

**Glacier County Commissioners
Tuesday, April 28, 2020
Regular Meeting (GoToMeeting)**

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

The Glacier County Board of Commissioners met at a regular scheduled meeting at 9:00 am Tuesday, April 28, 2020. Commissioners Michael DesRosier via phone, Tom McKay & John Overcast was present and Clerk & Recorder Mandi Bird Kennerly taking minutes.

Present at the Meeting: Lanaina Upham, GC DES; Don Wilson, GC Treasurer; Austin, Public; Becky Kimmet, Public; Carolyn Berkram, GC Justice Court; Gloria, Public; Jenny Krapf, GC Health Dept.; Jimmy Racine, GC Weed Dept.; Jimmy Littrell, Public; Joyce Lewis, Public; Karla Harvie, Public; Laurie Czech, Public; Leanne Kavanagh, Press; Linda Luther, Public; Linsey Milender, Public; Lyndie Kraft, Leavitt Group; Michael Schultz, CB Chief of Police; Rhonda Aikins, Public; Rose, Public; Scott Laird, Public; Janine Scott, GC District Court; Tres Genger, Public; Val, Public;

A. Roll Call

Meeting called to order @ 9:05 a.m.

B. Approval of Agenda:

C. Reading of the Minutes: 3/19/20

Commissioner Overcast motions to approve the 3/19/2020 minutes; Commissioner McKay second; motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

D. Discussion: East Glacier Women’s Club Historical Building-EG Women’s Club

“This item was tabled until an open meeting in Browning or East Glacier”

E. Discussion/Approval: FEMA Request for Public Assistance (RPA) Grant-Lanaina Upham, Glacier County DES Coordinator & Chancy Kittson, Glacier County CFO

Lanaina Upham, GC DES Coordinator stated that Chancy was submitting the grant for the disaster.

Commissioner Overcast motions to approve FEMA Request for Public Assistance (RPA) Grant; Commissioner McKay second; motion carried.

Leanne Kavanagh, Press asked if the reimbursement is retroactive to a particular date. Lanaina stated that she believes March 13th, she also stated that they haven’t closed the incident date yet.

F. Discussion/Approval: Covid-19 Behavior Health Crisis Response Grant Application-Jenny Krapf, Glacier County Health Department

Jenny Krapf, GC Health Department stated that she wants to get approval to apply for DPHHS Grant which is due Thursday, she advised the Commissioners that she could bring in the plan Thursday. Commissioner McKay asked if there was any match. Jenny stated that there is no match, it is a onetime crisis response grant. They want funds spent by September she believes. Carol McDivitt asked the amount of the Grant. Jenny Krapf stated that it was up to \$40,000.

Commissioner Overcast motions to approve Jenny Krapf to submit grant application for Covid-19 Behavior Health Crisis Response Grant; Commissioner DesRosier second; motion carried.

Commissioner DesRosier asked if for some reason we don't have the need can we return the money. Jenny stated that we can apply and always turn it down if awarded.

G. Discussion/Approval: Glacier County Stay At Home Order & Emergency Declaration-Glacier County Commissioners & Glacier County Attorney

Commissioner DesRosier explains that the state has gone into phase I with leaving most of the discretion up to local governments. He stated that he understands that some of the schools will open and some will remain closed for the rest of the year. Commissioner DesRosier talks about Blackfeet & Flathead Unified Command and stated that he would like to really follow their guidelines, keeping the Schools closed, bars & casinos but he thinks that comes along with phase II. He also talks about some of the business opens allowing curbside, drive-up & delivery opening up under phase I he believes is fine. Lanaina Upham advised that the tribe is still following Ordinance 12, everyone is required to wear masks in stores, stay at home order, not allowing dine in, no bars or casinos. She stated that they are putting up closure signs for Glacier National Park & Two Medicine, still have minimum staff at tribal office and still have curfew in place from 10:00 pm to 6:00 am. Don Wilson, Treasurer stated that he is on email with Treasurer's from all 56 counties he received an email yesterday and about 95% of all counties are under admittance restrictions, Toole County was in lockdown but now are doing Appointment only and most counties only allowing one person in department at a time. Don explained that there are other way to utilize services he explains over the phone, by mail and online.

Commissioner Overcast stated that he agrees we need to keep up the communication with the Tribe, but we need to take the Heath Nurse's recommendation on this they are in control. Carol McDivitt, GC Health Nurse stated that she was confused on what is being discussed as the Governor's Directive is a separate issue, it is 12 pages long it is very specific on how and when the business are to open. She also stated that we need to remember the reason we closed down to begin with was worrying about a large influx and having the hospitals and medical staff prepared to handle all of that. Carol McDivitt

also informed the Commissioners that the Health Office and she have talked about it and they are ready. They have had a lot of contact with different ones on what they need to do to keep their businesses safe. She stressed how strict the governor's directive is and reads part of the requirements for bars and restaurants. She also stated that if they do not follow guidelines they can be fined or shutdown.

Commissioner McKay stated that some counties are still enforcing they stay at home order until May 31st which he thought was the issue here. He also stated that the commissioners can make suggestions but the final decision comes from the department health board. Carol McDivitt stated that they can have a board of health meeting to decide, it is still encouraged to do the stay at home, self-distancing and very specific guidelines. There was lot more discussion on this issue. Carol McDivitt is going to set up a board of health meeting she is going to call Terry to find out if they need 48 hour notice. Mike Shultz stated that they can post today have the meeting on Thursday. Vernon "Napi" Billedeaux, GC Sheriff stated that he understands that we are going into phase I and it is night and day from Browning to Cut Bank for protocols. He explained that you cannot go into a store in Browning without a mask then you go to Cut Bank and no one is wearing a mask. He recommends as we go into phase I that we have some protocol, have the businesses be cautious to go in with a mask. He also explains how risky it is for his staff to be out and how they need to be extra cautious.

Commissioner McKay stated that Item G will be tabled until Thursday morning at the regular Commissioner Meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

H. Public Comment

Leanne Kavanagh asked if they are discussing two different issues. Commissioner McKay replied yes, all of it but the courthouse will be as is. If they decide to go with May 31st then the courthouse will be a separate issue because the still want to make sure that everyone in the courthouse is protected. LeAnne asked if they go with May 31st if they will have different provisions for the people paying taxes online without being charged the extra percentage for the use of a credit card. Don Wilson, GC Treasurer stated that the charge is from the credit card company but they are welcome to send payment in with a check.

I. Next Meeting-Thursday, April 30, 2020-Cut Bank-GOTOMEETING

Commissioner Overcast motioned to adjourn @ 10:01 a.m.; Commissioner McKay seconds the motion; motion carried.