

**Glacier County Commissioners
Tuesday, January 4, 2022
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, January 4, 2022. Commissioners Mary Jo Bremner, Michael J. DesRosier, and John B. Overcast was present. Mandi Bird Kennerly, Clerk & Recorder taking minutes.

Present at the meeting: Shannon Pepion, Glacier County Maintenance Supervisor; Chancy Kittson, Glacier County CFO, Twila Pyette, Glacier County Clerk of District Court; Jeri Johnson Elliot, Glacier County Commissioner Executive Administrative Assistant; Michael Kittson, Glacier County Human Resource Director

Present via GoToMeeting: Austin, Elaine, LeAnne, Linda Luther, TM

A. Roll Call

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

B. Approval of Agenda

Commission DesRosier motions to make a change to the agenda. The change being that the boiler update item be put on the agenda for today instead of tomorrows agenda, January 5, 2022; Commissioner Overcast seconds the motion; motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

C. Discussion/Approval: Resolution No. 2022-1 2022 Annual Commission Meeting Schedule – Glacier County Commissioners

**GLACIER COUNTY RESOLUTION
2022 ANNUAL COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE
Resolution No. 2022-01**

WHEREAS, the Board of Glacier County Commissioners is the duly elected governing body for Glacier County, a political subdivision of the State of Montana; and

WHEREAS, the Board convenes to conduct Glacier County business in the Glacier County Courthouse Commission Chambers, on the first Tuesday of each month, the third Monday of each month, and every other Thursday to sign payroll and claims; Glacier County Satellite Office - Browning conference room the second and fourth Tuesday of each month; and during the summer months (May-August) every 4th Wednesday alternating between the Babb Fire Hall and East Glacier Women’s Club beginning in Babb in May; and

WHEREAS, agendas for each meeting will be published in accordance with MCA 2-3-103 for the attached meeting dates, labeled “EXHIBIT A”.

WHEREAS, Glacier County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to be present in chambers outside of the regular meeting schedule to perform administration duties; i.e. answer emails, go thru mail, sign documents, etc.,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Glacier County Commissioners has established the following list of dates for public meetings, attached as “EXHIBIT A”, to conduct Glacier County business.

ADOPTED this 4th day of January, 2022.

ATTEST:

**BOARD OF GLACIER COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS:**

/s/ Mandi Bird Kennerly, Clerk & Recorder

/s/ Mary Jo Bremner, Chair

/s/ Michael J. DesRosier, Vice-Chairman

/s/ John B. Overcast, Member

Commissioner Overcast motions to approve Resolution No. 2022-1 2022 Annual Commission Meeting Schedule; Commissioner DesRosier seconds the motion; motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

D. Public Comment

Boiler Update- Shannon Pepion, Glacier County Maintenance Supervisor
Shannon Pepion explains to the Commissioners that the boilers on the 3rd floor of the building stopped working. There were also 3 radiators that were already cracked that had froze because of the cold weather and that they cannot be welded. Shannon explained how the Courthouse used to be steam so they had black plastic pipes and when they switched over, they didn't change the pipes to copper. Commissioner Bremner talks about the cost of everything and asks if Chancy Kittson, Glacier County CFO could come to the chambers so he could better explain the cost. Shannon explains that in order to switch over to steam he would have to obtain a high pressure because of the technology. Shannon also states that they would probably need 5 new boilers, 2 boilers run the jail and 3 boilers run the courthouse. All 5 boilers are 11 years old. Commissioner Overcast asks if 11 years are the boilers life expectancy. Shannon states that the inspector this year said the current boilers are at the end of their life. Shannon also talks about how he has gone through 5 heat registers, and they are about \$4,000.00 every time they are replaced. Michael Kittson, Glacier County Human Resource Director suggests taking the Commissioners downstairs after the meeting to show them the break that happened in the election office and showing them the boiler room so they can get a better understanding of what is going on. Michael Kittson and Shannon Pepion further discuss with the Commissioners about the heating issue. Shannon Pepion states that someone had suggested each floor have their own boilers. Commissioner Bremner talks about the cost of fixing the heating system possibly being \$4 million. Chancy Kittson, Glacier County CFO states that with a complete conversion of the heating system, the cost could jump to a possible \$6 million. Chancy Kittson also states that realistically it's not a good idea to do that conversion for the heating system and instead focus on getting the upgrades on our boilers, so the boilers run properly. Chancy Kittson suggests going to Stahly Engineering & Associates to get a realistic number on what the project would cost. Commissioner DesRosier talks about what the possibility would be to switching to electric heat. Commissioner Bremner thanks the Maintenance crew for everything they have been doing to get the heating problem fixed.

LeAnne Kavanagh, Pioneer Press asks Commissioner Bremner if they had signed the Technical Assistance Plan from the state that was sent last fall and is set to expire in March. Commissioner Bremner states that they are currently in negotiation with the state. Commissioner Bremner also states that the state didn't send an official document with an official seal for the DOA, it was just a sample and if you've seen an official document, I have never seen one. LeAnne Kavanagh states that at the Browning meeting Commissioner Bremner had said that she had answered all of LeAnne's questions about the audit, but LeAnne hasn't received them yet. Commissioner Bremner said he would have Chancy Kittson, Glacier County CFO resend them to LeAnne.

E. Next Meeting – Wednesday, January 5, 2022 – Cut Bank

Commissioner Overcast motions to adjourn the meeting at 9:59 a.m.; Commissioner DesRosier seconds the motion; motion carried.