

**Glacier County Commissioners
Monday, November 15, 2021
Regular Meeting (gotomtg)
Cut Bank, MT**

The Glacier County Board of Commissioners met at a regular scheduled meeting at 9:00 am on Monday, November 15, 2021. Commissioners Mary Jo Bremner, Michael DesRosier and John B. Overcast were present. Clerk & Recorder Mandi Bird Kennerly taking minutes.

Present at the meeting: Carol Larson, Elaine Mitchell, Becky Kimmet & Laurie Elhard, Public; LeAnne Kavanagh, Press; Jenny Krapf, Glacier County Health Director; Michael Kittson, Glacier County Human Resource Director

Present via GoToMeeting: Austin; Gloria; TM

A. Roll Call

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

B. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Overcast motions to accept the agenda with no changes; Commissioner DesRosier seconds the motion; motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

C. Discussion: Browning Satellite Office – Mary Jo Bremner, Glacier County Commission Chair

Commissioner Bremner starts by stating that she wanted to do a clarification on the Browning Satellite Office (Handout at the end of the table). She started by reading a tax bill and states that she was misquoted that the county wouldn't be spending county money at the Browning Satellite Office. She states that all our taxes are spent in Cut Bank outside the taxes for West End Cemetery. If you're wondering why I'm bringing this up it's because there was a misquote saying that I wouldn't spend money on the Browning Satellite Office. I stated that I wouldn't spend tax dollars on the purchase, but I didn't say we wouldn't spend any money outside of the purchase. We always know where we are. Commissioner DesRosier is in agreement with Commissioner Bremner. I don't have any problems with your statement. We will spend money to improve the facility when we have the necessary funds to do so. We still want to provide other services. Commissioner Overcast states that he just gets worried about the financial end of it, but he does know we need to provide services. Commissioner Bremner states that it's just a statement and we're not going to be spending a huge amount of money.

Public Comment: LeAnne Kavanagh, Press is wondering if you have a written copy of your statement. Commissioner Bremner states that she will get a written statement to LeAnne. Carol Larson, Public asked if we have a figure of what the utilities will cost. Commissioner Bremner states that they haven't received anything yet on the new building.

D. Discussion/Approval: October 2021 Cash Report – Glacier County Commissioners

Commissioner DesRosier motions to accept the October 2021 Cash Report; Commissioner Overcast seconds the motion; motion carried.

E. Discussion/Approval: Cut Bank Mercantile Door's/Museum Request – Glacier County Commissioners

Commissioner Overcast states that the Glacier County Historical Museum would like to request (2) doors from the Cut Bank Mercantile because of the historic value of them. They want to get in and measure the door jams. Commissioner DesRosier states that he thinks this is a great idea. Commissioner Bremner states that her question is this....last week we had a wrecked Glacier County Sheriff's Office truck that was cut in ½ in an accident and it's worth nothing; but we have to go through M.C.A. rules to dispose of the property. Now, this would be ok to do? I would like to research this really quick. Commissioner DesRosier states that because it is from one department to another it's ok to do so. It's just a transfer within departments.

Commissioner Overcast motions to transfer (2) doors to the Glacier County Historical Museum; Commissioner DesRosier seconds the motion; motion carried.

F. Discussion/Approval: Appoint Glacier County Health Board Member to a 3-year term – Michael Kittson, Glacier County Human Resource Director

Michael Kittson, Glacier County Human Resource Director explains that the Glacier County Health Board has an opening position to fill and Dr. Danielle Kennedy has been filling this position as a temporary board member. This position is a 3-year term and I would like to recommend to you to fill this position with Dr. Kennedy who was the only applicant.

Commissioner DesRosier motions to fill the Glacier County Health Board Member 3-year term with the only applicant Dr. Danielle Kennedy; Commissioner Overcast seconds the motion; motion carried.

