

Glacier County Commissioners
Tuesday, July 2, 2019
Regular Meeting
Cut Bank, MT

The Glacier County Board of Commissioners met at a regular meeting scheduled meeting at 9:00 am Tuesday, July 2, 2019. Commissioners Michael DesRosier, Tom McKay and John B. Overcast was present, Crystal Cole taking minutes.

Present at the Meeting: Kyla Presnell, Public; Lila Evans, Public; Jamie Greco, GC Library Director; Elaine Mitchell, Public; Carol Larson, Public; Marleen Luedtke, Public; Jimi Champ, Library Media Specialist; Marty Woolf, West End Cemetery; LeAnne Kavanagh, Press; Carol McDivitt, GC Health Dept.; Chancy Kittson, GC CFO.

Meeting called to order @ 9:26 am

A. Roll Call

B. Approval of Agenda:

C. Reading of the Minutes: 6/17/19, 6/25/19 & 6/26/19

Commissioner Overcast motioned to approve the minutes for 6/17/19, 6/25/19 & 6/26/19; Commissioner McKay Seconded; motion carried.

NEW BUISNESS

D. Discussion: West End Cemetery/Browning Library-Kyla Presnell

Kyla Presnell was curious why the West End Cemetery had a balance, and why isn't the same amount being spent as Crown Hill Cemetery. She also asked if the county is taking care of the old St. Michael's Cemetery. Commissioner DesRosier stated no they do not, it is mainly volunteer, he stated that they did help with supplies and graded road a few years back. Kayla stated that she was looking at the grass and weeds, and how it could be a fire hazard. There was lots of discussion on the up keep and financial aspect of the old St. Michael's Cemetery. Kayla asked the commissioners if she would be able to use a county truck and trailer to bring her own ride along lawnmower up there. Commissioner DesRosier stated no because of liability and insurance reasons.

Marty Woolf had some concerns with a water issue at the West End Cemetery, he stated that you can't even put a shovel into the ground without water coming out. He had a couple of guys come look into the issue, stated some old springs have sprung. Marty expressed to the commissioners that something needs to be done, he can't be digging up graves and putting bodies in there. Commissioner McKay stated that he spoke with Marty earlier and noticed that the lake by the cemetery is drying up. He also stated the hill that was tore down to build them houses may have changed everything. Commissioner McKay suggested we let Marty use a backhoe and dig on top of the hill to see what he can find. Commissioner Overcast asked Marty if he felt comfortable digging. Marty stated yes.

Commissioner DesRosier told Marty if he is willing to, then he can dig a trench. He also stated they need to sit down with the board and see what they could do to help more with the old West End Cemetery, and get the community more involved.

Commissioner McKay stated that they need Gerald Wagner from Blackfeet Environmental office to be on the Browning Agenda also send an invite to the Blackfeet Tribal Business Council.

Kyla also had some concerns with the Browning Library, she stated that she noticed the fence around the library, she stated there is some spots that you cannot get to with a lawn mower or a weed eater which could be a fire hazard. She is asking permission to take care of this area by bringing her own spray that would help take care of the weeds. Jamie Greco stated that with the funds being cut down it is hard to keep up with constant help and now with furlough threats the Browning Library is down to one worker.

Commissioner DesRosier stated to Kyla that if she wanted to go up with her spray he is sure no one would object. Jamie stated that she needed to talk to her board but sure that she could get her permission.

Kyla also had a concern at the Library with the black bars she stated that it made it look like a jail. Commissioner DesRosier stated that they needed a fence because of the vandalism issues. This fence was chosen over chain link as it is decoration fencing. Kyla asked if the sidewalks could be put next to be fixed. Commissioner DesRosier talked about how the tribe contracts with BIA with a 638 contract and that they will build a budget and road crew. Which will include streets, parking lots and sidewalks. Kyla stated that she assumed Glacier County was responsible for the sidewalks. Commissioner DesRosier stated that she was probably right and that no one would object if we was to start tearing it up. He also informed her that we cannot put our hands in tribal issues.

E. Discussion/Approval: Glacier County Accounting & Financial Policy & Procedures Manual-Chancy Kittson, CFO

Commissioner DesRosier ask Chancy Kittson, CFO if he had anything else on this topic and that he thought it was approved but changes can be made. Chancy stated the new one expands to help explain questions incorporated in the 2011 manual into the new one with update MCA codes. Commissioner DesRosier stated that Clerk & Recorder Mandi Bird Kennerly had some concerns. Chancy was aware and did state that he had talked with her and emailed her. Her concern was the incorporation of the old into the new.

Commissioner McKay motions to accept Glacier County Accounting & Financial Policy & Procedures Manual; Commissioner Overcast seconded; motion carried.

F. Approval: EMS Contract Extension/Rita Newman-GC Commissioners

Chancy Kittson stated that Rita Newman's contract was for 90 day and is up as of 6/29/19 and would like to renew her contract. Commissioner DesRosier recommends renewing the contract as she has been working on hard and doing a good job. Commissioner Overcast stated that he has only seen a little bit of her work and is impressed.

Commissioner Overcast motioned to extend the contract; Commissioner McKay seconded; motion carried

Leann Kavanagh ask if it was the same contract. Commissioner DesRosier stated yes only for another 90 days starting 6/30/19.

OTHER BUISNESS:

G. Public Comment

H. Next Meeting-Tuesday, July 9, 2019 - Browning