

**Glacier County Commissioners
Thursday, October 17, 2019
Regular Meeting
Cut Bank, MT**

The Glacier County Board of Commissioners met at a regular scheduled meeting at 9:00 am Thursday October 17, 2019. Commissioners Michael DesRosier, Tom McKay and John B. Overcast was present and Melanie Heavy Runner taking minutes.

Present at the Meeting: Linda Reynolds, Public; Vananda Yazzie, Glacier County Library Browning; Kyla Presnell, Public; Donna Taylor, Public; Phyllis Hagen, Public; Carol Larson, Public; Lila Evans, Public; LeAnn Kavanagh, Press; Aaron LaFromboise, BCC Library; Victoria Augare, BCC Library; Melissa Weatherwax, BCC Library; Leland Crawford, Library; Crystal Evans, Library; Tracy Cook, MT State Library; Jamie Greco, Glacier County Library Director; Donna Lenoir, Library/Museum; June Duncan, Library; Dave Duncan, Library; Evan Hammer, MT State Library; Fred Greco, Public; Terry Michell, Public; Nathan DeRoche, Public; Marlene Luedtke, Public; Nicholas Hodak, Library Trustee; Janine Scott, Clerk of District Court; Mike Kittson, Glacier County Human Resource.

A. Roll Call

Meeting called to order @ 9:31 am

B. Approval of Agenda:

C. Reading of the Minutes: 8/26/19 Correction, 9/24, 10/1, 10/3 & 10/8/19

Mike Kittson Human Resource asked Chairman DesRosier to hold off on passing and amending, he stated that he took the minutes this is not correct. Commissioner DesRosier tabled the amendment to the meeting minutes, stated don't reflect the conversation that took place further review by minute taker, will be reviewed before decision on accepting amendment of minutes on 8/26/19.

Commissioner McKay motions to approve the minutes 9/24, 10/1, 10/3 & 10/8/19; Commissioner Overcast second; motion carried.

D. Review/Sign: (9:00-10:00 am) Payroll/Claim

Dated for October 17, 2019

CLAIMS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT

<i>FUND</i>	<i>ACCOUNT</i>	<i>AMOUNT</i>
1000	General Fund	\$ 30,884.56
2110	Road Fund	\$ 8,869.32
2140	Weed Control	\$ 803.44
2180	County District Court	\$ 6,862.61
2220	Library	\$ 854.52
2230	Ambulance	\$ 1,922.47
2300	Public Safety (Law)	\$ 2,508.81
2410	Glacier Park Lights	\$ 530.48
2850	911 Emergency (Sheriff)	\$ 40,500.00

2968	Chronic Disease Prevention Grant	\$ 639.76
2971	WIC	\$ 1,139.51
2979	Immunization Reimbursement	\$ 79.00
	TOTAL CLAIMS	\$ 95,594.48
	PAYROLL	\$ 220,510.27
	TOTAL PAYROLL & CLAIMS	\$ 316,104.75

NEW BUSINESS

E. Discussion: (10:00-11:00 am) Library Concerns-GC Commissioners

Commissioner DesRosier stated they are going to have a discussion they have Library people coming in for a presentation BCC Library, Glacier County Library and MT State Library, he also stated that they will hold public comment after. Jamie Greco stated that they were not scheduled until 10:00 am and they are still waiting for one board member. Commissioner DesRosier stated you are right that he didn't realize the time Meeting moved to courtroom due to being over capacity. Meeting reconvened @ 9:55 am in the courtroom. Commissioner DesRosier stated that this discussion is for information for county government, we have personal from different libraries. He explained that they are taking measures to meet budget. When doing work with DOR & DOA they named library as non-essential along with others. Commissioner DesRosier stated that they did not like the idea of closing the library, but there was talk of furloughs. They have made changes in operation, every department to cuts, they have done personnel shifts. He stated that there has been some discussion about possibly combining the Browning Library with the BCC Library, they have talked with other commissioners and MACo. Commissioner DesRosier stated that there has been a lot of misinformation going around and that there has not been a decision. They need to get more facts before they can make a decision so today, they have the BCC library staff, GC library staff/board and staff from the State library to do presentations.

