

**Glacier County Commissioners  
Thursday, April 16, 2020  
Regular Meeting (GoToMeeting)  
Cut Bank, MT**

The Glacier County Board of Commissioners met at a regular scheduled meeting at 9:00 am Thursday, April 16, 2020. Commissioner Tom McKay & John Overcast were present, Commissioners Michael DesRosier via conference call, and Clerk & Recorder Mandi Bird Kennerly taking minutes.

**Present at the Meeting:** Elaine Mitchell, Public; Jimmy Racine, GC Weed Dept.; Leanne Kavanagh, Press; Janine Scott, GC District Court; 5 attendees via phone.

**A. Roll Call**

Meeting called to order @ 9:58 a.m.

**B. Approval of Agenda:**

**C. Reading of the Minutes: n/a**

**D. Review/Sign: Payroll/Claims**

***Dated for April 16, 2020***

***CLAIMS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT***

<b>FUND</b>	<b>ACCOUNT</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
1000	General Fund	\$ 16,825.53
2110	Road Fund	\$ 5,629.15
2140	Weed Control	\$ 147.95
2180	County District Court	\$ 953.00
2220	Library	\$ 1,330.88
2230	Ambulance	\$ 2,648.40
2300	Public Safety (Law)	\$ 12,365.29
2410	Glacier Park Lights	\$ 530.33
	<b>TOTAL CLAIMS</b>	<b>\$ 40,430.53</b>
	<b>PAYROLL</b>	<b>\$ 141,343.34</b>
	<b>TOTAL PAYROLL &amp; CLAIMS</b>	<b>\$ 181,773.87</b>

**NEW BUSINESS**

**E. Discussion: Current Affairs/Covid-19/Comprehensive Summary/Update & Strategy-Glacier County Commissioners**

Commissioner DesRosier stated that he wanted it on the agenda because he knows that everyone has questions. Some particular items that have come up with the Blackfeet Tribe and Flathead is the communications that I.H.S has called that they have felt that there is a breakdown in our communications with our incident command and other entities. He stated that they would like to see more participation or communication with Glacier County Incident Command. There was some mention that they are not involved

in all of the phone calls. Commissioner DesRosier stated that he would like these lines of communication open and regular.

Commissioner Overcast stated that he also thinks that there is a bit of communication break. He also stated that with the meeting he and Commissioner McKay are going to they are well informed, and Lanaina being able to be at the Browning meetings. Commissioner Overcast stated that they could discuss it today at their 1:00 pm meeting and see if there is some way to improve the communications. Commissioner McKay also added that he and Commissioner Overcast have been active members with the incident command and that they have been meeting at 1:00 pm every day. He also stated that they are very fortunate to have Lanaina and the knowledge that she holds. Commissioner McKay stated that they have had not much action so starting this coming Monday they will be changing their meeting schedule from every day to Monday, Wednesday and Fridays.

Commissioner McKay stated that Glacier County is listed as having four cases he wanted to clarify that we only have two here the other 2 were of individuals who were tested out of the county. They were counted here because their residence but were tested and quarantined elsewhere out of the county. Commissioner DesRosier stated that he appreciates what they are doing, the public needs to hear the positive note. He also stated that he thinks the meetings are great, Glacier County Incident Command should be talking with Blackfeet every day. These messages are important to get rid of rumors.

LeAnne Kavanagh stated that they have been very fortunate to get information from the Glacier County Health Department any time that they call her, there is some information that cannot be release due to HIPPA. Commissioner DesRosier stated that he agrees with the HIPPA but stated that it is very important to share between the entities. Commissioner Overcast stated that he knows Lanaina is on the highline communications with the doctors and medical staff he believes all the way to Hill County. He also stated that they are on with them daily with them he stated that they are getting a lot of information from there along the highline. He also stated that he agrees about the communication, the more we can get put out the better off it is.

Carol McDivitt stated that she wanted to clarify Glacier County had four positive diagnoses in Glacier County from county residence, one whom is not in the county currently, three in isolation, contacts into quarantine. Commissioner DesRosier informed her that we should have it on the website and posted. Commissioner McKay stated that he thinks that the strategy we are following are the requirements of the Governors Directive. Carol replied yes, we are trying to reinforce the Governors guidelines with the public and try to post as often as they can.

Commissioner DesRosier asked if the health department assists with the violation of quarantine with the businesses opening up and violating any of the guidelines, he

wondered if the Health Department enforcing that. Carol stated that they have not had any violations reported to them Ron the Sanitarian is watching the restaurants and different places closely. Commissioner DesRosier also asked if they are enforcing masks required to go into the businesses that are essential and open. Carol McDivitt stated that masks are suggested, but are not mandated. Ron Anderson, Sanitarian stated that he was involved in an attempt to enforce in another county and it is a very difficult process to go thru enforcement but it can be done. He stated that it falls under 50-2 118-208, but like any enforcement violation we need to verify violation, take to County Attorney then County Attorney has to go to judge then the judge makes the ruling.

Commissioner McKay stated that one issue he knows they may be hit with in the next few days is coming up with a plan or strategy for counties and businesses to reopen. He believes the target is any state with 1000 or less positive cases of Covid-19. He stated that our county needs to decide what we will do, we will be faced with that in the coming days.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **F. Public Comment**

LeAnne Kavanagh asked if we have done everything to transfer funds to School District #9. Commissioner McKay stated that he wished Chancy was here to answer that he would be the best one to answer, Leanne asked if she should email him, Commissioner McKay stated yes and he would let him know that she was sending an email. LeAnne also asked if the February 2020 cash report has been submitted yet. Commissioner McKay replied no but he would check on it.

### **G. Next Meeting-Monday, April 20, 2020-Cut Bank-GOTOMEETING**

**Commissioner Overcast motions to adjourn @ 10:19 a.m.; Commissioner DesRosier seconds the motion; motion carried.**