

Ron Taylor, District 2, Vice-Chairperson (Sage, Gladwin, and Gladwin City N. of M-61)

Tami O'Donnell District 3 (Bentley, Billings, Bourret, Grim, Hay)

Karen Moore, District 4, Chairperson (Tobacco, Buckeye, Beaverton City)

Rick Grove, District 5 (Grout, Beaverton, Gladwin City S. of M-61)

The Gladwin County Board of Commissioners met for a regular Board Meeting on November 12, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairperson Karen Moore. The Pledge of Allegiance was said, roll was called, and all Commissioners were present except Commissioner O'Donnell.

Public Comment – Agenda Items

City Report – Nancy Bodnar from the City of Gladwin was present and stated the City was eligible for EV battery station in the City.

Consent Agenda - Motion by Commissioner Taylor to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Commissioner Visnaw; all in favor, motion carried.

Cash Balances were read by Commissioner Taylor; General Fund balance of \$1,886,993.69 with bills approximating \$80,000 to be paid.

Approval of the Board Minutes:

- A. October 18, 2024, Special Board Meeting**
- B. October 22, 2024, Regular Board Meeting**
- C. October 24, 2024, Special Board Meeting**
- D. November 1, 2024, Special Board Meeting**

Department Head Report

- A. Chris Haupt, Spongy Moth Director, discussed the applicator renewal contract with AI's Aerial Spraying for a 5 year period with significant savings. Motion by Commissioner Taylor to renew the contract for 5 years with AI's Aerial Spraying, seconded by Commissioner Grove; all in favor, motion carried.
- B. Ken Roberts, Veterans Director, provided some updates on cuts the Michigan Veterans Affairs Association is proposing to local Veterans Offices. Motion by Commissioner Taylor to draft a letter to the State in support of County veterans advocates, seconded by Commissioner Grove; all in favor, motion carried.

Finance Reports/Claims and Accounts General Fund

- A. Request for Sheriff's Office to purchase 5 AED batteries at a cost of \$1,151.74 from line 101-301-933.000. Motion by Commissioner Grove for the purchase of the batteries for the patrol cars, seconded by Commissioner Taylor; all in favor, motion carried.**
- B. Request to send two corrections officers to Delta College to attend Corrections Officer Academy at cost of \$1,752 per person, plus travel and overtime, to be paid from 264-000-607.000. Motion by Commissioner Visnaw to approve the training expense, seconded by Commissioner Taylor; all in favor, motion carried.**

Committee Meeting Reports

- A. November 6, 2024, Parks and Rec**

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

- A. County Clerk, Karrie Hulme, to attend 2024 Michigan Association of County Clerks December 5th and 6th at a cost of \$200 paid from 101-215-860.000.**

Payments required by Collective Bargaining Agreement

- A. Joe Armstrong payout per Union Contract, 31 hours (\$696.26) from line 101-265-703.000.**

Miscellaneous

- A. Lucy from Drains asked for a budget amendment in the amount of \$12,126 for the Drains at Large billing. She will work with Christy to find funding so it doesn't all come from the General Fund and bring it back to the Commissioners in two weeks.**

New Business

- A. Sam Price and Brenda Kind from Ten16 presented on the opioid crisis and contracting with the County on a part time person through Ten16 to work with Gladwin County residents over a 2 year period. Motion by Commissioner Taylor to approve the contract with Ten16, seconded by Commissioner Visnaw; all in favor, motion carried.**
- B. Request approval of updated Gladwin County L-4029 adding the recently passed millage for Senior Services. Motion by Commissioner Taylor to approve, seconded by Commissioner Visnaw; all in favor, motion carried.**
- C. Request approval of 2025 Board calendar with one change being April 29th meeting moved to April 22nd. Motion by Commissioner Moore to change the April date from the 29th to the 22nd, seconded by Commissioner Taylor; all in favor, motion carried.**
- D. Request to approval of the Healthcare Cost Committee recommendation for the County healthcare provider for 2025 to stay with MESSA hardcaps but go to the 5-tier drug program. Motion by Commissioner Visnaw to approve, seconded by Commissioner Taylor; all in favor, motion carried.**

Old Business

- A.** Now that the election is over and the new Commissioners have been decided, the information on the applicants for the new County Civil Attorney will be forwarded to them for input and a final decision will be made at the next regular Board meeting.
- B.** Pratt Lake Rec Center had a recent break in and the insurance deductible is \$1,000. Motion by Commissioner Moore that the County split the deductible 50/50 with the Seebeck Foundation; seconded by Commissioner Taylor. Roll call vote as follows: Commissioner Visnaw – yes; Commissioner Moore – yes; Commissioner Grove – yes; Commissioner Taylor – yes; all in favor, motion carried.

Chair Comments

December 11th oral arguments will be heard on the Heron Cove matter with Court of Appeals; December 7th is the annual Christmas parade in the City; and, December 3rd at 8:00 a.m. is the Middle Michigan annual breakfast at Riverwalk.

Board member Comments/Report:

Mike Visnaw, District 1:

- 10/24 contract negotiations and civil attorney interviews.
- 11/1 Special Board meeting with IT companies.
- 11/6 Parks & Rec meeting.

Ron Taylor, District 2:

- 10/23 Health Dept meeting.
- 10/24 Contract negotiations with Unions; interviews with civil attorneys.
- 10/30 negotiations.
- 11/1 meeting on IT companies.
- 11/11 Veterans Service – special thank you to maintenance guys, Rick and Joe, for providing chairs and the City Police for traffic control.

Tami O'Donnell, District 3:

Karen Moore, District 4:

- IT meeting with Data Committee.
- Now that election is over, would like to take a look at committee assignments.
- Michigan Association of Counties on indigency and court fines.
- Opioid crisis awareness.
- Tobacco Township marijuana ordinance passed.

Rick Grove, District 5:

- 10/23 CT Advisory dinner.
- 11/11 Gladwin City meeting; still trying to settle contracts with DPW.

- 11/11 Beaverton Township meeting; not much going on but inquiries into marijuana processing facility.
- 11/12 will be attending Grout Township meeting.

Administration Report

Melanie has been working on the open enrollment packets and MESSA coming in to inform employees on changes in health insurance, mainly prescriptions.

Kim has been working on the grant for the County Master Plan and Zoning Ordinance and the CHILL Grant is off and running.

Board Communications

Report of Civil Attorney

Jaynie gave an update on the Heron Cove Federal Court case and the December 11th Summary Disposition hearing. The rest of her time has been spent on negotiations in the County.

Public Comments:

Tim Mester from Billings Township spoke on the Arnold Center getting community activities going and they will be at the next meeting December 9th at 7:00 pm. Billings Township would like to show its support for Veterans and Ten16 as well.

Joel Vernier provided comments on Council of Local Government and the challenges people are facing with food and heating costs. He reminded everyone the next meeting will be March 24, 2025, at the County.

Motion by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Visnaw, to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Collective Bargaining. Roll call vote as follows: Commissioner Visnaw – yes; Commissioner Moore – yes; Commissioner Grove – yes; Commissioner Taylor – yes; all in favor, motion carried.

10:40 a.m. - Closed Session

Motion by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Grove, to enter back into public session; all in favor, motion carried.


11:22 a.m. - Open Session

Motion by Commissioner Visnaw to adopt the recommendations made in Closed Session, seconded by Commissioner Taylor; all in favor, motion carried.

Receive & File - January Library Statistics

Adjournment at 11:26 a.m.

Julie A. Jackson, Chief Deputy Clerk



Karen Moore, Chairperson