

**Glacier County Commissioners  
Tuesday, March 9, 2021  
Regular Meeting  
Browning, MT**

The Glacier County Board of Commissioners met at a regular scheduled meeting at 9:00 am Tuesday, March 9, 2021. Commissioners Mary Jo Bremner and Michael J. DesRosier was present. Commissioner Overcast was absent. Commissioner Bremner was taking minutes.

**Present at the Meeting:** John McGill, Press; Jeri Lawrence, Cal Schildt, Jay Dusty Bull and Faith Gervais, Public

**A. Roll Call**

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

**B. Approval of Agenda**

**C. Reading of the Minutes: n/a**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**D. Browning Community Issues**

Commissioner Bremner states that she would like to discuss the issue of the vote on the Permanent Browning Satellite Office building. In discussion on December 29, 2020 Commissioner McKay had proposed the purchase of the permanent satellite building. It was passed by a unanimous vote. There will be another vote taken at the next commissioner meeting so that no doubts will overshadow the decision.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**E. Public Comment**

Jeri Lawrence, Public spoke first about her concerns. She is concerned that there is not a person that can help from the Clerk and Recorder's office like they used to have. There are many ways that the people in Browning could use the services. She feels it is a burden to have to go to Cut Bank for these service like birth certificates, and other documents. And if many of those documents were digitized then more services could be offered. Like land records and possibility of purchasing lots to put homes on. She said she looks on the website and the minutes are never there and she doesn't want to just read the paper which usually has negative press. She would like to see us up date that website with tax sales and other pertinent information about the county. (Commissioner DesRosier agreed we could post tax deed sales times and dates)

Cal Schildt, Public then expressed the needs he felt would be good on the county web site because he just moved back and would like to see things like land matters and what is available. He said he would like to see some history on the county and informational things and all services we provide on the website.

Faith Gervais, Public spoke about the need for the services of the Clerk and Recorder in Browning and that she wanted to represent the low-income people who cannot afford to go to Cut Bank when they need birth certificated for their business. When they go to Cut Bank and

then they need an I.D. and if they don't have it, they have to go back to Browning and obtain what they need from the Blackfeet Tribal Offices. Then they cannot afford to go back to Cut Bank because they don't have the money. Faith stated the majority of Browning are low-income people and they really need the services available in Browning.

Jay Dusty Bull, Public spoke and said that he was happy that we were purchasing a permanent satellite office because it would provide so much to our community and that the Elders of our community have a hard time going to Cut Bank for the services of the Clerk and Recorder. Not only financially but with COVID-19 they are afraid to go to places that people don't wear masks even after they got shots. They just want to do things in Browning and our elders deserve this kind of consideration and respect. They pay their taxes and they never complain about paying them and many of their taxes are high because they try and have nice homes and their property is taxed higher because of this. The elders don't get their places plowed in the winter where they are isolated and cannot get to where they need to go for services. He spoke about not having services for veterans and there is no advocacy for them. Solid Waste can be a problem and who pays for this so they can get services to empty their garbage. He stated the county was failing in its services to Browning. But a permanent satellite office would help the community to move forward with services desperately needed by the elders and other people in the community. The Blackfeet have the vote and they need a safe place to vote. Blackfeet are a proud people and they will vote to move forward. He said he doesn't like the negative press the county always gets. He thinks it time we provide services in Browning and that the county seems to be going forward and they are trusting the people they elected will bring us forward.

**F. Next Meeting – Monday, March 15, 2021 – Cut Bank**

Commissioner DesRosier motions to adjourn at 9:45 a.m.; Commissioner Bremner seconds the motion; motion carried.

**ATTEST:**

**GLACIER COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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**Mandi Bird Kennerly, Clerk & Recorder**

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**Mary Jo Bremner, Chair**