

Glacier County Commissioners
Tuesday, February 22, 2022
Regular Meeting
Browning, MT

The Glacier County Board of Commissioners met at a regular scheduled meeting at 9:00 am Tuesday, February 22, 2022. Commissioners Mary Jo Bremner, Michael DesRosier, John B. Overcast was present.

Present at the Meeting: Jeri Johnson Elliott, Glacier County Executive Administrative Assistant; Don Wilson, Glacier County Treasurer

A. Roll Call

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

B. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Overcast motions to approve with Item C. being moved to the end of the meeting; Commissioner DesRosier seconds the motion; motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

C. Discussion/Approval: Removal of Glacier County Past Due Property Taxes – Don Wilson, Glacier County Treasurer

Don Wilson, Glacier County Treasurer states that Glacier County owns three properties that are listed for delinquent taxes. When the county took them over, they took them off the tax rolls but didn't forgive the past taxes and it affects the Glacier County Treasurer's Receivable accounts. He states that the commissioners have the authority to forgive the back taxes owed on the three properties. Treasurer Wilson is asking the commissioners to approve a resolution to forgive the taxes owed on these properties. Commissioner Bremner agrees to get a resolution written up. Commissioner Bremner also states that Glacier County does pay taxes on some properties, does Glacier County assume ownership of those properties? Treasurer Wilson explains the three properties were taken off of the tax rolls improperly and that the properties should have never been taken off the tax rolls. Lengthy discussion follows about the three properties and Treasurer Wilson explains that nothing can be done with the properties until the taxes are zeroed out. Commissioner DesRosier request that Treasurer Wilson look into a few properties he has concerns about. The first would be the Cold Feet School Property and getting it handed over to the Blackfeet Tribe for a trade-off. The second one is two or three acres that the county owns that is surrounded by land owned by Bill Powell that would allow Bill Powell access to land that he owns but can't access. The third one is two or three acres owned by the county that is located on the east end of Browning. The county designated it to Browning for a City Park. Lengthy discussion about land follows. Treasurer Wilson states that the resolution would be to remove old/delinquent taxes previous to Glacier County ownership. Treasurer Wilson gives an update on the County Treasurer's office and states that the office has made outstanding progress this year on delinquent taxes. He explains how delinquent property taxes work. Commissioner DesRosier asks Treasurer Wilson if there is anything he would like to clear the air on since communication between the Treasurer's Office and the Commissioner's hasn't been very positive. Treasurer Wilson apologizes for being volatile towards the Commissioner's and

asks the Commissioner’s for respect as he has always been very respectful towards them. Commissioner DesRosier suggest keeping the line of communication open. Commissioner Bremner suggests just keeping everything transparent. Treasurer Wilson asks the commissioners if they will request a meeting with the MT Dept of Revenue Director after this meeting. The reason is to simply assess taxes and to protest taxes that are devastating to the county and devastating to the county’s budgets. Treasurer Wilson also suggests that the commissioners start having monthly meetings with the Glacier County Department Heads. The commissioners agree.

D. Approval: Public Hearing #2: Resolution No. 2022-03 FY2021-2022 Budget Amendment – 2822 BARSAA – Glacier County Commissioners

**GLACIER COUNTY RESOLUTION
FY2021-2022 Budget Amendment – 2822 BARSAA Fuel Tax Fund
RESOLUTION No. 2022-03**

WHEREAS, the Montana Code Annotated, Section 7-6-4006(4), grants the Board of County Commissioners the power and authority to amend the budget during the fiscal year by conducting (2) public hearings at regularly scheduled meetings; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to amend its FY2021-2022 budget and increase budgeted appropriations from the BARSAA Fuel Tax Fund #2822 as set forth in this Resolution in order to fund unanticipated expenditures related to the Fund.

WHEREAS, Glacier County Commissioners identify the need to expend previously unbudgeted revenues from the BARSAA Fuel Tax Fund to provide necessary road services; the need to amend revenues and expenditures to Fund #2822.430200.459 – Other Raw Materials – as follows:

<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Prior Amount</u>	<u>New Amount</u>
2822.334040	State Aid	\$ 0.00	\$ 7,483.00
<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Prior Amount</u>	<u>New Amount</u>
2822.430200.459	Other Raw Materials	\$ 0.00	\$ 7,483.00

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Glacier County Board of Commissioners hereby amend the original FY2021-2022 budget by increasing appropriations in the amount of \$7,483.00 and directs the County Clerk & Recorder to allocate the increase to the above fund, function, and object code.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above appropriation shall become effective on February 22, 2022.

ADOPTED this 22nd day of February 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 Bremner states that the BARSAA funds will be added to the Glacier County Road Department’s budget. Commissioner Overcast asked if the county received BARSAA funds last year? Commissioner Bremner states that Glacier County did not receive funds last year but, the county did receive funds for last year and this year about three weeks ago.

Commissioner DesRosier motions to approve Resolution No. 2022-03 FY2021-2022 Budget Amendment – 2822 BARSAA; Commissioner Overcast seconds the motion; motion carried.

E. Approval: Public Hearing #2 Resolution No. 2022-04 FY2021-2022 Budget Amendment – 2220 Library – Glacier County Commissioners

**GLACIER COUNTY RESOLUTION
FY 2021-2022 Budget Amendment – 2220 Library Fund
RESOLUTION No. 2022-04**

WHEREAS, the Montana Code Annotated, Section 7-6-4006(4), grants the Board of County Commissioners the power and authority to amend the budget during the fiscal year by conducting (2) public hearings at regularly scheduled meetings; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to amend its FY2021-2022 budget and increase budgeted appropriations from the Library Fund #2220 as set forth in this Resolution in order to fund unanticipated expenditures related to the Fund.

WHEREAS, Glacier County Commissioners identified due to Unanticipated Revenue from Insurance Recovery for the Library Fund; the need to amend revenues and expenditures to Fund #2220.460100.360 – Repair & Maintenance – as follows:

<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Prior Amount</u>	<u>New Amount</u>
2220.362001	Insurance Recovery	\$ 0.00	\$ 92,643.37
<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Prior Amount</u>	<u>New Amount</u>
2220.460100.360	Repair & Maintenance	\$ 6,650.00	\$ 99,293.37

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Glacier County Board of Commissioners hereby amend the original FY2021-2022 budget by increasing appropriations in the amount of

\$92,643.37 and directs the County Clerk & Recorder to allocate the increase to the above fund, function, and object code.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above appropriation shall become effective on February 22, 2022.

ADOPTED this 22nd day of February, 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 Bremner reminds Commissioner Overcast and DesRosier that Glacier County received an insurance settlement that they will be putting into the library budget with this resolution

Commissioner Overcast motion to approve Resolution No. 2022-04 FY 2021-2022 Budget Amendment – 2220 Library Fund; Commissioner DesRosier seconds the motion; motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

F. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

G. Next Meeting – Tuesday, March 1, 2022 – Cut Bank

Commissioner DesRosier motions to adjourn at 10:09 a.m.; Commissioner Overcast seconds the motion; motion carried.