

**Glacier County Commissioners
Tuesday, February 2, 2021
Regular Meeting (GoToMtg)
Cut Bank, MT**

The Glacier County Board of Commissioners met at a regular scheduled meeting at 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, February 2, 2021. Commissioners Mary Jo Bremner, Michael J. DesRosier & John B. Overcast was present and Clerk & Recorder Mandi Bird Kennerly taking minutes.

Present at the Meeting: Laurie Elhard, Marlene Luedtke & Tom McKay, Public; Jenny Krapf, Glacier County Health Director; LeAnne Kavanagh, Press; Crystal Cole, Glacier County Deputy Assistant Election Administrator; Chancy Kittson, Glacier County CFO

Present via GoToMtg: (2) callers; Carol Larson; Elaine; Gloria; Kim Stoltz; Linda Luther; Mike Kittson; Janine Scott; Stephanie Eney; Jim Yeagley

A. Roll Call

Meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.

B. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner DesRosier motions to approve the agenda; Commissioner Overcast seconds the motion; motion carried.

C. Approval of the Minutes: n/a

NEW BUSINESS:

D. Discussion/Approval: Renew Jail COVID-19 Testing Contract (Sonja Ray) – Jenny Krapf, Glacier County Health Director

Jenny Krapf, Glacier County Health Director explains that the initial contract was in September of 2020 and the cost was covered by COVID-19 funds for the testing of jail inmates. When the contract was setup, we were working closely with the Glacier County Sheriff and it is going great with preventing COVID-19 in the jail. Jenny discusses the funding and explains why Sonja Ray is great for the contract and that she provides her own PPE equipment and that the county doesn't have to factor in that cost. Commissioner Bremner and Jenny discuss the funding to pay for the testing. Commissioner DesRosier states that he would like to see a business license. He also talks about the individuals in the Glacier County Health Department going above and beyond.

Commissioner DesRosier motions to approve the renewal contract for Sonja Ray for COVID-19 jail testing with the funding as needed; Commissioner Overcast seconds the motion; motion carried.

E. Discussion/Approval: 2020-2021 IAP Amendment (Additional Funding) – Jenny Krapf, Glacier County Health Director

Jenny Krapf, Glacier County Health Director explains that the 2020-2021 IAP Task Order for COVID-19 funding was increased from \$7,947.00 to \$14,197.00 and this is the amended

paperwork that will need to be approved and signed by the commissioners. Glacier County will not have a match.

Commissioner Overcast motions to approve the 2020-2021 IAP Amendment; Commissioner DesRosier seconds the motion; motion carried.

F. Discussion: Glacier County Supports Mask Wearing Statement – Mary Jo Bremner, Glacier County Commission Chair

Commissioner Bremner starts by stating that she has been going to the Glacier County Health Board Meetings and that she wanted the health board to state that they support mask wearing in Glacier County. Commissioner Bremner states that she believes that it is very important to wear masks and continue to social distance.

Jenny Krapf, Glacier County Health Director & the Commissioners have a discussion on the vaccines in the county and our progress is consistent. The health department has been working with Northern Rockies Medical Center & Glacier Community Health Center as we are sharing the vaccines between each other. Jenny states that she can't speak for the entities on the Blackfeet Reservation, but she knows that the county as a whole is doing a good job in getting those vaccinated in the county.

G. Discussion/Approval: Purchase of Browning Satellite Office Building – Mary Jo Bremner, Glacier County Commission Chair

Commissioner Bremner starts by stating that she received about 10 letters/emails of support for the Browning Satellite Office. She reads one of the emails that were sent to her and it starts by stating the population difference between Browning & Cut Bank. She states that a grant has to be used for what it is intended for. You just can't purchase what you want. There is discussion on the guidelines of a grant. Commissioner Bremner asks Chancy Kittson, Glacier County CFO & Crystal Cole, Glacier County Deputy Assistant Election Administrator to explain the expenses of how they determined what would be spent from the Glacier County Elections Budget & CTCL Election Grant. Chancy hands out a spreadsheet on how he & Crystal devised how the money would be spent in both areas. There is a discussion on the timeline of when the grant was received. Chancy states that they have identified \$205,107.88 in funds from the CTCL Grant that will be used to purchase the new Browning Satellite Office Building. He states that they ask for confirmation from CTCL that they were able to use the money for this purchase and they haven't received confirmation yet that it is allowable.

Commissioner DesRosier motions to move forward with Chancy Kittson, Glacier County CFO's total charges to Elections: \$139,000.00 to Elections/\$23,000.00 to HAVA Grant/\$58,000.00 to CTCL Grant with a balance left of \$205,000.00 to purchase a new Browning Satellite Office; Commissioner Overcast seconds the motion; motion carried.

H. Discussion: Cut Bank Voting Center Carpet – Mary Jo Bremner, Glacier County Commissioner Chair & Shannon Pepion, Glacier County Maintenance

Commissioner Bremner states that they have had a public request for the carpet at the Cut Bank Voting Center to be replaced. There was a quote collected to replace the flooring in the amount of \$7851.97. Commissioner Bremner states that they will look into getting this fixed, but it will require some groundwork to get it done.

OTHER BUSINESS:

I. Public Comment

Laurie Elhard, Public makes a statement about the new EMS Building that was built and at the time Tony Sitzmann was the Commission Chair and stated that there wouldn't be any added cost to the county. She is referring to the cost of the Browning Satellite Office discussion. Commissioner DesRosier states that there was mismanagement on everyone's part. There is a discussion on the subject.

LeAnne Kavanagh, Press asks if anyone has shown Commissioner Bremner the revised long term spending plan with the State of Montana. There is a lengthy discussion.

Carol Larson, Public wanted to know if the commissioners were lacking space for meetings with attendance and over capacity if they could use the Cut Bank Voting Center to hold the commissioner meetings. Commissioner Bremner states that she is sure they could.

J. Next Meeting – Thursday, February 4, 2021 – Cut Bank

Commissioner Overcast motions to adjourn at 11:06 a.m.; Commissioner DesRosier seconds the motion; motion carried.

ATTEST:

GLACIER COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Mandi Bird Kennerly, Clerk & Recorder

Mary Jo Bremner, Chair