

Glacier County Commissioners
Tuesday, January 25, 2022
Regular Meeting
Browning, MT

The Glacier County Board of Commissioners met at a regular scheduled meeting at 9:00 am Tuesday, January 25, 2022. Commissioners Mary Jo Bremner, Michael DesRosier, John B. Overcast was present.

Present at the Meeting: John Evans, Glacier County Road Supervisor; Jeri Johnson Elliott, Glacier County Executive Administrative Assistant; Bill Powell and Lockley Bremner, Public

A. Roll Call

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

B. Approval of Agenda

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

NEW BUSINESS:

C. Public Hearing (9:30 a.m.): Glacier County 3% Marijuana Tax, Pursuant to Section 16-12-311, MCA- Glacier County Commissioners:

Commissioner Bremner explains that the sale or purchase of marijuana is illegal on the Blackfeet Reservation and in Glacier National Park. Purchasing marijuana with a medicinal card and bringing it back to the Blackfeet Reservation and into Glacier National Park is also illegal. Commissioner Bremner explains that adding a 3% sales tax to the sale of marijuana would be a huge benefit to Glacier County for various reasons. One reason being the location and no other distributors are available in neighboring counties so, people travel to Glacier County to purchase. Also, the tourist industry brings in people who purchase marijuana. Commissioner DesRosier explains that the purpose would be to help offset the costs in various departments such as law enforcement, public health and education. The 3% sales tax will be on the next ballot for Glacier County to vote on. Discussion only.

D. Discussion/Approval: Camp 9 Right of Way- Bill Powell, Public:

Glacier County owns a 7-acre piece that prevents Bill Powell from accessing his land. Mr. Powell would like a Right-of-Way to gain access to his land. Mr. Powell also states that he has been taxed for 20+ years on 20 acres of fee land that he owns. Commissioner Bremner is going to ask Don Wilson to look into it. Commissioner DesRosier suggests a resolution granting Bill Powell a Special Easement on a Public Easement. County Attorney would have to look into and write up the resolution. No action was taken.

OTHER BUSINESS

E. Public Comment:

Lockley Bremner, Public talks about the Glacier County 3% Marijuana tax. He is concerned about whether the money from the 3% tax is going to benefit any programs on the Blackfeet Reservation. Commission DesRosier assures Lockley that the whole county will benefit. Commissioner DesRosier also states that there is no separation between the Blackfeet

Reservation and Glacier County and that he would like it to remain that way. Lockley Bremner explains why the sale of marijuana is illegal on the reservation.

F. Next Meeting- Tuesday, February 1, 2022 – Cut Bank

Commissioner DesRosier motions to adjourn at 10:04 a.m.; Commissioner Overcast seconds the motion; motion carried.