

Glacier County Commissioners
Tuesday, April 6, 2021
Regular Meeting
Cut Bank, MT

The Glacier County Board of Commissioners met at a regular scheduled meeting at 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, April 6, 2021. Commissioners Mary Jo Bremner, Michael J. DesRosier was present. Commissioner John B. Overcast was absent-medical and Clerk & Recorder Mandi Bird Kennerly taking minutes.

Present at the Meeting: Laurie Elhard, Carol Larson and Linda Luther, Public; LeAnne Kavanagh, Press; Brenda Schilling, Glacier County Regional Port Authority; Terryl Matt, Glacier County Attorney; Chancy Kittson, Glacier County CFO; Mike Kittson, Glacier County HR Director; Don Wilson, Glacier County Treasurer

Present via GoToMtg: (1) caller; Elaine; Jimmy; Kim Stoltz; TM

A. Roll Call

Meeting was called to order at 9:06 a.m.

B. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner DesRosier motions to approve the agenda as presented; Commissioner Bremner seconds the motion; motion carried.

C. Approval of the Minutes: 2/18, 2/23, 3/2, 3/4, 3/9 & 3/15/2020

Commissioner DesRosier motions to approve 2/18, 2/23, 3/2, 3/4, 3/9 and 3/15/2021 minutes with changes; Commissioner Bremner seconds the motion; motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

D. Discussion/Approval: Resolution No. 2021-2 FY2020-2021 LinkOne – BSTF Budget Resolution – Glacier County Commissioners

It was decided as a quorum that this resolution will need to go on the next two agenda's as Public Hearing #1 & #2 for proper approval of the budget amendment.

E. Discussion: LinkOne – BSTF Update & Document Request – Brenda Schilling, Glacier County Regional Port Authority

Brenda Schilling, Glacier County Regional Port Authority is present to give an update on the LinkOne – I have two documents the management plan & business assistance agreement. They both need to be signed by the Mary Jo Bremner, Glacier County Commission Chair, Lewis Gray, LinkOne and myself. There is a discussion on the process of the paperwork and what is still needed to get the process completed with Commissioner Bremner, Commissioner DesRosier, Terryl Matt, Glacier County Attorney, Chancy Kittson, Glacier County CFO and Brenda Schilling, GCRPA.

F. Discussion: Elected Official Meeting with Glacier County Attorney – Mary Jo Bremner, Glacier County Commission Chair

Commissioner Bremner apologizes to the Glacier County Attorney Terryl Matt that she didn't notify her during the Elected Official's meeting held on March 18, 2021. Commissioner Bremner asks Terryl Matt, Glacier County Attorney to give an update on the department. Terryl states that she doesn't have a lot to say last year was a quiet year on the criminal side because of the COVID-19, we didn't have very many criminal cases compared to years before. On the civil side it's still all the things from the last four years. She states that she really doesn't have a wish list at this time. Commissioner Bremner states that she just wants everything to continue and go forward for Glacier County, not to look back but forward. Commissioner DesRosier states that he has a wish list for the Glacier County Attorney's Office. Commissioner DesRosier knows that the Glacier County Attorney's office is short handed and to seriously consider increasing your staff and budget. He states that the commissioners go to the county attorney a lot and there's a lot of things/issues going on in our county. We have legislative issues that are directly related to Glacier County, the Indian Health Service lawsuit with payment due to us, and several other issues. He believes that the county attorney can't handle all of this on her own. Terryl agrees. He states that sometimes we need to spend money to make money, but with a new budget year coming he feels that it would be a great time to start that process. Terryl states that if Glacier County were to go into litigation on the Indian Health Service claim it would be very helpful to have another attorney to help on the civil side of it. A federal litigation is a lot of work and if we were to end up in court it would be great to have co-counsel. Terryl discusses that she is contacted by the press a lot and how they handle each case that is questioned. Commissioner DesRosier talks about the Public Administrator position and why the Clerk & Recorder holds the title and he believes that it should be in the hands of the Glacier County Attorney and this is proof that we're always adding to your responsibilities. There is a lengthy conversation on the responsibilities and duties of the Glacier County Attorney. LeAnne Kavanagh, Press asked if Terryl would consider going to full-time.

G. CLOSED SESSION: Personnel Issue – Mary Jo Bremner, Glacier County Commission Chair

Commissioner Bremner states that this meeting will be closed because of FERPA. The Pikuni Press Facebook page will not be recording nor will the GoToMeeting be available (no public access to this portion of the meeting). We will reopen the meeting after the closed session to adjourn for the day. LeAnne Kavanagh, Press asked if these individuals invoked their right to privacy. Commissioner Bremner states that this is a discussion about the matter and they will not be here. LeAnne asks if their discussing county personnel without their knowledge? Comm Bremner reassures LeAnne that they know the issue is being discussed.

*** This item was moved until after Public Comment, the closed session started after the Public Comment was done. The minutes from the closed session were sealed and given to the Glacier County Attorney to file. ***

OTHER BUSINESS:

H. Public Comment

LeAnne Kavanagh, Press discussed the press release for the death in January and reassured that it was published right in January, but that it was also printed again just recently with the

January 17, 2021 date of the first press release. She also stated that the Law Enforcement is very good about reporting to the press.

LeAnne Kavanaugh, Press asked if Terryl Matt, Glacier County would ever consider going to full-time status or would you just rather have additional staff? Terryl states that she would just like to see additional staff come on board because her term is up after December 31, 2022. She would prefer to stay part-time.

I. Next Meeting – Tuesday, April 13, 2021 – Browning

Meeting adjourned at 11:04 a.m.