

**Glacier County Commissioners
Tuesday, September 1, 2020
Regular Meeting (gotomtg)
Cut Bank, MT**

The Glacier County Board of Commissioners met at a regular meeting scheduled meeting at 9:00 am on Tuesday, September 1, 2020. Commissioners Michael DesRosier, Tom McKay and John B. Overcast was present. Clerk and Recorder Mandi Bird Kennerly taking minutes.

Present at the meeting: LeAnne Kavanagh, Press; Lanaina Upham, GC DES; Janine Scott, GC Clerk of District Court; Chancy Kittson, GC CFO; Mike Kittson, GC HR; Carol Larson, Public

Present via GoToMeeting: (3) callers; Cut Bank Airport Authority, Elaine Mitchell, Linda Luther, Stephanie Eney, Lockley Bremner, Public

A. Roll Call

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

B. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Overcast would like to add discussion on the cash report; Commissioner DesRosier will add it after Item: G.

C. Approval of the Minutes: 8/17, 8/20, 8/25 & 8/26/2020

Commissioner DesRosier states that the minutes will be tabled until Thursday, September 3, 2020.

NEW BUSINESS:

D. Discussion/Approval: GC DES – TDY St of Montana Emergency

Services/Update/Increase – Lanaina Upham, Glacier County DES Coordinator

Commissioner DesRosier and Lanaina Upham, GC DES Coordinator explain that there was a request from the State of Montana for TDY (Temporary Duty Assignment) in which works closely with FEMA when they prepare for disasters approaching. Lanaina states that the state did withdraw all their requests for EMAC (Emergency Management Assistance Compact) as the hurricane wasn't as bad as they had predicted. Lanaina explains that Mike Kittson, HR Director wanted to get this on the agenda so that the commissioners could address an approval now for the remainder of the fiscal year. Commissioner DesRosier agreed and explained the importance of this approval.

Commissioner McKay motions to approve the Glacier County DES Coordinator Lanaina Upham for the remainder of the fiscal year to respond to any EMAC requests from the State of Montana for disasters; Commissioner Overcast seconds the motion; motion carried.

E. On-going FY2020-2021 Preliminary Budget Hearing, Permissive Medical Levy Budget Hearing & Public Safety-SRS Permissive Levy Budget Hearing

Chancy Kittson, GC CFO explain that the process started in July with a memorandum to Glacier County Supervisors. I've worked closely with the Clerk & Recorder and our finance consultant Magda Nelson. I've worked with all supervisors of the county with the exception

of the Museum. The supervisors were great in keeping with the previous year 20% reduction in spending. This year we are still in the process of weighing our essential services with our budget crunch. We did have to cut the museum with the permission of the commissioners to a 50% reduction. Chancy talks about the mill value is \$28,382 this year and the General Fund will be milling 171.29 for FY2020-2021. There was a change from the Preliminary report to District Court and these will be updated before Thursday when the resolutions will be approved. Chancy states that we've prepared a budget that is better than last year and keep in mind that we do have limited resources and we still need to stay on a conservative track. Chancy explains that the Glacier County EMS is 30 days out from doing a crossover from Glacier County to Northern Rockies Medical Center. There is a conversation on how budget amendments will be handled if needed in the middle of the fiscal year. Commissioner DesRosier asks about the permissive levies. Chancy explains that we will not have a medical levy this year due to no increase in cost to the health insurance due to a change to the counties health insurance that saves the county. There will be a Permissive SRS Levy for the Sheriff's Department this year. Brenda Schilling, Glacier County Regional Port Authority asks if the commissioners will still be funding the GCRPA with the two mills that are usually given. Chancy explains that the commissioners do have a line item with \$50,000 allocated to help fund outside entities, but that will be up to their discretion. My recommendation is to fund the GCRPA up to 1 mill this year, but it will be up to the commissioners to make that decision. Commissioner DesRosier explains that many years ago when they were giving funds to several different entities in the county and we wanted the GCRPA to eventually become the one entity that we would fund and they would disburse to other's requesting funding from the county. LeAnne Kavanagh, Press asks a few questions about the preliminary budget on both the revenue and expenditure side, about county contracts, sheriff longevity and if and when the Glacier County Library will open. Chancy answers the questions that were asked.

F. CLOSED SESSION: Gottlob, Mitchell, Childress, Et. Al vs Glacier County Litigation Strategy

*** This item was a closed session. The minutes were sealed and given to the Glacier County Attorney to file.***

G. Addition to the agenda: Discussion: Cash Report

Commission DesRosier states that they will move on to Commissioner Overcast's request to discuss the cash report. Commissioner Overcast states that we haven't seen a report since April. He asks Chancy if he's seen any and Chancy does state that they have been going to the state, but he's not sure that they have been presented to the commissioners. Commissioner DesRosier states that they haven't seen any for some time and that he will ask Don Wilson, Glacier County Treasurer if he can present May 2020, June 2020 & July 2020. Chancy will also follow up as well.

OTHER BUSINESS:

H. Public Comment

I. Next Meeting – Thursday, September 3, 2020 – Cut Bank

Commissioner McKay motions to adjourn @ 1:05 p.m.; Commissioner Overcast seconds the motion; motion carried.