There discussion on the library with Aaron LaFromboise, Melissa Weatherwax, Jamie Greco, Vananda Yazzie, Glacier County Library Board, Mike Kittson, individuals from the public and the Commissioners. Aaron LaFromboise, Librarian at BCC presented a pamphlet of an overview of the BCC library. Aaron stated that their library is an academic library, community library and they archive for Blackfeet Tribe. She also stated that there were ideas before about merging services, she contacted Jamie and she was not in favor of it, Aaron also stated that she was ok with that. She than stated that Commissioner DesRosier approached them, her major concern was the misinformation. Commissioner DesRosier stated that he seen they have a children's area with little furniture. Aaron stated that they have children books and have been building up getting more for them and they have their own area they are not sharing with the adults. Aaron stated that 60% of the people that come in are their students and 40% are outside people whom are not all from the community they do get tourist and people from other communities. Commissioner DesRosier stated that that when there are new people in the

community the first place they visit is the library. Aaron stated that they had one person from Utah and the first thing they did wanted to do was to get library card. Commissioner DesRosier asked if they get any of the schools. Aaron replied that they get the 7th and 8th grade students from the Catholic School who are doing research on the Community and Tribe, they get the Cuts Wood School two to three times a year and they had East Glacier School for the first time. She also stated the newspapers and yearbooks are the largest draw for the kids. Last year during the days of Pikuni they had activities. Melissa Weatherwax also stated that they have had some youth programs such as library experience, research skills and girl scouts being the Community College family approach. Commissioner DesRosier stated that there has been some misinformation for population of Browning in the old incorporated city limits there was 1,500 people. He stated that there is around 7,500 people in all of Browning we are the 10th largest community in Montana. He also stated that from the tribal office north of government square was the same population as Pondera County so it is unfair to use the 1,200 people. He also stated that the surrounding communities do populate our numbers. Aaron stated that the outlying area and reservation community they offer services to everyone some are from Choteau. She also stated that the Library in Kalispell returns to books to them at BCC and they return books to Kalispell, they also issue temporary library cards in the summer. Commissioner DesRosier asked about the Cut Bank, East Glacier and Babb areas. Aaron stated that there is not a lot of outreach funding to offer services to everyone. They just met surrounding librarians by grant received. They have some money set aside for programming could use for outreach. She stated Heart Butte asked for assistance, helped them to understand how library ran. Aaron talks about different grants and funding one of which an enhancement grant which she states is a competitive grant. It was wrote in statue to go to tribes in Federal Government and has to go to library services. There was a resolution passed to go to their library. She also talked about TCC funding which pays for personnel and IDC grants which is based on enrollment and how much can recruit. There was lots more talk on grants and if community survey would help. Commissioner DesRosier stated that the College Library hours are 48 hours a week during the academic school year and 40 hours a week during the summer. Aaron stated that the classes are Monday thru Thursday and if there is a Federal holiday, they take Friday off, she also stated that if the college closes on a limb they do not unless it is an emergency or weather. Commissioner DesRosier asked how many employees they have, Aaron replied 4 employees, 3 students 6 hours a week.

Jamie from the GC Library stated that she was unaware of a presentation and was not formally prepared. Commissioner DesRosier asked her for her thoughts and ideas on library. Fred Greco stated that he asked Chet and he said they did not say to close library. Commissioner McKay stated that Montana Department of Administration told them museums and libraries are non-essential. Commissioner DesRosier stated that is what the state told us.

Jamie informed the commissioners that she spoke with DOA and they stated in no way merit recommending libraries being closed. She stated that they have been working very hard to meet the needs of Glacier County. She also stated the importance of serving our communities and expanding services. Jamie stated that they received a small grant from the Port Authority to expand to Babb, Heart Butte and East Glacier. Commissioner DesRosier stated that they like what they are doing and they are not taking away from her will still be Glacier County Library just a different location. Jamie asked the commissioner how we will save. Commissioner DesRosier stated they do not know they are still finding facts. Commissioner McKay stated the last thing we want to do is close the Browning Library need to look at what is available to keep it open and maybe look as Satellite Library.

Vananda Yazzie from the Browning Library stated that she is the only one working in the library Monday thru Friday, no one ever approached her, last meeting she wanted to be informed. She stated that she is the one who deals with the library. Commissioner DesRosier stated there was no decision to move the library yet. Vananda stated at the last meeting was offered downsizing and moving Satellite Office to Library. She then asked if she need to look else were for a job to support her family because no one came to her. Mike Kittson Human Resource stated that it needs to keep it professional and number one the Commissioners never said it was closing and that your position was being eliminated and that he would talk with Chet. Leland Crawford stated to Mike Kittson that he was not a Commissioner. Commissioner DesRosier introduces Mike Kittson and gave him permission allowing him to talk. Crystal Evans stated that she understands her frustration, they were never given the option for presentation she stated that it is one sided and asked why they didn't have the option today. Commissioner DesRosier stated that he spoke with Jamie about the public libraries and Aaron about the college library and that Aaron offered the information. I have not talked to other staff and board members.

