

**Glacier County Commissioners  
Tuesday May 26, 2020  
Regular Meeting (GoToMeeting)  
Cut Bank, MT**

**\*\*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, May 26, 2020. Commissioners Michael DesRosier, Tom McKay & John Overcast was present and Clerk & Recorder Mandi Bird Kennerly taking minutes.

**Present at the Meeting:** 4 Callers; Chancy Kittson, GC CFO via phone; Carol McDivitt, GC Health via phone; Linda Luther, Public via phone; Janine Scott, District Court via phone; LeAnn Kavanagh, Press in office; Tauna Evans, GC EMS in office.

**A. Roll Call**

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

**B. Approval of Agenda:**

**C. Reading of the Minutes: N/A**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**D. Cancel: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 Babb Commissioner Meeting**

Commissioner DesRosier stated that they were going to cancel the meeting in Babb due to not wanting to travel and exposé. He stated if there is no objection they will cancel and get the notice out.



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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The regularly scheduled meeting at the  
Babb VFD Building on Tuesday, May 27,  
2020 will be cancelled due to COVID-19.

/s/Michael DesRosier  
Board Chairman

**E. Discussion: St. Mary Canal-Drop 5 Failure-Commissioner Overcast**

Commissioner DesRosier stated that one of the drops failed at the St. Mary Canal and they have had some discussion on it. Commissioner Overcast stated that they wanted to know if the Commissioners could draft letter saying that we agreed that there was a big situation going on. Commissioner DesRosier stated that he heard some talk of a Declaration and he doesn't think we are in a position to do but certainly can do a letter supporting the efforts of St. Mary Working Group and the Blackfeet Tribe.

Commissioner DesRosier stated that there is a concern of the canal blowing out.

Commissioner DesRosier stated to do it in a form of a motion stating that they support and follow up with a letter of support; Commissioner Overcast motions to support the St. Mary Canal-Drop 5 Failure and follow up with a letter of support; Commissioner McKay second but second to include to instruct the County Attorney write the letter as she has more knowledge about a situation like this than us.

Leanne Kavanagh asked if there was a timeframe for the letter to be sent, Commissioner DesRosier stated within the next 10 days from today.

**F. Discussion/Approval: MOU w/Glacier County/DOA/DOR-Chancy Kittson, Glacier County CFO**

Chancy Kittson, GC CFO stated that the Commissioner should have a final draft in front of them. He stated that in April there was a MOU provided by DOA's legal to the County Attorney. The County Commissioners were in a meeting discussing changing the language with the County Attorney and the MACO Attorney's and there was suggested language that we thought was returned to DOA which later the suggested changes were rejected by DOA thru correspondence from Mike Manion.

Chancy also stated with the okay from the County Attorney he started discussions with DOA regarding the MOU and was able to come to a consensus on language. He explained the 1.2 million estimate of what is in question that in the County position the DOR owes the county and in DOR position that they do not owe the County. Chancy stated between DOA & DOR internally they crafted this MOU which would allow Glacier County and they were noting the financial position the county was in allow the county to access the DOR money well they county and DOR are working thru the final on the back and forth of research and trying to prove or disprove the amount owed. He also stated that first the county has to expend \$100,000.00 on what has been determined approved cost by DOA, those approved costs are essential services with the county and public safety costs.

When the county expends a \$100,000.00 they can submit that to the DOA then the DOA will release in increments which they didn't have a final number, around \$212,000.00 to \$220,000.00 it is equal to what a quarterly payment would be from DOR for oil and gas. Chancy also explained that when the county shows records that they have expended the total about of \$200,000.00 plus and realizes another \$100,000.00 in qualified costs then the county can the put in for reimbursement for the \$100,000.00 and \$100,000.00 which would come in \$200,000.00 plus quarterly payment. This is designed to assist the county to restore and maintain current essential services and public safety services. He stated that

the Treasurer has been working hard with Magda Nelson and the DOR to provide documentation that the county has over paid DOR and is owed the money. This MOU does not prevent the entire bulk payment in the event that they are successful in proving that with the DOR but allows us to access funding while moving forward with documentation.

Commissioner DesRosier asked if they were okay with the changes that was made and if they sign it and send it in. Chancy stated yes that final document they the Commissioners have they changed the start date of March 25, 2020 which was the first active date of the county furlough and is thru November 30, 2020 which allows the county to get thru the next tax period. This document has come from DOA so they have approved it and will be approved upon the Commissioners signatures. Commissioner DesRosier asked if they were specific on the essential service is it just public safety or they have talked about the courts or the operation of the court house, Chancy stated it is not specific to just public safety there is going to be flexibility they tried to leave the document ridged yet with some lightened limitations, they realize that the courthouse is essential to operate but still have limited funding to make it work. Chancy also stated that part of the MOU requires the county to provide a spending plan thru the end of November which shows how the money will be spent that will control what services we will have.

Commissioner DesRosier stated that the proper documentation they are talking about is being submitted or has been but is ongoing, Chancy replied yes they do have a reimbursement form they we will have to submit and will find out what level of documentation will have to be submitted with it. He has worked with HR to run reports to have ready to submit but depending on what they want to see.

