

Glacier County Commissioners
Tuesday, March 24, 2020
Regular Meeting
Cut Bank, MT

****THIS MEETING HAS BEEN MOVED TO CUT BANK FROM BROWNING****

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

Present: Vernon “Napi” Billedeaux, GC Sheriff; Shannon Pepion, GC Maintenance; Carol McDivitt, GC Health Nurse; Maurice Redhorn & Judd Milender, GC Sheriff’s Dept; Bob Olson, District Court Judge; Janine Scott, GC District Court Clerk; Chancy Kittson, GC CFO; Terry Matt, GC Attorney; Lanaina Upham, GC DES

A. Roll Call

Meeting called to order @ 9:06 a.m.

B. Approval of Agenda

C. Approval of the Minutes: 3/9/2020

Commissioner McKay motions to approve 3/9/2020 minutes; Commissioner Overcast seconds the motion; motion carried

NEW BUSINESS:

D. Approval: Resolution #2020-12 Glacier County Proclaiming An Emergency Declaration (COVID-19) – Lanaina Upham, Glacier County DES Coordinator

GLACIER COUNTY PROCLAIMING AN EMERGENCY DECLARATION (COVID-19)

RESOLUTION NO: 2020-12.

WHEREAS, the Novel Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) Pandemic is causing widespread human and economic impacts that could significantly impact Glacier County;

WHEREAS, the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) recognizes COVID-19 as a threat to the residents of Montana;

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Montana, pursuant to the authority vested under the Constitution and the laws of the State of Montana, Title 10, Chapter 3, MCA, and under other applicable statutes, declared that an emergency exists statewide, as defined in § 10-3-103 and §10-3-302, MCA;

WHEREAS, Glacier County has committed all available resources, taken all possible action to combat and to alleviate the situation and local resources may not be adequate to cope with the situation and Glacier County has declared a Health Emergency on March 16, 2020;

WHEREAS, due to nationwide outbreak of COVID-19, the Glacier County Commissioners are empowered by Section 7-5-2101 MCA, under such limitations and restrictions as are prescribed by law, to manage the staffing, funding, business and concerns of Glacier County, Montana, in such a manner and to such an extent as the Commission determines to be in the County’s best interest;

WHEREAS, by declaring a disaster declaration, the Glacier County Commission shall activate applicable parts of the local or interjurisdictional disaster and emergency plan and program and authorize the furnishing of aid and assistance in accordance with such plans and programs, including staffing augmentations and funding allocations to best support the response. When more information is available, the governing body shall estimate expenditures and levy additional emergency millage necessary to cover the expenditures

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Commissioners that:

1. an emergency declaration is hereby declared pursuant to § 10-3-403 and or § 10-3-402 MCA,
2. said two (2) mills will be levied during fiscal year 2021 and be utilized for restoring services;
3. Glacier County Health Department and the Glacier County Disaster and Emergency Services will activate the Glacier County Emergency Management Plan;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the copies of this resolution be filed with the County Clerk and Recorder, County Assessor and the Montana Disaster and Emergency Services Division in Helena, MT.

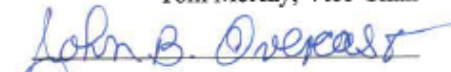
ADOPTED by the Glacier County Board of County Commissioners this 18 day of March, 2020.

ATTEST:

**BOARD OF GLACIER COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS:**


Michael J. DesRosier, Chairman


Tom McKay, Vice-Chair


John B. Overcast, Member


Mandi Bird Kennerly, Clerk & Recorder

Commissioner DesRosier explains the resolution and the measures the county is taking to stay ahead of COVID-19. Any comments can be forwarded to the Glacier County Clerk & Recorder; so that they can be included into the minutes.

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

- E. Approval: Resolution #2020-13 Glacier County Safe Trails Anti-Drug Law Enforcement Task Force – Glacier County Commissioners

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-13

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF GLACIER TO COORDINATE AND
SUPPORT THE REACTIVATION OF THE SAFE TRAILS
ANTI-DRUG LAW ENFORCEMENT TASK FORCE.

WHEREAS, at the last Glacier County Commissioner Meeting the Commissioners discussed the methamphetamine problems plaguing Glacier County and discussed revising the Safe Trails task that consisted of the law enforcement officers from Glacier, Pondera, Toole, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and the Montana Highway Patrol.

WHEREAS, that the Anti-Drug Task Force was in existence and operating due to what the commissioners understand to be a Mutual Anti-Drug Task Force Agreement between these departments.

WHEREAS, Glacier County commissioners understands that a formal agreement and resolution establishing the Anti-Drug Task Force is required in order for the Anti-Drug Task Force to maintain certain funding streams and in order for the Anti-Drug Task Force to file criminal charges.

WHEREAS, that the Board of Commissioners hereby formally requests that the Glacier county sheriff and Glacier county attorney enter into discussions to formalize mutual aid agreements amongst and between the various governmental entities named herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Glacier ,

1. That the commissioners hereby request that the Glacier County sheriff and Glacier County Attorney, enter into negotiations with the herein named entities to reactivate the Safe Trails Anti-Drug Task Force to coordinate and support anti-drug law enforcement activities amongst and between the law enforcement departments that effect Glacier County.

2. That upon the parties reaching an agreement that such agreement be brought to the Commissioners for final approval.

3. That the Board of Commissioners, for and on behalf of the County of Glacier, is hereby authorized to execute said Resolution and the Clerk and Recorder is hereby directed to attest the due execution thereof and to affix the Seal of the County of Glacier thereto.

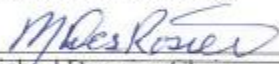
Adopted this 16 day of March 16, 2020.

(SEAL)

ATTEST:



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF GLACIER:


Michael Desrosier, Chairman


Tom McKay, Commissioner


John Overcast, Commissioner

Commissioner Overcast motions to approve Resolution No. 2020-13 Safe Trails Anti-Drug Law Enforcement Task Force; Commissioner McKay seconds the motion; motion carried.

F. Approval: Glacier County Office Closures & Potential Lay Off's – Glacier County Commissioners

Commissioner DesRosier states that we've been working on a plan for a few weeks. It's going to require to be implemented A.S.A.P. until the end of the fiscal year or the end of COVID-19. A budget plan was drawn up by the Chief Financial Officer to address the concerns of the budgets. The document states that this plan will go into effect Tuesday, March 24, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. There will be temporary layoff's through Sunday, May 31, 2020. The county's financial situation will be re-evaluated in 30 days. All auxiliary buildings will be closed to the public as well as the Glacier County Courthouse after today. We have looked into the health insurance and MACo will work with us to help our employee's keep their insurance through this time.

There was discussion back and forth with several department heads, District Court Judge and the commissioners. With the main concern being health & public safety during this unpredictable time.

Commissioner McKay motions to accept the temporary budget plan; Commissioner DesRosier seconds the motion; motion carried.

Commissioner DesRosier states that this will be the last time that we sit together in a meeting. All meetings will be held by GoToMeeting where the public can either participate by logging in on their computer and/or calling the phone number provided.

OTHER BUSINESS:

G. Public Comment

H. Next Meeting – Thursday, April 2, 2020 – Cut Bank

Commissioner Overcast motions to adjourn at 10:46 a.m.; Commissioner McKay seconds the motion; motion carried.