G. Discussion/Approval: Employee Turkey Drawing/Food & Drinks – Mary Jo Bremner, Glacier County Commission Chair

Commissioner Bremner states that she had this bright idea to gift turkeys to the employee's for Thanksgiving, but due to rules with county dollars that is not possible. Therefore, I will be donating a turkey at the meeting before Thanksgiving. She invites other department heads to do the same. She states that there will be a potluck. She just wanted to do an incentive because there hasn't been a wage increase & with the cost of groceries going up. There will be public dollars spent on this incentive.

H. Discussion/Approval: Montana Healthcare Foundation Funding/Tribal-County Crisis Coalition Launch Project – Jenny Krapf, Glacier County Health Director

Jenny Krapf, Glacier County Health Director explains that this is a grant from the Montana Healthcare Foundation that we applied for and the project is a county/tribe coalition. She explains that the Blackfeet Tribe already as a coalition, but they've agreed to work with us. This grant would fund the two leads – a county lead and a tribal lead. It would bring law

enforcement and behavioral health people together to work on how crises are handled. There are issues that are statewide, but as well as nationwide that deal with individuals that have behavioral health, jail or hospital issues and it's never really handled or taken care of. This grant would help tribe to curb this with looking into what can be done. This is really not my expertise I would only be providing grant management and oversee the grant. The grant is \$74,999.04 and this would be for a year and half. This is a one-year grant only and it would work on the sustainability. This will hopefully lay the ground work for additional grant opportunities in the future. Tribe will pay half and we will pay half. I will be working with Katie Loveland of Loveland Consulting (contractor). She will be the person to come in and gather the data for the project. She looks at both the county and the tribe and see how we can approve the processes. Commissioner DesRosier asks if we would be the only one's to get the grant. Jenny states that there would be a sub-award to the Tribe. There is discussion on whether the county should agree to this grant. Commissioner Bremner is hesitant to agree to the agreement. The approval is tabled for right now. Becky Kimmet, Public asked if the schools are included in this? Jenny states "Yes, at first no, but we pushed for it. We do have support from most of the entities that would be involved some in writing and some are verbal. But we will make sure that it is all pinned down before the grant starts. It could also include training for suicide.

OTHER BUSINESS:

I. Public Comment

Carol Larson, Public asks about the repairs to the Browning Satellite Office floor & ceiling. Commissioner Bremner states that the ceiling is good and the floor is ok, but they need to carpet the floor. It doesn't have any structural issues.

Becky Kimmet, Public states that she's confused about the comment about what your talking about that Browning doesn't get any tax dollars. I'm not really knowledgeable about tax bills, but we don't we have Weed, Road & Library services there? Commissioner DesRosier & Bremner state that those are countywide mills provided and it's not the same. There's a discussion that there are still services provided in Browning.

Elaine Mitchell, Public states that she has a comment. I would like to advise you that I took a webinar with the State on the reconciliation process. I found out that their webinar is the standard process. The cash report has a reconciling difference between the fund balance and reconciling balance of \$73,562. There are (17) negative fund balances, which is an increase of two since last month. Also, the high school balance has a negative balance of \$1,134,706.24 and has gone on from month to month. These are material balance that I'm concerned about. Thank you. Commissioner Bremner thanks Elaine for her comment and states that she will look into it.

LeAnne Kavanagh, Press inquires about several requests that she's submitted and is still waiting for a response. Commissioner Bremner admits that she's been sitting on them for too long and will get the answers when she can.

Carol Larson, Public asked if the (2) Cemetery Districts will be getting the \$1500 employee premium pay? Commissioner Bremner explains that because they are special districts and

they have their own tax dollars we don't provide employee pay to them. We just send them their tax dollars each month and don't provide direct employee pay.

J. Next Meeting – Tuesday, November 23, 2021 – Browning

Commissioner Overcast motions to adjourn at 9:55 a.m.; Commissioner DesRosier seconds the motion; motion carried.