Commissioner McKay motions to approve MOU w/Glacier County/DOA/DOR;  
Commissioner Overcast second; motion carried.

LeAnne Kavanagh stated that it states other entities receiving funds thru oil and gas payments, if the county is getting \$12,000.00 to \$250,000.00 is \$100,000.00 going to county is the rest going to the schools and other entities whose fund have been withheld. Chancy stated yes the reason for that is there will also be the other taxing jurisdictions that have a portion of that which will be identified when the payment is received and provided to the taxing jurisdiction. LeAnne stated this is just reimbursing the county back you spend \$100,000.00 and you get \$100,000.00 back in oil and gas money, Chancy stated correct.

#### **G. Discussion/Approval: Revisit Glacier County vs COVID-19-Glacier County Commissioners**

Commissioner DesRosier stated that the County has reopened up the courthouse. The Governor has called for the next phase of reopening's. Different agencies and entities are working along that line. Commissioner DesRosier stated that he know right now some of our operations are still limited and maintaining restrictions. He also stated today was a Browning meeting but because it is the first on open they had it in Cut Bank but after this one they are going back to the regular scheduled meetings. Still have employees on furlough and a couple of entities closed and going to be closed for the time being. He also

stated that they are going to be addressing those with CFO, Personal and different departments to see about everything coming back to 100% up and running. Commissioner Overcast stated that they have a meeting with Carol every Wednesday so that gives them an update of anything going on throughout the state. Carol McDivitt, Health Department stated that the 10:00 am report has not come out yet for the state, she did state that the state is still at 16 deaths and 479 cases, surveillance testing still going on those have all been negative and Glacier County has been negative for a while we have not active cases. Carol stated with the business opening up bars/breweries they have had not concerns from anyone. She believes we are doing well with the opening, she also stated that she read some new findings with the Covid-19 and they are finding new things on a daily basis. There was discussion on the surveillance testing that is being performed.

**H. Public Hearing #2-Resolution No. 2020-17 FY 2019-2020 Budget Amendment- Unanticipated Revenue (EMS)**

**GLACIER COUNTY RESOLUTION  
FY 2019-2020 Budget Amendment – Unanticipated Revenue (EMS)  
Resolution No. 2020-17**

AUTHORIZING BUDGET AMENDMENTS TO  
GLACIER COUNTY BUDGET

WHEREAS the Montana Code Annotated, Section 7-6-4006(4), grants the Board of County Commissioners the power and authority to amend the budget during the fiscal year by conducting public hearings at regularly scheduled meetings; and

WHEREAS Glacier County Commissioners approved the appropriations budget for Glacier County during its regular budget approval process and

WHEREAS Glacier County Commissioners identified due to receiving CARES ACT Provider Relief Funds; the need to amend revenues and expenditures to Fund #2230 has been identified; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Glacier County that the budget be amended as follows:

Revenues	Description	Prior Amount	New Amount
2230-331116	Covid-19 EMS Revenue	\$ 0.00	\$ 8,129.82

  

Expenditures	Description	Prior Amount	New Amount
2230-420731-200	Supplies (COVID-19)	\$ 0.00	\$ 8,129.82

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Glacier County Board of Commissioners hereby amend the original FY19-20 budget by increasing appropriations in the amount of \$8,129.82 and directs the County Clerk & Recorder to allocate the increase to the above identified fund, function, and object codes.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the above appropriation shall become effective on May 26, 2020.

ADOPTED this 26th day of May, 2020.

ATTEST:



**BOARD OF GLACIER COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS:**

Michael J. DesRosier  
Michael J. DesRosier, Chairman

Tom McKay  
Tom McKay, Vice-Chairman

John B. Overcast  
John B. Overcast, Member

Commissioner DesRosier stated that this is the second hearing, they received \$8,129.80. He also stated that he believes they took the action at the last meeting to approve so this is just the signing the turn in as a budget amendment.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **I. Public Comment**

LeAnne stated since Thursday is going to be the last meeting in the furlough period you were going to review May 31, 2020 is going to happen in June now to see where the county is at. Commissioner ask in a public setting, he stated that he didn't want to give an exact date or time will try to do by then but there has been some changes. He stated that he would see if they were ready by the next business meeting. Tauna asked if they will get new letters for the Employees because their letters do say May 31, 2020, Commissioner stated that they will talk with HR about that.

Commissioner Overcast stated that he went to Willow Creek Cemetery and that whole place was looking bad and the people's concerns, he stated with the amount of water that was on there and still on there that place is beautiful. It does look nice for all of the water problems that they are having. There was more discussion on the water issue and Commissioner McKay stated that they need to get on that soon we all got emails from Toni Gilham with some concerns.

### **J. Next Meeting-Thursday, May 28, 2020-Cut Bank**

**Commissioner Overcast motions to adjourn @ 9:46 am; Commissioner McKay seconds the motion; motion carried.**