

**Glacier County Commissioners  
Monday, June 15, 2020  
Regular Meeting  
Cut Bank, MT**

The Glacier County Board of Commissioners met at a regular scheduled meeting at 9:00 am Monday, June 15, 2020. Commissioners Michael DesRosier, Tom McKay & John Overcast was present and Clerk & Recorder Mandi Bird Kennerly taking minutes.

**Present at the Meeting:** LeAnne Kavanagh, Press; Kim Stoltz, Louie Stoltz, Linda Luther, Elaine Mitchell, Public; Jim Yeagley, County Planner.

**A. Roll Call**

Meeting called to order @ 9:40 a.m.

**B. Approval of Agenda:**

**C. Reading of the Minutes: 3/24/2020**

**Commissioner McKay motions to approve 3/24/2020 minutes; Commissioner Overcast seconds the motion; motion carried.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**D. Discussion/Approval: Renew Jim Yeagley Planner Contract-Glacier County Commissioners**

Commissioner DesRosier explains Jim's expertise in his role as the contract planner of Glacier County. He likes to get his contract renewed year by year to prove he is not an employee. His contact hasn't changed, it is \$1,000 per month and he has worked many years for the county. Jim Yeagley explains a lot of the language in the contract was from Glacier County Attorney Larry Epstein.

**Commissioner McKay motions to approve the renewal of Jim Yeagley Planner Contract; Commissioner Overcast seconds the motion; motion carried.**

**E. Discussion/Approval: 2020 Primary Election Canvass-Glacier County Election Administrator**

Clerk & Recorder Mandi Bird Kennerly explains the process to get to the approval of the canvas.

**Commissioner Overcast motion to approve the 2020 Primary Election Canvass; Commissioner McKay seconds the motion; motion carried.**

**OTHER BUSINESS**

## **F. Public Comment**

LeAnne Kavanagh asked the Commissioner if they received the tax revenues from Treasurer Wilson so a decision can be made on the financials of the county, Commissioner DesRosier replied no not yet. Linda Luther asked if the payment to the airport was made yet, both Commissioners DesRosier and Overcast stated no they have not seen the claim yet. Elaine Mitchell asks about the WEX cards being inactive, Clerk & Recorder Mandi Bird Kennerly explains.

Kim Stoltz, Public was inquiring the status of the library. Commissioner explains that they are in a deficit and until they make up their deficit. She also inquiries about the weed department. Commissioner DesRosier and Kim have a lengthy discussion about the library and weed department. She asked if Jimmy could give a report to the public, Commissioner DesRosier yes, he will talk with Jimmy.

Kim Stoltz, Public inquired about the library again, she explains the library has been a part of the community for many, many years. She asked why they couldn't cut the positions that were created in the last 5 years. Commissioner McKay explains that DOA & DOR they are the ones who determined the closures of Library and Museum because of non-essential. Kim explains to the Commissioners how important the library is. Commissioner Overcast stated he agreed a lot with what Kim was saying.

Linda Luther asks if we are still paying Magda Nelson, Carlyle Consulting, Rita Neuman & other consultants. Commissioner DesRosier stated they are done paying Carlyle Consulting & Rita Neuman, but they are still paying Magda Nelson & Wipfli. LeAnne Kavanagh and the Commissioners had a lengthy discussion about getting updates. Commissioner Overcast suggested having Chancy come to every meeting. There was some discussion about PILT. Elaine Mitchell, Public talks about people with protested taxes being released, she stated that even if they are released it is not available cash. Commissioner DesRosier stated right and that he thinks he knows that. Elaine stated that she thought it was in his plan that he presented where he was going to use \$400k in protested taxes. Commissioner DesRosier stated that they will put him on the agenda June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020 for an update.

Kim Stoltz ask what the qualifications of the CFO, Commissioner DesRosier stated Human Resource would have that information. Commissioner DesRosier stated that the CFO was necessary and they put a lot of thought into it. He also explains that there is not experience required in the Elected Officials positions, they need oversight to oversee them. He also stated there were a lot of mistakes Glacier County made and he don't think the county would have survived without him. Commissioner DesRosier stated that they hired an expensive accountant and it didn't work out. Commissioner McKay stated that he wanted to clarify "A group of people (not the Commissioners) made the recommendation to hire Chancy." He also stated that not one of them have the capability

to manage millions of dollars, they put people in these positions to do it. Elaine Mitchell and Commissioner DesRosier have a small discussion on the Glacier County Treasurer. Commissioner McKay stated he would like to make a recommendation to use the go to meeting for the June 25, 2020 meeting. Commissioner DesRosier agreed it was a good idea and thought they should every meeting.

There was more discussion on the library again. There was talks of fundraisers to help get them out of the deficit. Commissioner DesRosier stated that he would love to see the community come together and help. Kim Stoltz asked if they can get it on the agenda to discuss a plan. Commissioner DesRosier advised her that he would like to see the plan first before a meeting. Commissioner McKay stated he would like to see the library go off on their own. LeAnne Kavanagh state that there was talks from Conrad & Valier, Valier is not a part of the county but they have a town/county agreement. Commissioner McKay stated that he was glad LeAnne brought that up, he heard talk about a joint agreement with the City of Cut Bank. Commissioner DesRosier talks about Browning not having a tax base anymore or East Glacier, he stated maybe we can talk with MACO their legal obligation is the mills. Elaine Mitchell stated Commissioner McKay was correct most counties don't support museums.

**G. Next Meeting-Tuesday, June 23, 2020**

**Commissioner McKay motions to adjourn @ 11:00 a.m.; Commissioner Overcast seconds the motion; motion carried.**