

Glacier County Commissioners
Tuesday, April 13, 2021
Regular Meeting
Browning, MT

The Glacier County Board of Commissioners met at a regular scheduled meeting at 9:00 am Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at the Browning Satellite Office. Chairwoman MaryJo Bremner, Commissioners Michael DesRosier, and John Overcast was present with HR Director Michael Kittson taking minutes.

Present at the Meeting: Glacier County Treasurer Don Wilson, John McGill, Press, Chancy Kittson, GC Chief Finance Officer; Mike Kittson, GC Human Resource Director, Tom McKay-Public, Jeri Lawrence-Public

A. Roll Call

Meeting called to order @ 9:00 am by Chairwoman Bremner. All members present.

B. Approval of Agenda: Chairwoman Bremner ask for any changes or additions to the agenda. No additions or changes voiced. Agenda approved for business.

C. Reading of the Minutes: none present for approval

NEW BUSINESS:

D. Discussion/Approval: Public Hearing #1, Resolution No. 2021-2 Big Sky Trust Fund Grant, Budget Amendment- Chancy Kittson, Glacier County Chief Finance Officer.

CFO Kittson discusses the Link One pass through grant. Although it's a pass-through grant, it invokes a need for budget amendment and public hearing. Commission and CFO discusses Link One. No public comment. No action taken. Discussion only.

E. Wellness Incentive Program for Glacier County-Michael Kittson, Glacier County Human Resources Director.

HR Director Kittson discusses the wellness program with Blue Cross Blue Shield. During the change of Health Care from MACo to BCBS with Southwest Montana Insurance Center, a signing fee was negotiated with BCBS of a credit of \$30,000 for the Wellness program. Due to dealing with covid and other management issues, HR Director is asking the Board of Commissioners to consider using the credit toward the Health Insurance premiums. The item is tabled until more information comes from BCBS and SWMI to see how to process the credit. HR will return to Board for recommendation. No public. Comment. Tabled for future discussion as more information is obtained.

F. Renew Finance Consultant Magda Nelson's Contract-Chancy Kittson, Glacier County Chief Finance Officer.

CFO Kittson discussed ongoing consultation with Magda Nelson and importance of retaining her as a consultant. She does a tremendous amount of work for the Treasurer, Clerk and Recorder, and CFO. The contract rate is \$35.00 per hour. The contract is for one (1) year. M. Nelson conducted work going back to 2015 to correct the financial issues regarding Glacier County. Treasurer Don Wilson supports the contact remarking Magda has helped with the Annual

Financial Report and other special projects. Chairwoman remarks that Magda is a valuable contractor to have with her expertise. Other discussion among commissioners. Chair asks for motion to approve one (1) year contract for Magda Nelson as a finance consultant. Commissioner DesRosier makes motion to approve, Commissioner Overcast seconds motion. Motion approved. No Public Comment

G. Renew EMS Consultant Rita Neuman’s Contract-Chancy Kittson, Glacier County Chief Finance Officer.

CFO Kittson discusses ongoing consultation with Rita Neuman and retaining her services through the closing of the project and any future needs in addressing the Indian Health Service non payment for services. Ms. Neuman has many years of in the area of contract for health programs withing IHS. The County Attorney is drafting a letter going to IHS requesting back payment for unpaid services rendered by (former) Glacier County EMS. The renew contract rate is \$65.00 per hour for one (1) year. Discussion among commissioners. Chair asks for motion to approve one (1) year contract at \$65.00 per hour for Rita Neuman. Commissioner DesRosier, makes motion to approve contract, Commissioner Overcast seconds motion. Motion approved. No Public Comment.

H. Browning Satellite Office Concerns-Mary Jo Bremner, Glacier County Commission Chair

Commissioner DesRosier commented that all departments will be included in the work and staffing of the new GC Satellite office, the Floor plans, layout, Parking lot etc. Discussion among CFO, Treasurer, Commissioners. Treasurer Wilson commented a great deal of thanks and credit for the permanent office goes to the efforts of former Commissioner Tom McKay and Election Clerk Crystal Cole. All acknowledged the two for their work. Public invited to comment.

OTHER BUSINESS

F. PUBLIC COMMENT

Tom McKay thanked the CFO, Treasurer, HR and Crystal for all the help working to get the office and help solve problems. Jeri Lawrence offered congratulations on the permanent satellite office. Ms. Lawrence offered a comment to Commissioner Overcast of “NO” vote for the satellite office. Commissioner Overcast stated he supported the office but has financial concerns. No further discussion

G. Next Meeting- Thursday, April 15, 2021-Cut Bank

Chairwoman asks for motion to adjourn at 10:20 am. Commissioner DesRosier makes motion to adjourn, Commissioner Overcast seconds. Motion carried; meeting adjourned at 10:20 am.