

**Glacier County Commissioners  
Thursday, April 30, 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 30, 2020. Commissioners Michael DesRosier via conference call, Tom McKay & John Overcast was present and Clerk & Recorder Mandi Bird Kennerly taking minutes.

**Present at the Meeting:** Betsy Seglem, Public; BJ, Public; City Clerk, City of Cut Bank; Carolyn Berkram, GC Justice Court; DRB, Public; Elaine Mitchell, Public; Gloria, Public; Greg, Public; Jimmy Racine, GC Weed Dept.; Karla Harvie, Public; Kim Czech, Public; LeAnne Kavanagh, Press; Linda Luther, Public; Ron Hermanet, Public; Janine Scott, GC District Court; Val Vermulm, Public.

**A. Roll Call**

Meeting called to order @ 9:47 a.m.

**B. Approval of Agenda:**

**C. Reading of the Minutes:**

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

***Dated for April 30, 2020***

***CLAIMS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT***

<b>FUND</b>	<b>ACCOUNT</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
1000	General Fund	\$ 28,178.34
2110	Road Fund	\$ 4,243.48
2140	Weed Control	\$ 55.98
2180	County District Court	\$ 63.20
2220	Library	\$ 309.65
2230	Ambulance	\$ 834.72
2250	City/County Planning	\$ 1,000.00
2300	Public Safety (Law)	\$ 119.53
2863	Glacier County Transit	\$ 88.94
2979	Immunization Reimbursement	\$ 79.00
7901	Hospital/NRMC Fund	\$ 17,000.00
	<b>TOTAL CLAIMS</b>	<b>\$ 51,972.84</b>
	<b>PAYROLL</b>	<b>\$ 119,393.58</b>
	<b>TOTAL PAYROLL &amp; CLAIMS</b>	<b>\$ 171,366.42</b>

Commissioner McKay stated that at this time they are signing payroll and claims then they are at 10:00 am going to phone in to the Community Health Board Meeting then after that they will continue with the Commissioners Meeting. At this time, he stated they are going to adjourn and reconvene at either 10:15 am or 10:30 am depending on when the health board meeting is over.

Adjourned @ 9: 48 am

Commissioner McKay reconvened at 10:33 a.m.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **E. \*\* No New Business\*\***

## **OLD BUSINESS**

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

Commissioner DesRosier stated he sat in on the health board meeting, he feels there is going to be a little bit of a difference in the guidelines that we will continue to follow with off the reservation and on the reservation. Commissioner DesRosier stated that he would like to go on the record that we should continue to follow the tribe's guidelines until the dates that they have established. He also stated that having different guidelines at different ends of the county is going to be a little bit confusing.

Commissioner Overcast stated to Commissioner DesRosier that he realizes that there may be some confusion of businesses opening, he also stated that most businesses are open in Browning. Commissioner DesRosier stated yes, but essential business and he believes they are. Commissioner DesRosier talks about social distancing, he thinks the bars and casinos will be closed on the reservation until May 15<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner McKay asked if the tribe shortened up the date opening up of bars and casinos because originally it was May 31<sup>st</sup>. Commissioner DesRosier stated that he is not sure he has heard two different dates, he stated he did hear June 1<sup>st</sup>, he is not sure if they projected a true date.

Mike Shultz stated that he wants to clear up the Governor signed out an executive order it is a directive if people are going to open businesses, they must follow the guidelines. He also stated that it is not a suggestion it is an executive order, although it is something that can be enforced by the Health Department & it looks like our Health Department is already taking those steps. Commissioner DesRosier asked Mike Shultz if he was saying that if you refuse to open your business back up its legally enforceable. Mike replied no, if you wish to open our business they have to abide by the guidelines.

Commissioner McKay talks about all of their decisions were always for the health and safety of the county. He also stated that the health board has the decision whether businesses can open or close. Commissioner McKay also stated they were asked by Judge Olson if the courthouse doors would be open or closed. He stated that they would leave that decision to the employees at the courthouse because they are the ones here.

Commissioner Overcast stated that when they talked with Judge Olson, they have a court hearing and he wanted to leave the front door open for 2 hours for court. They would have limited people in the courthouse and so for that 2 hours the front doors will be open for people coming in to the court hearing. Commissioner DesRosier stated that he thinks we are ok with having the doors open for the trial if the people attending just go to the trial and still maintain our guidelines. He also stated that he would like to discuss it again in two weeks put on agenda again make that decision and have that discussion with our employees. Commissioner McKay stated that meeting would be on May 14<sup>th</sup>.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**G. Public Comment**

**H. Next Meeting-Tuesday, May 5, 2020**

**Commissioner DesRosier motions to adjourn @ 10:47 a.m.; Commissioner Overcast second; motion carried.**