

**Glacier County Commissioners
Thursday, September 2, 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, September 2, 2021. Commissioners Michael J. DesRosier and John B. Overcast were present. Commissioner Mary Jo Bremner was absent and Clerk & Recorder Mandi Bird Kennerly taking minutes.

Present at the meeting: Brenda Schilling, Glacier County Regional Port Authority Executive Director; Carol Larson, Public; Kari Lewis, Glacier County Extension Agent; Tracy Mosley, M.S.U. Extension; Linda Luther, Public; Becky Kimmet, Glacier County Library Board Member; Colleen Wilson, Public; LeAnne Kavanagh, Press; Laurie Elhard, Public

Present via GoToMeeting: Admin; Cut Bank Airport Authority; Gloria

A. Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 9:04 a.m.

B. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Overcast motions to approve the agenda for September 2, 2021;
Commissioner DesRosier seconds the motion; agenda approved.

C. Approval of the Minutes: 6/10, 6/21, 6/22 & 6/24/2021

The minutes for 6/21, 6/22 & 6/24/2021 were tabled to the commissioner meeting held on September 20, 2021. Commissioner Overcast motions to approve the minutes for 6/10/2021;
Commissioner DesRosier seconds the motion; 6/10/2021 minutes approved.

D. Review/Sign: Payroll /Claims

Dated for September 2, 2021

CLAIMS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT

FUND	ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
1000	General Fund	\$ 16,940.68
2110	Road Fund	\$ 14,570.14
2140	Weed Control	\$ 94.41
2180	County District Court	\$ 469.03
2220	Library	\$ 238.15
2230	Ambulance	\$ 6,898.78
2300	Public Safety (Law)	\$ 10,905.09
2960	Health Grants - Emerg Prep	\$ 144.57
2968	Chronic Disease Prevention Grant	\$ 237.41
2971	WIC	\$ 52.51
2976	Immunization Grant	\$ 26.66
7302	West End Cemetery	\$ 42.47
	TOTAL CLAIMS	\$ 50,619.90
	PAYROLL	\$ 200,341.20
	TOTAL PAYROLL & CLAIMS	\$ 250,961.10

NEW BUSINESS:

E. Discussion: Glacier County Extension Updates – Kari Lewis, Glacier County Extension Agent

Kari Lewis, Glacier County Extension Agent, explains that their administrative assistant resigned and they would like to hire a second extension agent to offer family and consumer science services within Glacier County. Montana State University (M.S.U.) Extension would cover a portion of the costs of the salary and full benefits for the second agent. Hiring a second agent instead of an administrative assistant will lower the cost to Glacier County while adding additional services that were not previously available to the community. Glacier County will pay 65% of the base salary of the Clerk & Recorder towards the role, and M.S.U. Extension will cover the remainder of the salary and all of the benefits. The cost will be approximately \$30,000.00 plus additional supplies and travel to support the role.

Commissioner DesRosier asks about the relationship between the Blackfeet Extension Agent and Glacier County Extension agent. Kari Lewis states that she and Verna Billedeaux, Blackfeet Extension Educator, collaborate as much as possible. Tracy Mosley, M.S.U. Extension, adds that their director would like to see the new agent cover Family & Consumer Science and Community Development as a part of that position's job duties to avoid role overlap.

Commissioner DesRosier asks if the new role could be partially funded through the Blackfeet Tribe. Tracy Mosley states that Verna's role is funded through a program called the Federally Recognized Tribes Extension Program (F.R.T.E.P.) which they apply for every five years. Historically the program has always gone to tribal extension programs but this year they are opening them up to non-land grant extension programs which means they are becoming more competitive and less guaranteed.

Commissioner DesRosier asks about the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (S.N.A.P.-Ed) position that will be given space in the new satellite office building located on South East Boundary Street once the building is ready to be moved into. Kari responds that the position is still open and currently unfilled. Tracy comments that it is a position that they would like to get filled as soon as possible because it will be an important resource for the community.

F. Discussion/Approval: Renew Sonja Ray Contract/COVID-19 testing – Jenny Krapf, Glacier County Health Department Director

This item was tabled to the commissioner meeting held on Tuesday, September 7, 2021.

G. Discussion/Approval: Task Order – Maternal and Child Health Block Grant Program

Commissioner DesRosier explains that Jenny Krapf, Glacier County Health Department Director, is unable to attend this commissioner meeting but would like the commissioners to approve this grant. The total award amount for October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022 for

the Maternal and Child Health Block Grant Program is \$18,811.00 for the Glacier County Health Department to provide maternal and child health services.

Commissioner Overcast motions to approve the Maternal and Child Health Block Grant Program in the amount of \$18,811.00 for the period of October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022; Commissioner DesRosier seconds the motion; motion carried.

H. BUDGET HEARING (11:00 a.m.): FY2021-2022 Glacier County Preliminary Budget

The budget was put out to the public per Montana Code Annotated (M.C.A.) with two weeks notice. There was discussion and comment made by Chancy Kittson, C.F.O. and LeAnne Kavanagh, Press, on several areas of the budget.

I. BUDGET HEARING (11:00 a.m.): FY2021-2022 Permissive Medical Levy

The permissive medical levy will not be included this fiscal year due to health insurance savings. This item will not be in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Glacier County Budget; the budget hearing for the FY2021-2022 Permissive Medical Levy has been removed.

J. BUDGET HEARING (11:00 a.m.): FY2021-2022 Public Safety-SRS Permissive Levy

The budget was put out to the public per Montana Code Annotated (M.C.A.) with two weeks notice. There was discussion and comment made by Chancy Kittson, C.F.O. and LeAnne Kavanagh, Press, on several areas of the budget.

OTHER BUSINESS:

K. Public Comment

There were questions by LeAnne Kavanagh, Press, on the upcoming budget hearing at 11:00 a.m. and a statement of support to hire a second extension agent in Glacier County.

There was additional discussion between Becky Kimmet, Glacier County Library Board Member, and Commissioner DesRosier on Kari Lewis doing a great job as the Glacier County Extension Agent.

Linda Luther, Public, asks about whether or not the commissioners are planning on hiring on administrative assistant to help with their minutes. Commissioner DesRosier responds that they are still in the process of hiring for the position.

LeAnne Kavanagh, Press, asks about the 30-day deadline that has passed where the state was supposed to get back to Glacier County on the corrective action plan and whether or not it had been approved. Commissioner DesRosier states that he did see an email from the State of Montana stating the corrective action plan had been approved.

Colleen Wilson, Public, asks if there is a set speed limit for gravel roads within Glacier County. Commissioner DesRosier states that there is no set speed limit as it is any speed that is deemed as safe and prudent as it is unfeasible to enforce speed limits on gravel roads.

There is additional discussion on safety concerns surrounding the speed limit on the gravel road near Colleen's property and potential accountability issues since there is no posted speed limit or where speed limits are posted they are not consistent.

L. Next Meeting – Tuesday, September 7, 2021 - Browning

Commissioner Overcast motions to adjourn the meeting; Commissioner DesRosier seconds the motion; meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.