



Gladwin County Board of Commissioners Board Minutes, November 26, 2024

Mike Visnaw, District 1, (Sherman, Butman, Clement, Secord)
Ron Taylor, District 2, Vice-Chair (Sage, Gladwin Twp, Gladwin City North)
Tami Odonnell, District 3, (Bentley, Billings, Bourret, Grim & Hay)
Karen Moore, District 4, Chairperson (Tobacco, Buckeye, & Beaverton City)
Rick Grove, District 5, (Grout, Beaverton Twp. & Gladwin City South)

The Gladwin County Board of Commissioners met for a regular Board Meeting, on November 26, 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, Commissioner O'Donnell was excused, all other commissioners were present.

Public Comment – Agenda Items

No public comment.

City Report

Nancy Bodner from the City of Gladwin shared **that** Gladwin City is hosting the Town Lighting Contest again this year, they are having discussion still on a building charging station at city hall, the River Race date has been set for May 17th, 2025, and the new City Council will be sworn in on Dec 2nd.

Chair Moore asked Katie Dretski address the Board at this time. Katie shared an update on the use of ARPA funds received from the county for the Bentley Township Ball fields.

The Board reviewed the Consent Agenda –

The Board reviewed the consent agenda. Chair Moore requested department heads on the agenda be moved to Department Reports. A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to accept the agenda with changes, seconded by Commissioner Visnaw, all in favor motion carried.

Cash balances were read by Commissioner Taylor. General Fund balance \$1,412,975.71 before payment of bills.

Approval of the Board Minutes:

A. November 12, 2024, Board Meeting

Department Head Reports

Emergency Manager, Bob North shared information on his request for the Hazard Mitigation Plan Resolution. A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Visnaw, to approve Hazard Mitigation Plan and to adopt Resolution 2024-032. Chair Moore read the resolution; roll call vote 4-y, 0-n, Resolution declared adopted.

Building Inspector Justin Schneider announced his retirement effective November 01, 2025. He is asking the Board to hire a full-time employee to train under him over the next year.

A motion was made by Commissioner Grove, and seconded by Commissioner Taylor, to allow the hiring of a full time person in place of the current part time employee, to replace the Building Inspector effective November 01, 2025. All in favor, motion carried.

Clerk Hulme shared information from the recent General Election including Early Voting turnout and petitions for Recounts in Tobacco and Gladwin City.

Communications

Finance

Committee Meetings were approved with the approval of the agenda.

Miscellaneous

1. Council on Aging (CoA) Federal Funding Request.
Bonnie Klein and Lori Stout shared information on the CoA budget, and their request to increase funding to \$1,020,265 from \$869,963, which is still within the approved millage. This would be an monthly payout of \$85,855 for FY24/25
Commissioner Taylor made a motion to approve the increase for FY24/25 and a December payout of \$112,576 for November & December, seconded by Commissioner Grove; all in favor, motion carried.
2. Sports Complex Update
Trisha LaRue shared an end of year recap for the Gladwin Sports Complex including registrations, fees, sponsorships, current and anticipated additions to the complex (volleyball, irrigation, concrete pads, lighting, Wifi, surveillance, etc.).
3. 2023-9-month Investment Report & 23-24 Annual Investment Report
Treasurer VanTiem shared details of the two Investment Reports.
Commissioner Taylor made a motion to accept the 2023-9-month Investment Report & 23-24 Annual Investment Report, Seconded by Commissioner Grove; all in favor, motion carried.

New Business

1. Approval of the Updated Apportionment Report
Janine Marchington shared details of the request.
A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Visnaw to approve the updated Apportionment Report. All in favor, motion carried.
2. Tom, Alan and Mike attending New Commissioner School
Chair Moore shared details of the request.
Commissioner Taylor made a motion to approve the new commissioners to attend the New Commissioners School, \$140 each from line 101-101-860.000. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Grove; all in favor, motion carried.
3. Agreement with Wade Trim to use Data with ArcMap Software
Commissioner Visnaw made a motion to approval Chair Moore to sign the agreement to allow Wade Trim to use county data with ArcMap Software. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Visnaw; all in favor, motion carried.
4. CDBG-DR Program/Parks and Rec Grant-Professional Concepts and Designs (PCD)
Kimberly Hines shared details of the request.
Commissioner Visnaw made a motion to allow PCD to apply for the Parks and Rec Grant. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Taylor; all in favor, motion carried.

