

**Glacier County Commissioners
Thursday, February 3, 2022
Regular Meeting (gotomtg)
Cut Bank, MT**

The Glacier County Board of Commissioners met at a regular scheduled meeting at 9:00 am on Thursday, February 3, 2022. Commissioner Mary Jo Bremner, John B. Overcast, and Michael J. DesRosier was present at the meeting. Austin Parrent taking minutes.

Present at the meeting: Robie Culver, Stahly Engineering; LeAnne Kavanagh, Pioneer Press; Carol Larson, and Laurie Elhard, Public

Present via GoToMeeting: Brenda Schilling, Claire Stone, Elaine, Gloria, SDC, Sanford Stone, Sarah Converse, TM

A. Roll Call

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

B. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Overcast motions to approve the agenda; Commissioner Bremner seconds the motion; motion is carried.

C. Review/Sign: Payroll/Claims

Dated for February 3, 2022

CLAIMS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT

FUND	ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
1000	General Fund	\$ 112,750.69
2110	Road Fund	\$ 11,143.28
2140	Weed Control	\$ 453.87
2180	County District Court	\$ 1,065.28
2220	Library	\$ 580.42
2230	Ambulance	\$ 1,833.76
2260	Emergency Disaster (DES)	\$ 52.37
2300	Public Safety (Law)	\$ 5,518.23
2850	911 Emergency (Sheriff)	\$ 1,045.95
2960	Health Grants - Emergency Prep	\$ 137.11
2971	Women Infants & Children (WIC)	\$ 162.36
2976	Immunization Grant	\$ 37.60
7302	West End Cemetery	\$ 4,359.87
	TOTAL CLAIMS	\$ 139,140.79
	PAYROLL	\$ 208,086.54
	TOTAL PAYROLL & CLAIMS	\$ 347,227.33

NEW BUSINESS:

D. Discussion/Approval: COVID Leave – Michael Kittson, Glacier County Human Resource Director

Michael Kittson, Glacier County Human Resources Director; explains how COVID has been affecting the employees of Glacier County and their sick leave. Mike is asking permission from the Commissioners to amend the current sick leave policy for new employees. Mike explains to the Commissioners the new policy he would like to be set in place. Commissioner Bremner asks if budgets support the new policy? Mike assures the commissioners that he is focusing on the amount of leave an employee can donate. He would like to allow employees to be able to donate 120 hours instead of only 40 hours in a year.

Commissioner DesRosier motions to allow Michael Kittson, Human Resources Director; to make the changes to the COVID Leave; Commissioner Overcast seconds the motion; motion carried.

Public Comment:

LeAnne Kavanagh, Pioneer Press: asks if the regular budget will cover the new policy set in place? Commissioner Bremner states that from their understanding, yes it should. Commissioner Bremner states they will take a recess until 11:00 a.m.

E. Discussion/Approval (11:00 a.m.): CCIP Plan – Robie Culver, Stahly Engineering & Glacier County Commissioners

Robie Culver, Stahly Engineering; talks to the Commissioners about some projects, facilities, roads, bridges, ect. Commissioner Bremner states that she would like Robie to attend the department head meeting they are planning for March 17th. Robie states that the 17th will work out fine, gives them time for a press release. Further conversation happens about what Robie will present during the department head meeting and the survey that will be given out.

F. Discussion/Approval: (11:00 a.m.): Potential ARPA Manager – Robie Culver, Stahly Engineering & John B. Overcast, Glacier County Commissioner

Robie Culver explains how the ARPA funding should be used and how Glacier County must report it. Robie also explains that the Montana Minimum Allocation Grants that came from HB632 will have to be applied for. Robie talks about what she has been doing with some other counties that she has worked with. A lengthy conversation continues about what an ARPA Manager does/helps with and what a starting cost would be. Commissioner Bremner would like to table deciding on the item until the Commissioners can read through a proposal. Robie asks what the outreach is for what the communities need with those minimum allocation funds. Chancy Kittson, Glacier County CFO; explains that three different Hutterite Colonies were the only ones to come in asking about water/sewer projects through ARPA funds. Robie explains technical assistance through Commerce and other application sources. Commissioner Bremner asks Robie to explain the infrastructure bill that is being passed by the president if she can. Commissioner Bremner hopes that the DOA and DOR do not get in the way of those funds by being subjective instead of objective. Commissioner Bremner asks for a proposal that lays everything out and to present it later.

Public Comment:

LeAnne Kavanagh, Pioneer Press; asks Robie about Stahly's involvement with the Mercantile Building? Robie states that they had drafted a recommendation of moving forward with the Mercantile Building. Further discussion is made about the process of going forward with the building.

OTHER BUSINESS:

G. Public Comment

Carol Larson, Public; asks about the water that has been collecting out at the annex and the County Attorneys building for several years now. Carol also inquires about the bathroom in the Glacier Care Center. Commissioner Bremner states that the Care Center bathroom is on the list of projects, and she states that this is the first time she has heard about the water out at the annex.

H. Next Meeting – Tuesday, February 8, 2022 – Browning

Commissioner DesRosier motions to adjourn the meeting at 11:58 a.m.; Commissioner Overcast seconds the motion; motion is carried.