

**Glacier County Commissioners
Thursday, May 13, 2021
Regular Meeting (gotomtg)
Cut Bank, MT**

The Glacier County Board of Commissioners met at a regular scheduled meeting at 9:00 am on Thursday, May 13, 2021. Commissioners Mary Jo Bremner, Michael DesRosier and John B. Overcast were present. Austin Parrent taking minutes.

Present at the meeting: Linda Luther, Laurie Elhard & Marlene Luedtke, Public; Jake Gustafson & Travis Clark, Leavitt Group; Shannon Chamberlain, MACo Trust Administrator; Brenda Schilling, Glacier County Regional Port Authority; LeAnne Kavanagh, Press; Mandi Bird Kennerly, Glacier County Clerk & Recorder

Present via GoToMeeting: (2) callers; Carol Larson; Ctb; Elaine; GCCX Admin; Jenny Krapf; Lyndie Kraft; Ron Hermanet; Stephanie Eney; TM; Viewer

A. Roll Call

Meeting called to order @ 9:00 a.m.

B. Approval of Agenda

C. Approval of the Minutes: 3/18, 3/23, 4/1, 4/6 & 4/13/2021

Commissioner Overcast motions to approve the 3/18, 3/23, 4/1, 4/6 & 4/13/2021 minutes; Commissioner DesRosier seconds the motion; motion carried.

D. Review/Sign: Payroll/Claims

Dated for May 13, 2021

CLAIMS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT

<i>FUND</i>	<i>ACCOUNT</i>	<i>AMOUNT</i>
1000	General Fund	\$ 68,021.71
2110	Road Fund	\$ 17,526.23
2140	Weed Control	\$ 258.85
2180	County District Court	\$ 2,386.26
2220	Library	\$ 1,523.82
2230	Ambulance	\$ 397.09
2300	Public Safety (Law)	\$ 3,257.96
2410	Glacier Park Lights	\$ 529.30
2850	911 Emergency (Sheriff)	\$ 43.10
2960	Health Grants - Emerg Prep	\$ 50.00
7302	West End Cemetery	\$ 354.66
	TOTAL CLAIMS	\$ 94,348.98
	PAYROLL	\$ 199,816.37
	TOTAL PAYROLL & CLAIMS	\$ 294,165.35

NEW BUSINESS:

E. Discussion: MACo Insurance Premium/Renewal (changes for FY2022) – Leavitt Group & Shannon Chamberlain, MACo Trust Administrator

Shannon Chamberlain, MACo Trust Administrator explains that they will be reviewing the FY2022 Insurance Renewal and the changes in this year's policy. Jake Gustafson & Travis Clark of Leavitt Group are also present to answer any questions that the commissioners may have. Shannon explains that there is an increased premium compared to last year, but it was quite a bit better than last year's increase. She goes on to explain all the factors in how the premium is set. Commissioner Bremner asks several questions on the insurance and if certain situations affect the increase/decrease in premium such as building safety & safety in general. On the risk management side there is talk about implementing a safety training program.

F. Public Hearing #1 – Resolution No. 2021-03 FY 2020-2021 Budget Amendment – 2300 Unanticipated Revenue

Commissioner Bremner reads Resolution No. 2021-03 and explains that this was unanticipated revenue in the amount of \$9,903.83 from the CARES Act funding to the Sheriff's department and we will be putting it into their budget after the approval on the next public hearing. There will be several line items increased (see Resolution for amounts).

G. Discussion/Approval: Glacier Care Center FY2020-2021 IGT Payment (\$144,316.82) – Glacier County Commissioners

It is explained that this is an Inter-Governmental Transfer of funds which covers July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021, which is an amount that gets paid to the State and then in return the Glacier Care Center receives additional funding on top of the \$144,316.82.

Commissioner DesRosier motions to approve the Glacier Care Center FY2020-2021 IGT payment in the amount of \$144,316.82; Commissioner Overcast seconds the motion; motion carried.

H. Discussion: County Procedures – Glacier County Commissioners

- Commissioner Bremner states it is difficult to have something done immediately if something comes up, due to the nature of the commissioner meetings going back and forth between Cut Bank and Browning, alternating on a weekly basis.
- Commissioner Overcast sent out some emails with no response yet. Gallatin county has a satellite office and they are running driver's licenses and regular treasurer office services there. I don't know if they have meetings there. If we are going to have business in Browning, we need to have the Go To Meeting set up in Browning to broadcast and record the meetings.
- Commissioner Bremner wants to ask Jason Canney, Preferred IT Systems, about setting up a way for people to ask questions through Mary Jo Bremner's phone and allowing other people to connect to it and see the questions are being asked and have them answered by her live.
- (406) 845-5042 is Commissioner Bremner's cell phone number if people would like to call her and ask questions.

