

**Glacier County Commissioners  
Tuesday, July 27, 2021  
Regular Meeting  
Browning, MT**

The Glacier County Board of Commissioners met at a regular scheduled meeting at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, July 27, 2021. Commissioners Mary Jo Bremner, Michael J. DesRosier and John B. Overcast was present.

**Present at the Meeting:** Don Wilson, Glacier County Treasurer; Colleen Wilson, Public; John McGill, Press; Mike Kittson, Glacier County Human Resource Director

**A. Roll Call**

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

**B. Approval of Agenda**

Commissioner DesRosier motions to approve the agenda; Commissioner Overcast seconds the motion; motion carried.

**C. Reading of the Minutes: n/a**

\*\*This item is not on the agenda, but I wanted to mention it so that everyone is aware that were under a Phase 2 Fire Restriction per Curtis Harper, Acting DES Deputy Director. There is discussion on what is allowed and what's not allowed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**D. Discussion: Discuss Tuesday, July 20, 2021 meeting with Department of Revenue/Department of Administration – Mary Jo Bremner, Commission Chair**

Commissioner Bremner stated that she would be ready to discuss the meeting with the DOR/DOA at the last meeting, but I wasn't prepared. So, I wanted to state that Glacier County continues to work on the issues with the DOR/DOA and that there will be a meeting in the future in Kalispell with several of us to talk with Director Beatty and some of his team. They didn't understand that the team here has worked very hard on getting the finances in order. There is discussion on the budgets for this fiscal year and that the budgets will be frozen until money can be released. There is a discussion on the different aspects of Glacier Counties progress since starting to correct the issues. Commissioner DesRosier states that Glacier County has received so many mixed messages from the State and like you stated they're based on assumptions. They're not just assumptions on their behalf, but also from assumptions and it's from rhetoric that their receiving from the community that Glacier County isn't making any progress. There are so many mixed messages and I think a lack of collaboration with the State and it's sad. I think they've avoided a real face off with everybody on neutral ground. Commissioner DesRosier points out the fact that he wanted to know why Glacier County was so different from any other county such as Stillwater County who has the same issues going on. Don Wilson, Glacier County Treasurer states that Mike Kittson put together a tremendous presentation and I'm not sure he even had the chance to present it. Commissioner Bremner states that he did not. Treasurer Wilson states that Mike K. went through every audit in the State of Montana and he found audits from counties that were in the same position as Glacier County and he also found counties that were in a worse position than us. He had them in two different categories and the State just brushes that off.

Commissioner DesRosier states that they do brush it off and their just focused on us. Commissioner Bremner thought that the meeting went well and we had a nice reception when we were in the meeting. If they came in with bias, I'm not going to dicker with the state, let's just reward the people who have worked hard on resolving this issue. Commissioner Bremner states that she read over 4,000 pages of past audits assuming she would be prepared for the meeting. Commissioner Overcast states that it was just a generalization of what is going on.

**E. Discussion: Satellite Office – Mary Jo Bremner, Commission Chair**

Commissioner Bremner stated that we are moving forward with getting into the new satellite building. I wanted to make an apology to Siyeh for our hasty announcement about a rumor of them buying the current Browning Satellite Office.

**F. Discussion: Browning Community Issues**

Commissioner Bremner had a phone call this morning from a concerned citizen about the knapp weed problem. She states that she does know that our Glacier County Weed department is out spraying. We have a lot of roads and I wanted to assure that the county is right on that and their working hard. Commissioner DesRosier mentions that the weed problem is an ongoing year around problem, but the county is right on it whether they are spraying or putting out weed bugs. He also states that Glacier County is not allowed to do private property or property that is not our property.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**G. Public Comment**

There is discussion on a gravel road speed issue on Chatterton Road with Don & Colleen Wilson. Discussion on who has jurisdiction when you're a non-member. Colleen would like to know what the speed limit is on a county gravel road. She would like an answer on the speed limit in a future meeting. No decisions were made.

Discussion was had on the financials of the county between the Commissioners and Don Wilson, Glacier County Treasurer.

**H. Next Meeting – Wednesday, July 28, 2021 – East Glacier**

Commissioner DesRosier motions to adjourn at 10:30 a.m.; Commissioner Overcast seconds the motion; motion carried.