

**Glacier County Commissioners
Tuesday, August 25, 2020
Regular Meeting
Browning, MT**

The Glacier County Board of Commissioners met at a regular scheduled meeting at 9:00 am Tuesday, August 25, 2020. Commissioners Michael DesRosier, Tom McKay & John Overcast was present and Melanie Heavy Runner taking minutes.

Present at the Meeting: John McGill, Press; Chanty Kittson, GC CFO

A. Roll Call

Meeting called to order @ 9:06 a.m.

B. Approval of Agenda:

C. Reading of the Minutes: N/A

OLD BUSINESS

D. Discussion/Approval: 3-year Audit Contract with WIPFLI-Glacier County Commissioners & Chancy Kittson, Glacier County CFO

Chancy Kittson explained to the Commissioners that he sent the proposal to the County Attorney, with her schedule and late getting her the contract they had to table it, but they are now ready to move forward. He explained that the contract is for \$70,000 a year which he stated that this year was \$64,500. Chancy stated that he is comfortable with the amount, the audits in the past of costed more. He also stated that the state wants a contract in place.

Commissioner DesRosier stated that they have done a good job compared to the previous audit, there was no communication and wrong communication. WIPFLI has been straight forward and upfront. Chancy stated that they do have great communication, they can be called at any time and are very thro.

Commissioner McKay motions to approve the 3-year Audit Contract with WIPFLI; Commissioner Overcast seconds the motion; motion carried.

Commissioner DesRosier asked if the contract would go straight to the state. Chancy replied yes, after the signatures will be sent out by the end of the day, has to be approved by the state also.

NEW BUSINESS

E. Discussion/Approval: WIPFLI-Department of Revenue-Engagement-Chancy Kittson, Glacier County CFO

Chancy Kittson, GC CFO explained the engagement letter to the Commissioners, he stated that the Treasurer and Consultant broke the project down and the DOR would not accept. The County Attorney engaged in third party and the county was owed money

from the DOR. Chancy also explained that the language was agreed on and was approved by the County Attorney. He also stated that the engagement was not to exceed \$15,000 and would be billed as accrued at \$140-\$150 per hour. Chancy also explained that the goal of the project is to support the counties finding in hopes of DOR accepting, if the DOR does not accept the county will search an alternative.

Commissioner Overcast motions to approve WIPFLI-Department of Revenue Engagement; Commissioner McKay seconds the motion; motion carried.

F. Discussion/Approval: Renewal of Rita Neuman Contract-Chancy Kittson, Glacier County CFO

Chancy Kittson, GC CFO stated that Rita Neuman contract has expired and needs renewal. He also stated that they are close to being done with the I.H.S. case, they are doing the final research. Chancy stated that he would like the contract for a year or so that way we do not have to renew every month. Chancy explained to the Commissioners that if we go into litigation she will be on contract to testify the supporting documents. Commissioner McKay asked if it was just one year. Chancy replied yes, he does not look for it to go a year and will be paid \$65 per hour and capped at \$40,000 per year. Chancy also informed the Commissioners that she has been helping with the billing for EMS while the transition is in process. There was back and forth discussion on the renewal of the contract.

Commissioner McKay motions to approve Renewal of Rita Neuman Contract for 1-year at \$65 per hour capped at \$40,000; Commissioner Overcast seconds the motion; motion carried.

Chancy updated the Commissioners on EMS and the transition. He stated that the lease has to be publicized for 5 weeks and because of this they cannot get insurance. He also talked about leaving under county, he is running it thru MACo and will know more at the end of the week with the cost and if it can be done. Chancy also stated that the ambulance is high risk and high value if they were to have an accident, what is the risk for our policy, he also stated that he informed Cherie to bring to the Commissioners, maybe one year while they search.

G. Discussion/Approval: Closed Session: Litigation-Mike Kittson, Glacier County

Commissioner DesRosier stated that they were going to table this item until a later date, will talk with the County Attorney.

H. Browning Community Issues

Commissioner McKay stated that he would like to announce he has filed as a write-in for Commissioner.

OTHER BUSINESS

I. Public Comment

J. Next Meeting-Wednesday, August 26, 2020-East Glacier Park

Commissioner McKay motions to adjourn @ 9:54 a.m.; Commissioner Overcast seconds the motion; motion carried.