

**Glacier County Commissioners
Thursday, June 24, 2021
Regular Meeting (GoToMtg)
Cut Bank, MT**

The Glacier County Board of Commissioners met at a regular scheduled meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 24, 2021. Commissioners Mary Jo Bremner, Michael DesRosier and John B. Overcast were present and Austin Parrent taking minutes.

Present at the meeting: Jenny Krapf, Glacier County Health Department Director; Mike Bruch, Front Range Court Appointed Special Advocate (C.A.S.A.); Laurie Elhard, Public; Marlene Luedtke, Public; John Evans, Roads Department Head; LeAnne Kavanagh, Press

Present via GoToMeeting: (1) Caller; Gloria; Gloria; Kim Stoltz; Not Applicable

A. Roll Call

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

B. Approval of Agenda

**Commissioner DesRosier motions to approve the agenda for June 24, 2021;
Commissioner Overcast seconds the motion; agenda approved.**

C. Approval of the Minutes: n/a

D. Review/Sign: Payroll/Claims

**Dated for June 24, 2021
CLAIMS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT**

<i>FUND</i>	<i>ACCOUNT</i>	<i>AMOUNT</i>
1000	General Fund	\$ 28,091.04
2110	Road Fund	\$ 14,674.59
2140	Weed Control	\$ 197.91
2180	County District Court	\$ 41.57
2220	Library	\$ 703.90
2230	Ambulance	\$ 668.85
2250	City/County Planning	\$ 1,000.00
2300	Public Safety (Law)	\$ 12,103.78
2410	Glacier Park Lights	\$ 529.37
2752	Library Memorial	\$ 1,073.12
2850	911 Emergency (Sheriff)	\$ 501.93
2863	Glacier County Transit	\$ 507.11
2918	Sheriff Law Enf Grant - Stonegarden	\$ 1,296.66
2960	Health Grants - Emerg Prep	\$ 1,403.26
2971	WIC	\$ 52.52
7302	West End Cemetery	\$ 192.65
	TOTAL CLAIMS	\$ 63,038.26
	PAYROLL	\$ 194,785.80
	TOTAL PAYROLL & CLAIMS	\$ 257,824.06

**Commissioner DesRosier motions to approve payroll & claims for June 24, 2021;
Commissioner Overcast seconds the motion; motion carried.**

OLD BUSINESS:

E. Discussion/Approval: Front Range CASA Funding \$10,000 Request – Kiersta Sullivan, Front Range CASA/GAL, Inc. Executive Director

Michael Bruch, Front Range Court Appointed Special Advocate (C.A.S.A.), gives a brief history of C.A.S.A. Six years ago, C.A.S.A. nearly collapsed and local control of the program was nearly lost. Glacier County stepped forward and funded the program with \$20,000.00 on December 31, 2015 in order to keep the program local.

The reason the funding from Glacier County is so important is because of the grants that C.A.S.A. receives as a result of the local government supporting the program. Due to Glacier County's financial hardship in the past few years, Front Range C.A.S.A. has not requested any funding. Now they are receiving additional pressure from their grant donors to have local governments participate by contributing to the program. This local support will allow them to get \$50,000.00 in grant funding.

Splitting the \$10,000.00 request so that \$5,000.00 comes out of Fiscal Year 2020-2021 and \$5,000.00 comes from Fiscal Year 2021-2022 would allow the county to support the program in both fiscal years and enable Front Range C.A.S.A. to report it that way to their grant donors. In addition, it would mean that they would not need to request additional funding until the next fiscal year. The commissioners agreed to check with Chief Financial Officer (C.F.O.) Chancy Kittson to see if splitting the request across fiscal years will be possible since Fiscal Year 2020-2021 is nearly over.

Commissioner DesRosier motions to approve the Front Range Court Appointed Special Advocates (C.A.S.A.) \$10,000.00 request for funding; Commissioner Overcast seconds the motion; motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

F. Discussion/Approval: Mask Update – Jenny Krapf, Glacier County Health Director

The commissioners motioned on March 2, 2021 to continue following the Glacier County Health Department's recommendations to follow Center for Disease Control and Prevention (C.D.C.) guidelines to continue wearing masks as it helps reduce the spread of COVID-19; requiring masks to be worn in all Glacier County owned public buildings at the time. This was in response to Governor Greg Gianforte lifting the statewide mask mandate in Montana on February 12, 2021.

Today in the commissioner meeting, Glacier County Health Department Director Jenny Krapf recommended that the public continue following C.D.C. guidelines. She advised the commissioners that it would probably be okay if the mask requirement on Glacier County owned buildings was lifted as many people are now vaccinated and there are other ways to combat COVID-19 from spreading such as washing your hands and remaining 6-feet apart. The Glacier County Health Department will continue wearing masks and other protective equipment while administering vaccines because they are in close contact with the public.

There was additional discussion on COVID-19 testing being done less often because administering vaccines has now taken priority.

Commissioner Overcast motions to lift the mask mandate for Glacier County owned buildings and also to continue following Glacier County Health Department & Center for Disease Control and Prevention (C.D.C.) guidelines; Commissioner DesRosier seconds the motion; motion carried.

G. Discussion/Approval: Roads Department purchasing 500 grader teeth for \$7,500.00 – John ‘Snoop’ Evans, Glacier County Roads Department Head

The Roads Department needs new grader teeth and is about to make a purchase to replace their old set. They would like to buy 500 grader teeth in bulk before the price increases on July 1, 2021. The cost will be \$7,500.00 total for the purchase. The purchase will be made out of Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

Commissioner DesRosier motions to approve the purchase of 500 grader teeth for the Roads Department costing \$7,500.00 total; Commissioner Overcast seconds the motion; motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

H. Public Comment

There was public comment on the structure of the meeting today. Normally the meetings are conducted after payroll and claims are signed, but today it was the reverse leaving some members of the public arriving after most of the agenda items had already been discussed. The commissioners explained that one of their presenters today had a vaccine clinic that they needed to be in attendance for and so they started the regular agenda items at 9:00 a.m. when the meeting officially started.

I. Next Meeting – Tuesday, July 6, 2021 – Cut Bank

Commissioner DesRosier motions to adjourn the meeting; Commissioner Overcast seconds the motion; meeting adjourned at 10:17 a.m.