

Glacier County Commissioners
Thursday, March 19, 2020
Regular Meeting
Cut Bank, MT

The Glacier County Board of Commissioners met at a regular scheduled meeting at 9:00 am Thursday, March 19, 2020. Commissioners Tom McKay & John Overcast were present, Commissioner Michael DesRosier was present via conference call and Clerk & Recorder Mandi Bird Kennerly taking minutes.

Present at the Meeting: LeAnne Kavanagh, Press; Mike Kittson, GC Human Resource Director; Lanaina Upham, GC DES Coordinator; Carol McDivitt, GC Health Nurse; Chancy Kittson, GC CFO; (1) Conference Call Individual - Susan

A. Roll Call

Meeting called to order @ 10:32 a.m.

B. Approval of Agenda:

Add Resolution No. 2020-12 Glacier County Proclaiming an Emergency Declaration (COVID-19)

C. Reading of the Minutes: 3/3, 3/5, 3/10 & 3/16/2020

Commissioner Overcast motions to approve 3/3, 3/5, 3/10 & 3/16/2020 minutes; Commissioner McKay seconds the motion; motion carried.

D. Review/Sign: Payroll/Claims (9:00-10:00 a.m.)

Dated for March 19, 2020

CLAIMS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT

FUND	ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
1000	General Fund	\$ 29,327.72
2110	Road Fund	\$ 6,205.11
2140	Weed Control	\$ 262.07
2180	County District Court	\$ 128.78
2220	Library	\$ 1,432.98
2230	Ambulance	\$ 4,123.60
2250	City/County Planning	\$ 1,000.00
2290	Extension Service	\$ 2,500.00
2300	Public Safety (Law)	\$ 10,207.72
2390	Sheriff's Drug Force	\$ 2,000.00
2410	Glacier Park Lights	\$ 530.33
2850	911 Emergency (Sheriff)	\$ 41.60
2863	Glacier County Transit	\$ 417.09
2960	Health Grants - Emerg Prep	\$ 68.49
2979	Immunization Grant	\$ 79.00
	TOTAL CLAIMS	\$ 58,324.49
	PAYROLL	\$ 215,993.70
	TOTAL PAYROLL & CLAIMS	\$ 274,318.19

NEW BUSINESS

E. Approval: Resolution No. 2020-11 Glacier County Health Emergency Declaration (COVID-19) – Carol McDivitt, Glacier County Health Nurse

Commissioner McKay explains that this will be one of two resolutions that will be approved in order to have all our paperwork in order for the COVID-19 issues going on. Carol McDivitt & Lanaina Upham elaborates on the process and steps for Glacier County. The efforts on behalf of Glacier County will be a combined effort from Carol & Lanaina.

Commissioner Overcast motions to approve Resolution No. 2020-11 Glacier County Health Emergency Declaration (COVID-19); Commissioner DesRosier seconds the motion; motion carried.

Add: Approval: Resolution No. 2020-12 Glacier County Proclaiming An Emergency Declaration (COVID-19) ****This will also be put on the 3/24/2020 agenda for approval – official notice.**

Commissioner Overcast motions to approve Resolution No. 2020-12 Glacier County Proclaiming An Emergency Declaration (COVID-19); Commissioner DesRosier seconds the motion; motion carried.

F. Discussion/Approval: Renew EMS Consultant Rita Neuman Contract – GC Commissioners

*****This item will be tabled until 3/24/2020**
(It was not tabled)***

- Commissioner DesRosier explains that Rita continues to work as we speak on the I.H.S. negotiations; she is very critical to getting this settled – she holds the knowledge. I believe for now we need to keep the contract open. Commissioner McKay wanted to take a second to get Chancy Kittson, GC CFO to elaborate on this item.
- LeAnne Kavanah, Press states that Tauna Evans, GC EMS Acting Director was concerned with Rita's contract payments coming out of the already stressed EMS budget. Commissioner McKay reassures that the payments will be coming out of the Legal Department Fund.
- Chancy states that we have Rita Neuman's contract and she is doing work on the EMS I.H.S. lawsuit. With that being said we need to have all the documentation and she is assisting EMS staff with that. She will be at the continued rate of \$65.00 per hour with a 30-day clause. We can also limit hours if needed.

- Commissioner DesRosier states that he believes it's imperative that we keep her. Her expertise is critical to our work on the I.H.S. court case. We're letting them pay less than they owe. I'm in favor of keeping her.
- Commissioner McKay asks Commissioner DesRosier and Chancy Kittson if were getting close to an agreement?
- Commissioner DesRosier states that he hasn't talked with I.H.S.; they did make an offer to sit down and negotiate, but they have since turned it down.
- Chancy states that there was an offer to work through the claims; but they refused to work with Rita & I on the claims and only wanted to work with Tauna; the county attorney sent information back to them refusing this request.

Commissioner McKay asks for a motion for approval. Commissioner Overcast and Commissioner DesRosier ask where her contract will be paid from. Chancy states that it will be out of the legal department fund.

Commissioner DesRosier motions to approve the renewal of Rita Neuman's contract; Commissioner McKay seconds the motion; motion carried. "See roll call vote as Commissioner Overcast objected to the approval." Commissioner DesRosier & McKay both voted yea and Commissioner Overcast voted nay to the approval of the contract.

OTHER BUSINESS

G. Public Comment

- LeAnne Kavanagh, Press states that she will get with Mike Kittson, GC HR Director for the resolutions and why their being approved.
- Mike Kittson, GC HR Director does stop by and he explains that the 1st Declaration is a formal adoption when we need to initiate/activate an Emergency Operation Plan. The commissioners have appointed Carol McDivitt, GC Health Nurse as the Incident Command and Lanaina Upham, GC DES Coordinator as her deputy. By approving the resolutions it's allowed us to get our operation running in full force. Kudos to the Glacier County Health & DES departments. We will be meeting with the Blackfeet Tribe and other agencies. By making the declaration it allows us to implement the Emergency 2 mills. Lanaina also wanted to have the declarations done so that if there were funds released from the federal government we will have all our declarations done. Our small businesses will also need us to have this in order for them to get relief. Were trying to get prepared and ahead of the game. Were also trying to get the message out because as of right now we DO NOT have any cases. We will be working with Shannon Pepion, GC Maintenance Supervisor & Jason Canney, IT Specialist for our website and social media. Were doing everything possible to keep this at bay in our area.
- LeAnne Kavanagh, Press asks about the School District #9 & Treasurer meeting on 3/17/2020.

H. Next Meeting - Tuesday, March 24, 2020 – Browning

Commissioner Overcast motions to adjourn @ 11:51 a.m.; Commissioner McKay seconds the motion; motion carried.