Old Business

1. Probate Court Judicial Secretary
Chair Moore shared details of past conversations on this request.
Commissioner Visnaw made a motion to consider the Probate Court Judicial Secretary request, seconded by Commissioner Moore. All opposed, motion failed.

2. EGLE Grant discussion

Melanie Thume shared details of the request to purchase two hybrid vehicles through the EGLE Grant. Commissioner Taylor made a motion to move forward with the purchase of the vehicles for use by the Sheriff's department. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Grove; all in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to allow Melanie Thume to sign the Community Energy Management Grant agreement between Michigan Department of EGLE and the County of Gladwin. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Visnaw. All in favor, motion carried.

3. Selection of Civil Attorney

Conversation was had among the commissioners on the presentations they had received. Commissioner Moore made a motion to approve Kohl, Stoker, and Toskey, effective January 1, 2025 when the current counsel retires. Seconded by Commissioner Visnaw; all in favor, motion carried.

Chairperson Comments

- Chairperson Moore shared
 - December 6th is the tree lighting ceremony and parade in the City of Beaverton.
 - December 7th is the tree lighting ceremony and parade in the City of Gladwin.
- Thane and Trina Grove will be Grand Marshals, and Mike Moore as Volunteer of the Year, will be riding in the Gladwin City Parade

Board Comments

Commissioner Visnaw, District 1 –

- The 13th were Butman & Clement Twp Meetings
- 14th was the Airport Meeting
- 18th was a Sports Complex Meeting
- He is working on the Parks & Rec Committee
- 19th was the Sherman Twp meeting
- 20th was the Secord Twp Meeting
- Negotiations were on the 22nd
- He attended the Veterans and Health Department meetings unofficially.

Commissioner Ron Taylor, District 2 –

- 18th were the Gladwin City and Sports Complex meetings.
- Veteran's meeting had conversation on the new drawings
- 20th was the Health Board meeting; a conversation was had on vaccines.
- 20th was also the Gladwin Twp meeting
- 22nd were Negotiations.

Commissioner Moore, District 4 –

- Dec 3rd is the Middle Michigan Breakfast at Riverwalk.
- Due to pending litigation, the FLTF bimonthly news update has been postponed to January 8th at 5:00
- She will be gone December 4th & 5th for Mid training.
- Health Department & MAC meetings have both had conversation on the Statewide Septic Code.
- Snow Mobile Races are being planned for January, pending the weather.

Commissioner Rick Grove, District 5 –

- Grout Township Meeting, solar farm conversation is being had.
- 21st was the Land Bank meeting.

Civil Attorney

Administrators Report –

Melanie Thune shared:

- The MESSA Rep was here yesterday, he will be back on Dec. 5th.
- A Finance meeting has been scheduled for next week.

Kimberly Hines shared:

- The request for additional funding from the CHILL Grant has been resolved through another option.
- 34 applications have been received for the CHILL Program

Public Comment -

- Joel Vernier, Secord Township, congratulated Mike Moore on being named Volunteer of the Year. He shared information on Point of Sale benefits and his views on the benefits of training. The lakes have a lot going on in December.
- Carrie Will, Chamber Director, shared updates for the Gladwin County Chamber of Commerce. The first Legislative Breakfast is January 10th. The Annual Chamber Dinner is the 17th of January.
- Nancy Bodner shared that the Land Banks house is going to be beautiful for somebody.

No other public comment.

Receive and File

No further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:54 a.m.

Karrie Hulme, County Clerk

Karen Moore, Chairperson