

**Glacier County Commissioners
Wednesday, January 5, 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 Wednesday, January 5, 2022. Commissioners Mary Jo Bremner and John B. Overcast was present. Commissioner Michael J. DesRosier was absent. Mandi Bird Kennerly, Clerk & Recorder taking minutes.

Present at the meeting: John “Snoop” Evans, Glacier County Roads Department Head; Public, Carol Larson

Present via GoToMeeting: Brenda Schilling, Elaine, Gloria, Linda Luther

A. Roll Call

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

B. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Bremner would like to add John Evans, Glacier Roads Department Head on the agenda in place of item E. Glacier County Boiler Update. Commissioner Overcast motions to approve the changes of the agenda; Commissioner DesRosier seconds the motion; motion is carried.

C. Approval of the Minutes: 8/3 & 8/5/2021

Commissioner DesRosier motions to approve the minutes for 8/3 and 8/5/2021; Commissioner Overcast seconds the motion; motion carried.

D. Review/Sign: Payroll/Claims

<i>FUND</i>	<i>ACCOUNT</i>	<i>AMOUNT</i>
1000	General Fund	\$ 48,843.62
2110	Road Fund	\$ 6,576.91
2220	Library	\$ 98.17
2300	Public Safety (Law)	\$ 4,652.48
2850	911 Emergency (Sheriff)	\$ 544.49
2968	Chronic Disease Prevention Grant	\$ 185.76
2976	Immunization Grant	\$ 557.65
2979	Immunization Reimbursement	\$ 1,637.71
7302	West End Cemetery	\$ 3,900.00
	TOTAL CLAIMS	\$ 66,996.79
	PAYROLL	\$ 206,830.16
	TOTAL PAYROLL & CLAIMS	\$ 273,826.95

NEW BUSINESS:

E. Discussion: Glacier County Courthouse Boiler – Mary Jo Bremner, Glacier County Commission Chair

Commissioners state that this item was discussed in the previous Cut Bank meeting on January 4, 2022. Item D.

F. Discussion: Glacier County 4% Marijuana Tax – Mary Jo Bremner, Glacier County Commission Chair

Commissioner Bremner states that they had full discussion and all 3 Commissioners agreed that there should be a 3% Marijuana Tax. Commissioner Bremner explains that they need to have 2 public meetings and that they should try to get them scheduled as soon as possible. Further discussion is made between the Commissioners and how the process must go to get it put on the ballot for the 2022 Primary Election. Commissioner DesRosier suggests that the Commissioners get together with Mandi Bird Kennerly, Clerk and Recorder-Election Administrator to start the process of getting the language put together so it can go on the ballot. Mandi Bird Kennerly further explains the process on what must be done before the Commissioners can approve the 3% Marijuana Tax. Commissioner Bremner states that she thought they had already approved it in a previous meeting. Mandi Bird Kennerly reiterates that the 3% Marijuana Tax cannot be approved until the proper steps are done before hand. The 3 Commissioners talk about possible dates for the public hearings and come to an agreement to hold one during the January 11, 2022, Browning meeting and the second one during the January 20, 2022, meeting in Cut Bank. After the public meetings, Commissioner Bremner states they will get started on drafting a resolution for the 3% Marijuana Tax. Commissioner DesRosier suggests putting an AD in the paper and an announcement on the radio letting people know when and where the meetings will be held. No decisions were made on the discussion topic.

G. Discussion: East Glacier Road Conditions – John “Snoop” Evans, Glacier County Road Department Head

Commissioner Bremner starts out by saying that she had seen a claim in the previous meeting regarding the county plow hitting somebody’s car. Commissioner DesRosier states that is why John “Snoop” Evans, Glacier County Road Department Head has requested to be on the agenda for today’s meeting. Commissioner Bremner has a concern and wants to know when the resolution was made to service the streets of East Glacier and why the county doesn’t service the streets in Browning since they are an unincorporated town like East Glacier. Commissioner DesRosier explains that in East Glacier, the county owns most of the streets. Snoop would like the Commissioners to put out a public announcement letting the people of East Glacier know what days the county will be plowing the streets and to have their vehicles off the street, so no vehicles get damaged. Commissioner DesRosier states that awhile ago the county had a sit down with BIA and talked about a tradeoff. Snoop explains that the tradeoff situation fell through because BIA was not fulfilling their part of the agreement. Further discussion is made on how they could go about getting the word out to the community of East Glacier. No decisions were made on the discussion topic.

OTHER BUSINESS:

H. Public Comment

Carol Larson, Public, asks what the county would do with the 3% Marijuana Tax or what fund it would go into. Commissioner DesRosier explains that they will make those decisions they go along but initially it goes into the County’s general fund.

Carol Larson also asks if there was a new floor out in the rest home. Commissioner DesRosier states that to his knowledge they haven't paid for a new floor to be put in the rest home but also states that they have been doing some of their own maintenance and he does not recall paying for a new floor. Carol also asks if the County is still going to worry about the Care Centers roof and siding. Commissioner Bremner states that they are still working on finding someone to fix that problem.

I. Next Meeting – Tuesday, January 11, 2022 – Browning

Commissioner DesRosier makes a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:08 a.m.; Commissioner Overcast seconds the motion; motion carried.