

**Glacier County Commissioners
Tuesday, December 7, 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 Tuesday, December 7, 2021. Commissioners Mary Jo Bremner, Michael J. DesRosier, and John B. Overcast were present and Austin Parrent taking minutes.

Present at the meeting: Carol Larson, Public; LeAnne Kavanagh, Press; Tom Seifert, Glacier County Sheriff Captain; Laurie Elhard, Public; Mike Kittson, Human Resources Director; Jeri Johnson Elliott, Executive Administrative Assistant

Present via GoToMeeting: Brenda Schilling; Elaine; GCCX ADMIN; Gloria; TM

A. Roll Call

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

B. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Overcast motions to approve the December 7, 2021 agenda; Commissioner DesRosier seconds the motion; agenda approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

C. Discussion/Approval: Stonegarden (Fund 2918) Pulsar Accolade 2 LRF Pro Binocular (\$5,899.99) - Captain Tom Seifert, Glacier County Sheriff's Department

The Operation Stonegarden Grant Program (OPSG) is a Department of Homeland Security grant aimed at increasing cooperation and coordination among state, local, tribal, territorial, and federal law enforcements agencies to enhance security along the United States land and water borders. Glacier County Sheriff Captain Tom Seifert explains that \$5,994.21 of this grant can be used to purchase equipment. The Sheriff's Office intends to purchase a set of thermal binoculars priced at \$5,899.99. These binoculars have: thermal vision, night vision, video recording, photograph capabilities, global position system (G.P.S.) capabilities, and will be useful in search and rescue missions.

The Commissioners and Captain Seifert discuss the capabilities of the thermal binoculars and their potential usefulness in Glacier County Sheriff Department operations. There was additional discussion on other Public Safety grants.

Commissioner DesRosier motions to approve the equipment purchase of the Pulsar Accolade 2 LRF Pro Binoculars in the amount of \$5,899.99 out of Fund 2918 using the Operation Stonegarden Grant Program as the source of funding; Commissioner Overcast seconds the motion; motion carried.

D. CLOSED SESSION: Personnel Issue - Michael Kittson, Glacier County Human Resource Director

This portion of the meeting was closed to the public in regard to a personnel issue.

OTHER BUSINESS:

E. Public Comment

LeAnne Kavanagh, Press, asks the commission if they have any answers to her questions that she has asked from the past six or seven months. Commissioner Bremner states she will meet with Chief Financial Officer Chancy Kittson and see if she can put together a summary that will help answer some of LeAnne's questions.

LeAnne asks if Commissioner Bremner will give Human Resources Director Mike Kittson permission to release the list of Glacier County employees who received the \$1,500.00 premium pay from the American Rescue Plan Act (A.R.P.A.) funds that Glacier County received. Mike Kittson states he sent LeAnne the list via email. There is additional discussion on emails not being received between multiple parties within and outside the county. There was also mention of the ongoing email phishing attempts which are continuing even after Glacier County's email server was rebuilt following it being compromised by hackers.

F. Next Meeting - Thursday, December 9, 2021 - Cut Bank

Commissioner Overcast motions to adjourn the meeting; Commissioner DesRosier seconds the motion; meeting adjourned at 10:22 a.m.