

**Glacier County Commissioners
Tuesday, February 8, 2022
Regular Meeting
Browning, MT**

The Glacier County Board of Commissioners met at a regular scheduled meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 8, 2022. Commissioners Mary Jo Bremner, Michael J. DesRosier and John B. Overcast was present.

Present at the Meeting: Jeri Johnson Elliott, Glacier County Executive Administrative Assistant

A. Roll Call

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

B. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner DesRosier motions to accept the agenda with no changes; Commissioner Overcast seconds the motion; motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

C. Discussion/Approval; Glacier County 3% Marijuana Tax – Glacier County Commissioners

Commissioner Bremner gives 3 reasons as to why Glacier County should table the discussion on a 3% tax on marijuana.

1. Montana Legislature hasn't fully worked out a marijuana tax at a state level. Compared to 3 larger counties in the state of Montana, Commissioner Bremner projects Glacier County would only make \$20,000 on a marijuana tax.
2. Glacier County Commissioner's have had 3 public meetings with less than a 1% participation rate. This is not a true picture of our people supporting the tax. Commissioner Bremner states that she can produce some e-mails of community members against the marijuana tax. All in all, there is just not enough voice from Glacier County residents.
3. Glacier County Commissioner's need to conduct a study on outside communities coming into Glacier County to purchase marijuana. She states that adding a tax could open up problems that Glacier County is not ready for.

Commissioner Bremner states that the Commissioner's need to do a study on the pros/cons of a tax. Also, Glacier County Commissioner's haven't met with the Blackfeet Tribe to get their input. She states that there is a long road to go before making a decision. Commissioner DesRosier agrees that letting the Montana Legislature figure out at their level would be the safest thing to do. He also states his concern that the state is taxing medical (medicine) marijuana and that the Commissioner's need more input from the Glacier County residents. Commissioner DesRosier says that once all the little details at the state level are figured out that then Glacier County can look at a 3% tax on marijuana. All Commissioner's agree that it is wise to do more research and wait to make a decision about adding it to the November 8, 2022, ballot.

At this time Glacier County Commissioners will not approve a 3% Marijuana Tax. Commissioner DesRosier motioned to approve; Commissioner Overcast seconds the motion; motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

D. Discussion/Approval: Sell Salvage Vehicle 2019 Chevy Silverado 1500 – Glacier County Commissioner

Jeff Hoyt proposed buying a wrecked/salvaged 2019 Chevy Silverado 1500 from Glacier County for \$50.00. Tom Seifert, Glacier County Sheriff Captain; is involved and putting together the paperwork for the sale. Commissioner Bremner states Glacier County has precedents for selling small items.

Commissioner DesRosier motions to approve to sell the 2019 Chevy Silverado 1500 (salvage vehicle) to Jeff Hoyt in the amount of \$50.00; Commissioner Overcast seconds the motion; motion carried.

E. Discussion: Resolution #2022-02 FY2021-2022 Budget Amendment – 1000 General Fund – Glacier County Commissioners

Chancy Kittson, Glacier County CFO joins via phone for this item. Commissioner Bremner explains that the LinkOne Grant is just a pass-through grant, and that Glacier County is not receiving any money from the grant. Chancy Kittson explains Resolution #2022-02 FY2021-2022 Budget Amendment – 1000 General Fund and that this is the first hearing, and the resolution will be approved in the next commissioner meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS:

F. Public Comment

Commissioner Bremner suggests updating the Resolution for Glacier County Claim Form for Per diem and suggests going by MACo recommendations. Per diem Resolution has not been updated since 1998. There is only a discussion.

Commissioner Desrosier announces that he will not be running for re-election for the next term.

G. Next Meeting – Thursday, February 17, 2022 – Cut Bank

Commissioner DesRosier motions to adjourn at 9:50 a.m.; Commissioner Overcast seconds the motion; motion carried.