

Glacier County Commissioners
Tuesday, July 6, 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 Tuesday, July 6, 2021. Commissioners Mary Jo Bremner and John B. Overcast were present. Commissioner Michael DesRosier was absent and Austin Parrent taking minutes.

Present at the meeting: Jenny Krapf, Glacier County Health Department Director; Paul J. Wipf, Glendale Colony; Pete J. Hofer; Glendale Colony; Jacob P. Wipf, Glendale Colony; Sam Waldner, Glendale Colony; LeAnne Kavanagh, Press; Linda Luther, Public

Present via GoToMeeting: Brenda Schilling; Gloria; Stephanie Eney

A. Roll Call

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

B. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Overcast motions to approve the agenda for July 6, 2021; Commissioner Bremner seconds the motion; agenda approved.

C. Approval of the Minutes: n/a

NEW BUSINESS:

D. Discussion/Approval: PHEP Task Order FY21-22: Amendment 3 – Jenny Krapf, Glacier County Health Department Director

Jenny Krapf, Glacier County Health Department Director, presents this item to the commissioners. The main change in amendment number three of the Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Task Order is additional funding for the health department to hire a Congregate Living Coordinator (CLC). The funding total is \$86,256.00 total administered quarterly for four quarters starting July 1, 2021. It is a one-year position in amendment number three but this will change in amendment number four to a two-year position with \$86,256.00 total coming from this portion of the grant. Amendment number four is expected to be available in August 2021.

The C.L.C. position will work with the nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and the jails. It will also help with immunizations and do public health education by working with the public on a one-on-one basis. The P.H.E.P. grant may also be added to their job description. The position does not have full-time job duties currently but Jenny is working on adding additional duties and will work on the job description with Human Resources Director Mike Kittson before the hiring of the position is brought to the commissioners to approve at a later date.

Commissioner Overcast motions to approve the Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Task Order FY2021-2022: Amendment 3; Commissioner Bremner seconds the motion; motion carried.

E. Discussion/Approval: American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Competitive Grant Program Application to drill water well for Glendale Colony – Paul J. Wipf

Members of Glendale Colony came to request the Glacier County Commissioners' support in applying for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Competitive Grant Program. Hutterite colonies are not able to apply for the grant directly as it has to be applied for by a local government. They are here today to ask that Glacier County apply for the funds for their water well project which is underway.

During a conference call between Gus Byrom, Outreach Specialist of the Montana Department of Commerce, and the Glacier County Commissioners it was discussed that there were several sources of A.R.P.A. funds that Glacier County would be receiving. The third mentioned was the Competitive Grant Program which is what Glendale Colony is attempting to apply for through Glacier County. The discussion centered around Glacier County's liability for the funding that Glendale Colony would be receiving through the grant.

The commissioners would have to sign off and execute the certification that is required in order to be a sponsor of the application. There is a responsibility on the part of Glacier County as the sponsor that the project, to the best of Glacier County's ability, would be carried out in accordance with grant requirements, such as procurement, accounting, etc. The Department of Commerce will work with all the local governments to implement this bill and make the program work as best as possible to meet the needs of the counties and the entities that reside within them.

The conclusion of the conversation was that Glacier County could put a stipulation on the funds which states that if Glendale Colony were unable to finish the project, or if requirements were not met, that Glendale Colony would ultimately be responsible for refunding the grant money that had been received to the State of Montana.

The deadline to submit the application for the A.R.P.A. Competitive Grant Program is July 15, 2021.

Public Comment:

LeAnne Kavanagh, Press, asks if it would be possible for the members of Glendale Colony to meet with Glacier County Chief Financial Officer (C.F.O.) Chancy Kittson today to go over the application. Commissioner Bremner responds that she would like to talk with Chancy first. The Glendale Colony members have other business to attend to in town and will be available to meet later in the day; they will also come back into town if needed.

Commissioner Overcast motions to support Glendale Colony's application for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Competitive Grant Program which will help fund their water well; Commissioner Bremner seconds the motion; motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

F. Public Comment

LeAnne Kavanagh, Press, asks if the commissioners will be meeting with another colony on Thursday, July 8, 2021. Commissioner Bremner responds that they will be meeting with Horizon Colony.

Brenda Schilling, Glacier County Regional Port Authority Executive Director, asks about the request for payment form from AgriLink/LinkOne and if the commissioners have received it from Human Resources Director Mike Kittson so that they can sign it. Commissioner Bremner responds that she did see the request for signatures email and both commissioners confirm that they will sign the document before leaving.

G. Next Meeting – Thursday, July 8, 2021 – Cut Bank

Commissioner Overcast motions to adjourn the meeting; Commissioner Bremner seconds the motion; meeting adjourned at 9:44 a.m.