



**Gladwin County Board of Commissioners
Board Minutes, October 18, 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 Special Board Meeting on October 18, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chairperson Karen Moore. The Pledge of Allegiance was said, Commissioner Grove was excused, all other commissioners were present.

A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner O'Donnell to accept the agenda as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Public Comment – Agenda Items

- None

New Business

Attorneys Bonnie Toskey introduced herself, her co-worker Sara Osburn, and their law firm.

Commissioner Taylor asked about retainer fees; Attorney Toskey replied everything is negotiable, and went on to elaborate that opinions, phone calls, analysis of statute, etc., can be covered under a contract.

Commissioner Taylor asked about experience with Labor Contracts; Attorney Toskey responded they do have that experience and gave specific examples of meeting that need.

Commissioner O'Donnell asked about the firm's familiarity of the dams and Part 307; Attorney Toskey responded that the firm does employ Attorney Tim Perrone, who is experienced in Part 307.

Commissioner Moore asked if the firm represents any other client that may create a conflict of interest and how that would be handled. Attorney Toskey responded that she is not aware of any at this time, but proceeded to explain how that might be handled if a situation did arise. Attorney Sara Osburn elaborated on a situation they had experienced and how it was addressed.

Commissioner Moore asked if the fact that she is an attorney (but not the county's attorney) would impact the service that their firm provides. Attorney Toskey responded "No", it is applaudable that the county has an attorney on the board, but they will not compromise their legal opinion/stance for any reason.

Conversation was had on the range of experience the firm offers and their ability to attend meetings.

Commissioner Taylor asked about other counties the firm works with; Attorney Toskey shared that information.

Closing statements were given.

Old Business

Commissioners Moore and O'Donnell requested a special meeting for the purpose of hearing from the businesses that had submitted RFPs for IT Services. A Special Meeting notice will be issued for November 1st at 9:00 a.m.

Chairperson Comments

None

Board Comments

None

Public Comment

None

No Further Business, the meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.



Karrie Hulme, County Clerk



Karen Moore, Chairperson