



Gladwin County Board of Commissioners Board Minutes, October 22, 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 October 22, 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

- None

The Board Reviewed the Consent Agenda

The Board reviewed the consent agenda. Addition of Old Business, contract for IT Services, was requested by the Chair. A motion was made by Commissioner Grove to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Commissioner Taylor. All in favor, motion carried.

Approval of the Board Minutes

1. **October 04, 2024, Special Meeting Minutes (date corrected)**
2. **October 08, 2024, Board Meeting**
3. **October 08, 2024, Closed Session**

Cash balances were read by Commissioner Taylor. The General Fund balance is \$1,975,582.90 before the payment of bills.

Department Head Reports

1. **FY 25 MOA between MSU Extension and Gladwin County**
Eric Karbowski reviewed the MSU Annual report. Highlights from 4H, Farm Stress, Michigan Vaccines, ERAIL (Emergency Response to Accidents Involving Livestock), and other programs were shared. Eric shared details of the Agreement between MSU Extension and Gladwin County. A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to approve the Chair to sign the FY 25 MOA between MSU and Gladwin County pending compliance with the Union agreement. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Grove. All in favor, motion carried.
2. **Drain Conference Request.**
A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to approve Drain Commissioner Terry Walters and Deputy Drain Commissioner Lucy Zeestraten, to use the county credit card to register for the Drain Conference in February and to book a hotel. Registration to be paid from line 101-257-860.000. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Grove. All in favor, motion carried.

Finance

1. **Request Approval for Renewal of Barracuda**
Commissioner O'Donnell shared the recommendation of the Data Committee. A motion was made by Commissioner O'Donnell to approve the renewal of the Barracuda contract for 1 year; \$960 to be paid from line 101-258-815.002. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Visnaw. All in favor, motion carried.

Committee Meeting Reports

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

Payments required by Collective Bargaining Agreement

1. **Payout request of unused PTO hours for Detective Sgt. Townsend per union contract 120 hours \$3,756.00 paid from line 101-301-707.000**

Miscellaneous

1. Gladwin Conservation District Update
Zach Bates and Tristen Hewitt shared details of the Gladwin County River Race of Two Cities event that the Conservation District is working on. Additional information was shared on other events being worked on and progress being made in environmental stewardship. Friends of the Conservation District will meet this Thursday at 6:30 p.m. (3rd Thursday of every month) at the Conservation Building.
2. Appointment to the Gladwin County District Library Board
A motion was made by Commissioner Grove to appointment Becky Miller to the Gladwin County District Library Board for term expiring 12/31/2028. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Taylor. All in favor, motion carried.
3. Appointment of members to the Construction Codes Board of Appeals
A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to re-appoint Don Kehoe, Greg Uhl, Rusty Edick, and Rick Grove to the Construction Codes Board of Appeals for terms expiring on 12/31/2026. The motion was seconded by Commissioner O'Donnell. All in favor, motion carried

New Business

1. Filling of Vacant Corrections Position
Jail Administrator Matt McGourty shared details of his request.
A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to allow corrections to fill a vacant position at the jail. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Grove. All in favor, motion carried.
2. Airport Grant Agreement 2025-0068
Commissioner Taylor shared details of the request. The Airport Board has already approved this. A motion was made by Commissioner Visnaw to allow Chairperson Karen Moore to sign the airport Grant Agreement (for Project construct/modify/improve/rehab hanger - 4-unit T-Hanger Design,) seconded by Commissioner Taylor. All in favor, motion carried.
3. Application for FY23 State and Local Cybersecurity Grant
Melanie Thume shared details of the request.
A motion was made by Commissioner Visnaw to approve the application for the FY23 State and Local Cybersecurity Grant; seconded by Commissioner O'Donnell. All in favor, motion carried.
4. Request Approval of the Wade Trim Agreement
Kimberly Hines shared details of the request.
A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to approve Chairperson Karen Moore to sign Wade Trim Agreement once the CDBGR grant agreement is received back, seconded by Commissioner Visnaw. All in favor, motion carried.
5. IT Service RFP
Chair Moore asked the board to rescind their previous motion made October 8 under New Business. The Bard will have a special meeting November 1st; she is asking that they make a determination following the special meeting.
A motion was made by Commissioner Moore to rescind the stated motion and move forward with a determination after the special meeting. The motion was seconded by Grove. Additional Conversation was had; all in favor, motion carried.

Old Business

Chairperson Comments

Chair Moore shared that the Jeep Creep was last weekend, this Saturday is the Beaverton Fall Fest, Early Voting starts this Saturday; locations are Tobacco Township Hall, City of Gladwin (City Hall), and the county Building for all other jurisdictions.

Board Comments

Commissioner Visnaw, District 1 –

- October 9th attended Butman & Clement Twp. Meetings
- 10th was the Airport Meeting
- 15th Sherman Twp Meeting
- 16th was the Secord Township meeting
- 18th a Civil Attorney Interview
- Yesterday, the NMCA meeting discussed many things, two were specifically concerning. One conversation on Consumers and the Dams, and the other on State mandated septic inspections

Commissioner Taylor, District 2 –

- On the 9th were Negotiations for Units 6 & 7 as well as the Sage Township meeting.
- On the 10th was the Airport meeting.
- The 15th was Veterans Affairs.
- 16th was the Gladwin Twp. meeting.
- 18th was a Special Board meeting.
- Yesterday was Gladwin City & sports complex meetings.

Commissioner O'Donnell, District 3 –

- The FLTF Webinar was on the 9th
- Attended the MAC Environmental Meeting
- Was at the Billings & Bentley township meetings and then Grim & Bourret meetings.
- Attended FLTF Board Meeting
- Gladwin hosted the monthly Hartland Materials Management Plan Meeting; the next meeting will be in Gratiot County at 1:30 November 8th. An update was given on the status of our (Gladwin and the joint counties) MMP.
- The Wixom Lake Improvement Board is meeting Thursday.

Commissioner Moore, District 4 –

- MAC appointment her to the State Court Administrative Office for Trial Court Funding Committee, they will be meeting every two weeks.
- The FLTF Amicus Brief that was submitted on pending litigation has been allowed.
- Also attended the FLTF Board meeting
- This Thursday will be three more interviews of candidates for County Civil Council.
- NMCA had conversation on cyber security.
- Monday is Harvest Fest hosted by the Council of Local Government.
- Tobacco Township has an initiative on the ballot that is gaining great attention.

District 5

- Attended the Beaverton Twp. Meeting
- Has been out of town, so not a lot to report. 1:17:00
- Tomorrow night is a CTE Advisory dinner.

Administrators Report

- Melanie Thume attended the MERS Conference and has a zoom schedule to discuss Health Care numbers.
- Kimberly Hines shared a CHILL grant update, over sixty applications have been picked up, and nearly 20 applications have been returned.

Civil Attorney Report

- Union Negotiations have been keeping her busy.

Public Comment – Any Item

- Sid Hansen, Wixom Lake, shared information on the spending on the dam projects, his proposal on changes that could be made to accelerate the projects, and examples of similar projects in other states.
- Harold Day, Secord Township, asked about pickle ball courts in Gladwin County and shared that there are residents moving to the area that would like to organize pickle ball tournaments.
- Chuck Sikora, Secord Lake, shared a letter from GEI (engineering firm) addressing Sid Hansens' presentation.
- Ms. Vourlekis, from Veteran's Affairs in Saginaw, shared information on services they provide on Suicide Prevention.

Receive and File

No Further Business, the meeting adjourned at 10:54 a.m.



Karrie Hulme, County Clerk



Karen Moore, Chairperson