Jamie Greco stated for the record that they see 2,140 people per week 1,320 of those are computer users, 804 are wireless users, 14 for programming, 521 people for wireless sessions, 201 people for tech inquiries and 107 for ref. questions. Their daily count for the year was 6,765 people. Commissioner DesRosier stated they will give them a chance to prepare. Vananda stated the 60% of their users are students from BCC, the majority is the public they have people from Babb, East Glacier and they have Cuts Wood School two times every month along with the Catholic School. She also stated that the majority of the people walk because it is centrally located and moving the library is a disservice to the community. Vananda also stated that when the college and tribe are closed, they are the only ones left and their hours are Monday thru Friday 10:30 am to 4:30 pm. Commissioner McKay stated closing or moving is not a consideration with the information provided, he stated you told us what he needed to hear. Crystal Evans stated the hours were cut, they only have one staff member whom is part time and the only employee who works 6 hours a day and 32 ½ hours a week. She also stated that the college library is closed two weeks at Christmas and the public library is not.

Commissioner DesRosier asked about 40 hours a week, Jamie Greco replied that they cannot afford it. Mike Kittson stated that they took a significant hit and 35 hours is considered fulltime. Commissioner DesRosier states Browning has never had a full-time librarian.

Commissioner DesRosier asked about the libraries revenues. Jamie Greco stated that the only revenue is the \$7,900 that comes from the state library, requested to add to budget was used to consider final. They have brought in \$1,200 and \$1,400 this year from lost books, faxes and copies. Jamie also stated that Vananda cleans, digs us out, the repairs vary, volunteer plows parking lot and maintenance provides the supplies.

Crystal Evans stated that the Library Board sent a letter to the Mike Kittson and the Commissioners asking questions, she asked if they saw the letter. She also stated that they would like to fully staff within their budget. Commissioner DesRosier stated that they need to sit down with the board there is a lot they don't understand and have unanswered questions. He also stated that they have talked with other Commissioners on how they react with libraries. Commissioner DesRosier stated that Roosevelt County had to close their library and the college took it over and that is where they got the idea from. Jamie Greco stated that the computer use is vital for the community a lot of people to not have one at home. She stated with a 1,320 count, internet, and small early literacy vital services in location, don't know what you are gaining. Jamie stated that with the wage and \$10,000 in cost she doesn't know the purpose of moving but moving the Satellite Office there, don't know what you are gaining. She stated that they focused on cut, proved that they are being used and by law what happens is up to the Library Board. Commissioner DesRosier stated that there is no decision it is just preliminary, there is a lot of work to do. Commissioner McKay stated not closing Browning Branch would save more money closing Satellite Office even with the people we serve. Commissioner DesRosier stated that they have to do a study to see where they would save, combining is an option along with the state of closing down. Crystal Evans stated that the community agrees more libraries the better, there is a high unemployment rate.

Jamie Greco stated that combining giving money to college library to support she don't see where you are saving. Commissioner McKay stated by listening to Aaron they are not gaining anything. Arron stated that that the first time approached by the county her and Jamie talked about building relationship. She stated they support the idea, there was no talk about funding money is not issue and they are not asking for anything.

Commissioner DesRosier stated that it doesn't make sense until cost analysis and study is done, they don't have answers. Commissioner Overcast stated that he doesn't want the Browning Library to close, need to see how we can work it out for the best and that he is impressed with the usage. Fred Greco stated that two years ago that the community management team at BCC made a statement that the County was moving to BCC. Nickolas Hodak Library Board Member he has had a level of thought and detail to building tremendous like privacy an academic seating as keeping trusty public in mind. Jamie Greco stated that she had questions on funding, the library memorial fund of

\$46,000 she stated they use \$12,000 of that Glenda stated that there was a special way to code and an amendment need to be done. She stated asked again and was never granted and money not there. She stated that she needs to know where the money is.

Commissioner DesRosier stated that the CFO and Clerk and Recorder will sit down with the Library Board to discuss. He also stated that they had questions on deposits with library funding and not county funding. Jamie Greco stated the Commissioners should be at the meeting or at least one of them since they are the ones who sign off.

Commissioner DesRosier stated to the State Library was what went on at Roosevelt County and how other library boards react. He also stated that he hasn't heard back from MACo relation Committee and library board. State Library members stated that they have talked with Jamie and the model now is pretty normal with bookmobiles, working with schools and library/college. Commission had idea for solution but library board has say were the library will be. Include the Community and have community meeting, reach out to people who use the library. Some looked at a dedicated library levy but there was a concern that community members could not afford it. There was also talk about library board given independence and authority over budget, Commissioners have said but Library board has say over line items.

Commissioner DesRosier stated that they do sign off on the budget but the Clerk & Recorder and CFO prepare. He also stated that he would like to see surveys and questioners be done in the future. Commissioner DesRosier stated that they cut everyone's budget, State came in and said we had to make decisions. He also stated that all of their services are essential. Commissioner Overcast stated that whatever happens he is all for leaving the library where it is at.

