

**Glacier County Commissioners
Monday, November 18, 2019
Regular Meeting
Cut Bank, MT**

The Glacier County Board of Commissioners met at a regular scheduled meeting at 9:00 am Monday, November 18, 2019. Commissioners Michael DesRosier, Tom McKay and Commissioner Overcast were present and Clerk & Recorder Mandi Bird Kennerly taking minutes.

Present at the Meeting: LeAnne Kavanagh, Press; David R. Irvin, Northern Transit Interlocal Program Director; Carol McMisty, Glacier Mist RV Park; Jody Hickey, GC Sheriff Civil Secretary; Napi Billedeaux, GC Sheriff.

A. Roll Call

Meeting called to order @ 9:03 am

B. Approval of Agenda: Add Sheriff Department Financial Budget

C. Reading of the Minutes: 11/12/19

Commissioner McKay motions to approve minutes dating 11/12/19; Commissioner Overcast seconded; motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

D. Discussion/Approval: Glacier Mist RV Park Tax Issue-Carol McMisty

Commissioner McKay stated Mr. Chairman I would like to speak on this. He stated that he believes it is a repeat of a Browning water issue they had in the past. A zero was added and the bill was increased tremendously. Commissioner McKay stated she has the money to pay taxes and wants to. He stated that he asked her to prepare a folder, put the amounts that each trailer was appraised at. The purpose of this is these properties be reappraised. Commissioner McKay explains that these are properties and trailers that she rents out all year long to hunters and tourists, each piece has assessed value at the bottom. Carol McMisty stated the one where it has laundry and showers, she wasn't sure the only building with concrete was assessed at being worth \$200k it is a 14x40 building. Commissioner McKay stated that he believed JoAnn Printy was the assessor on this and he remembers Ray had an issue with the value.

Commissioner DesRosier talked about how mobile homes depreciate quickly. Carol stated that the lady who took Ray's place, she doesn't understand the values. She stated that she came over last week, same thing no answers. Commissioner DesRosier asked did she say she could reassess them. Carol replied, yes but wasn't sure how this could be resolved.

Commissioner DesRosier asked Carol if she received a tax bill from Glacier County. Carol replied, what she owed with penalties. Commissioner McKay stated penalties and interest. Commissioner DesRosier asked when the last time the taxes were paid, Carol replied part of 15 and 16.

Clerk & Recorder Kennerly asked when it was purchased. Carol replied August 2011 and also stated that she tried to pay but haven't received a tax bill. She also stated that she purchased from Chad Peterson. There was more discussion on the taxes owed. Commissioner DesRosier stated that he agrees there is a problem, it may sound like it's a problem on our end. He also stated that in the past they've been able to help the land owner. Carol stated that she has the money to pay right now, but asked if she paid if this will be resolved today. Commissioner DesRosier told her that they need time, they are going to review with the Treasurer and County Attorney. Commissioner DesRosier asked that she give them a week to look at this and they will get back to her.

Commissioners agreed that penalties and interest will be waived. They also agreed that this property had to be reassessed. Carol McMisty took a form request to get her property reassessed for next year. The commissioners supported this. Commissioner DesRosier met with Don Wilson, GC Treasurer just as Carol left.

E. Discussion/Approval: Northern Transit Interlocal-David R. Irvin

David Irvin, Northern Transit Interlocal Program Director stated that he has met with all the cities and counties and gave an update on how the Transit is going. He stated that Glacier County is by far their largest ridership. David stated that they would like the Commissioners to choose who will do the representation for Glacier County, Tony Sitzmann was the last to be on the board.

David hands out a presentation with stats. He explains that the transit is a four-part system Pondera, Toole, Glacier and the fourth part is Northern Transit. The transit goes to both Great Falls and Kalispell two times a week. David stated that they have had to use their 27-passenger bus several times. He talked about educating the public with social media and the newspaper. He also explained that the transit is not just for seniors, it is also for the general public. It is a no cost system afforded to them through their grant. He also stated that they ask for donations but it's absolutely not required. He explains that they run two buses every Monday and Thursday to Great Falls and one bus from Browning. He also stated that they want to add Monday to Browning route they are trying to get this in addition to their Browning route. He stated that the ridership has increased due to educating the public. David stated that Kalispell Regional Medical Center used to give \$10k but are now giving \$25k, Benefis gives \$10k every year since transit began and will now give \$15k. He also stated that the matches increase their dollars. Since the beginning the cities and towns contribution has never increased. He also stated that they have nine buses two of them are 27 passenger buses they got two years ago. He stated

that they are working on getting a new bus, their bus now has 135k miles on it, but it will be a couple of years.

David stated that he just really wanted to meet with you. He asked the commissioners to please nominate anyone to fill the Glacier County spot. He stated that they meet quarterly and are 10 am meetings. Commissioner DesRosier stated that we will have discussion on who will fill the position.

David also stated that they started advertising on Facebook 18 months ago and they now have 3,500 followers. Commissioner DesRosier suggested that it be advertised on our website, he gives David the information for Jason Canney to get the information on the website.

F. Discussion: Sheriff's Department Financial Budget

Jody Hickey stated that they ended up with the Cash Report on Friday, she noticed something odd. Their restricted fund money in fund 2850 had no cash in there that needed to be in there, \$46,903.65 should have been the balance forward. She also stated that it was determined in 13/19 that zeroed out the fund with a Journal Voucher. She stated that she reported to the state at the end of fiscal year the \$46,903.65 and she did not report zero. Jody stated that she needed the JV reversed, she has a lease payment # 2 for the install of call works that will need to be paid from this fund. She stated that they paid for the 1st lease payment last year. Jody also stated that Clerk & Recorder Kennerly did the JV. Clerk & Recorder Kennerly explained that although she input the Journal Voucher, Glacier County CFO Chancy Kittson & Finance Consultant Magda Nelson would have created the JV. Jody stated that sooner rather than later this JV needs to be reversed. Commissioner DesRosier asked if they talked to the CFO Kittson? Sheriff Vernon "Napi" Billedeaux stated that they have when able, but they will try to get in touch with him. There was a lengthy discussion on this issue. Commissioner DesRosier stated he was trying to contact CFO Kittson to come to the meeting, but he stated they will meet later on today on this issue. Commissioner DesRosier also stated that if needed they can sign the budget amendment tomorrow at their meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

G. Public Comment

H. Next Meeting-Tuesday, November 19, 2019-Special Meeting w/Tribal Council

Commissioner Overcast motions to adjourn @ 11:04 a.m.; Commissioner McKay seconded; motion carried.