- There have been multiple emergencies this month, including missing persons being searched for and the multiple grass fires that were burning on the reservation.
- Commissioner DesRosier states that we are kind of unique since we are the first to offer a permanent satellite office in Browning. When it was opened it was to bring as many services to as much of the public as possible. He agrees with Commissioner Overcast about having the Go To Meeting and thinks due to the expense we should wait to invest money into it until the new satellite office building is up and running in the near future.
- There was additional discussion on having meetings conducted in other locations, including the Babb/St. Mary's area during the summer and how it affects the public in a positive manner when you go to them and get to listen to their concerns.
- Commissioner Bremner states that she answers a lot of questions and is making herself readily available to the public for any questions they may have, even at odd hours.
- Commissioner Overcast said once he gets more messages back, he will let everyone know what other satellite offices do as far as how they do their meetings and what kind of technology they used to involve the public. Strictly the ones that are providing full-time services, not just for elections on a semi-annual basis.
- Commissioner Bremner stated her concern was timeliness on serving the public and the commissioner's business doesn't stop just because they are at a certain location.
- Commissioner Overcast states there needs to be public comment because there really wasn't a section for it at the last Browning meeting.
- LeAnne Kavanagh, Press asks how will you inform the public about the additional meetings when it comes to urgent matters, how will you fulfill the public notice requirement. The ones that aren't on the schedule that you are not going to add.
- Commissioner Bremner states they will make sure there is proper public notice if there are any special meetings that need to be had, like if there is an emergency meeting. We will make sure we will meet all the public requirements.
- LeAnne Kavanagh, Press asks if it will be the same as it is now as far as filling out an agenda and sending it the information out to everybody.
- Commissioner Bremner states yes that they will do it the same way it is done now to notify the public.
- LeAnne Kavanagh, Press asks if Jason Canney, Glacier County IT would be able to put a link on the Glacier County website so that if there is one link someone can just go and click on it to make it readily available without needing unique information to be entered every single time.
- Commissioner Bremner, DesRosier, and Overcast all agree that would be a good idea to implement for future meetings to allow.

I. Discussion: Commissioner Concern for Elections Department (vacant positions) – Glacier County Commissioners

Commissioner Bremner express concern for the (2) vacant positions in the elections department and wanted an update from Mandi Bird Kennerly, Glacier County Clerk & Recorder. C&R Kennerly explains that this is a work in progress and it is a joint effort between the Glacier County Human Resource Director but that these positions will be filled

soon and may not be until the new fiscal year starts due to budget constraints. There is lengthy discussion on all aspects of why these positions are not filled at the moment and also the several requirements involved.

OTHER BUSINESS:

J. Public Comment

Brenda Schilling, Glacier County Regional Port Authority is present to give an update on the Glacier County/LinkOne progress. She states that Sarah Converse, Sweetgrass Development Director is assisting her in getting all the documentation complete and pushed through the system so that LinkOne can get their first payment on the Montana Department of Commerce Grant through Glacier County. She states that she is pleased with the progress. Also, she will need signatures on the Montana Department of Commerce – Glacier County – Signature Certification Form.

LeAnne Kavanagh, Press asks a question about the MCA that was quoted about the special election appointment for the Clerk of District Court position. It was discussed and decided it was not mentioned in the MCA that was quoted. Leanne continues to state that if they appoint her, she is acting interim until the next election (November 2022). She also mentions the situation in the Treasurer's office and that there were (3) Interim appointments since 2013. There is discussion and it is mentioned that Commissioner Bremner & DesRosier are having Terryl Matt, Glacier County Attorney look into the proper steps in getting a new Clerk of District Court.

Laurie Elhard, Public states that the Clerk & Recorder's office has gone from several employee's to just two and a half and questions why. Commissioner Bremner states that the Clerk & Recorder's office is shorthanded and they are attempting to fill the positions.

LeAnne Kavanagh, Press asks if Chancy Kittson, Glacier County CFO is meeting with department heads now regarding the budgets they are submitting. Both Commissioner Bremner & DesRosier reply that they are being submitted currently and he is busy with that at this moment.

K. Next Meeting – Monday, May 17, 2021 – Cut Bank

Commissioner DesRosier motions to adjourn at 11:21 a.m.; Commissioner Overcast seconds the motion; motion carried.