Commissioner McKay asked Tracy Cook and Evan Hammer if they had a brochure for all funding for libraries. Commissioner DesRosier stated that they are aware of county funding, he asked if there was some sort of money besides grants State and Federal. Tracy State Library stated for the state there is State A Percapita which is \$0.40 per person based on service area population/county population. She talked about Library Federations CST Funding which is done each spring the librarian and board members attend meeting. She stated that Jamie is a member of the Path Finder Federation which is \$2,000. Federal there is service for libraries who use library software which is also based on population.

Leanne Kavanagh asked if the cost analysis grant that the county was looking at was for combining the libraries or combining the library and satellite office. Commissioner DesRosier stated it was more on facilities just in the Browning Community. CBDG Grant need approval to apply for the grant. Kyla Presnell stated that the two times she has been to the Browning Library to look and see if the Satellite Office could be there, yes but there would be substantial amount the community would lose. She also stated that she encourages people to donate books and DVDs to the library instead of throwing them away.

Meeting Reconvened @1:20 pm

F. Discussion/Approval: (11:00-12:00 pm) CDBG Planning Grant Opportunity Conference Call with Robie Culver, Stahly-GC Commissioners

Commissioner DesRosier stated that Robie cannot get on conference call she is in another meeting in Lewistown. He stated that the conference call was for the planning grant studying cost to move library and Satellite Office. Commissioner DesRosier stated \$50,000 is the total grant but we are not going to need that. He stated is they ask for a lesser amount the match would be less, he believes that the match is 1/3. Commissioner McKay thought it would be a good idea to approve so they can get started. Commissioner DesRosier stated that there is going to be three parts 1st portion might be to move collection into the college facility, 2nd is the cost of remodel Library and move Satellite Office and the 3rd would be plan new facility which college would construct and house on campus facility. Commissioner DesRosier stated that basically they are looking at the first 2.

Commissioner McKay motions to approve the moving forward with the application process of the CDBG Planning grant; Commissioner Overcast second; motion carried. Commissioner McKay suggested that they schedule with Robbie next Tuesday at the Browning Meeting, Commissioner DesRosier agreed. Commissioner DesRosier decided to recess discussion and information for the CDBG Planning Grant until Monday, October 21, 2019.

OTHER BUSINESS

G. Public Comment

There was some discussion between Kyla and the Commissioners about different needs of the libraries. Kyla asked Commissioner DesRosier if they set a date for a meeting with the library board, Commissioner DesRosier replied no they informed Jamie to talk with them to set a date. Kyla stated that she thought they was talking with Stahly about what county need to change and fix. Commissioner DesRosier stated they talked a little about it at MACo, part of plan for CIP but haven't got there yet. He also stated that they were going to meet with departments and then the public. Kyla stated she asked Chancy what plan was in place for repayment of PILT negative balance, she got the letter he sent to the state. Commissioner DesRosier stated that they got a letter that the state accepted it. Kyla stated that she spoke with Don about how the reconciliation was going he stated well that when done will have a little over million dollars. There was talk about the centrally assess taxes, put aside 25% paid 75% the state settled different. This year \$8 million was protested. Commissioner DesRosier stated that they are close to getting payment from I.H.S. Don Wilson stated that if there was \$1 million protested 25 % is put in protested tax fund and the rest can be distributed. He also stated that DOR wanted the whole amount put in. Kyla asked what the amount is that they can spend. Don Wilson stated that if 25% is protested and they could settle for 55%, we don't know what they will settle for and takes as long as 11 years to settle. He stated they have 4 companies that are four years old now.

Don Wilson stated that they were having some problems with the positive pay with the bank. He explained that on the check the check has a check number which is the same on the bottom along with a two digit prefix which is to tell them where it is to come out of when he uploads the file in Blackmountain, the bank is turning people away Blackmountain is not putting the prefix. He stated that he contacted Blackmountain and they are working on a solution. Don and Commissioner McKay went and talked to the bank and asked them to process payroll. They talked with Cissy Nygard and they will for today only. Don stated that everyone is on positive pay.

Kyla stated that she is waiting for the meeting minutes from the meeting with the tribe she will call Holly Galbreath to check on them, when she receives them, she will bring in and present to the Commissioners. Commissioner McKay stated that Kyla gave an excellent presentation. He also stated that they are going to GPS the boundary lines and will give us copies, then they will schedule another meeting. Commissioner DesRosier suggested that it be brought up to the churches to get it out there. Kyla stated the Holly stated we need to look at as a positive service. Commissioner DesRosier stated that he has sat down with a couple council members and they agree to sit down with jurisdiction issue over MMIW.

H. Next Meeting-Monday, October 21, 2019-Cut Bank, MT

Commissioner McKay motions to adjourn meeting @ 2:23 pm; Commissioner Overcast second; motion carried.