

**Glacier County Commissioners  
Tuesday, March 8, 2022  
Regular Meeting (GoToMeeting)  
Browning, MT**

The Glacier County Board of Commissioners met at a regular scheduled meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 8, 2022. Commissioner's Mary Jo Bremner, Mike DesRosier and John Overcast were present.

**Present at the Meeting:** Terryl Matt, Glacier County Attorney; Don Wilson, Glacier County Treasurer; Jeri Johnson Elliott, Glacier County Executive Administrative Assistant; Michael Kittson, Glacier County Human Resource Director

**A. Roll Call**

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

**B. Approval of Agenda**

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**C. Discussion/Approval: Address Browning Satellite Office Concerns (per letter from Commissioner Bremner) – Pat Schildt, Owner of Browning Satellite Office**

Pat Schildt, owner of Browning Satellite Office was unavailable. The Commissioner's suggests tabling the item and then decide to have a discussion. Commissioner Bremner states her concerns regarding a letter she sent to Pat Schildt about an 80-year-old woman who fell in the parking lot of the Glacier County Satellite Office and Commissioner Bremner is concerned because there is no handicap or elder parking available. Commissioner Bremner states the solution would be to ask Pat Schildt to move some of his vehicles further away from the building that would allow space for handicap and elder parking and to add a parking sign. They will discuss with Pat Schildt at a later date when he is available.

**D. Discussion/Approval: Resolution No. 2020-05 Cancellation of Taxes and Obligations – Don Wilson, Glacier County Treasurer**

Don Wilson, Glacier County Treasurer wrote up Resolution No. 2020-05 Cancellation of Taxes and Obligation and gave it to Commissioner's to sign. A discussion about the three (3) properties was held at a previous meeting. Commissioner Bremner stated that Elaine Mitchell, Public did question a lot that she owned. Elaine stated that she has the Bill of Sale that she owns half of the lot. Commissioner DesRosier states that the lot is recorded at the Glacier County Courthouse as Glacier County being the owner. Treasurer Wilson states that the piece of land Elaine is talking about was designated to the City of Cut Bank for a city park. Elaine claims that half of the lot still belongs to the city. Treasurer Wilson states that he researched the title, and the lot was never recorded in the City's name. It still shows being owned by Glacier County and Glacier County is being taxed for it. Commissioner Bremner asks Treasurer Wilson to bring the paperwork in so that the Commissioners can look at it. Discussion continues about a piece of land located next to the Glacier County E.M.S. building in Cut Bank, the lot was was traded to Glacier County for another piece of land in

2012. One tax I.D. number shows that Glacier County still owns it. Treasurer Wilson states that the county should have paid the taxes current before the transaction was made but they didn't. Property now has another owner with back taxes owed on it, which now makes the delinquent taxes more than the property is worth. Treasurer Wilson states the Glacier County Commissioner's do have the authority to zero-out all taxes owed on all 3 properties. Don Wilson states that Glacier County only owns 3 pieces of property that are in this situation. Lengthy discussion follows about land that Glacier County owns, and a different resolution would have to be prepared to sell some of the land/lots. All 3 Commissioner's signed Resolution No. 20225-05 Cancellation of Taxes and Obligations.

**Commissioner DesRosier motions to approve Resolution No. 2020-05 Cancellation of Taxes and Obligations; Commissioner Overcast seconds the motion; motion carried.**

**GLACIER COUNTY RESOLUTION  
Cancellation of Taxes and Obligations  
MT Code § 15-16-702  
RESOLUTION No. 2022-05**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners are the duly elected governing body for Glacier County, a political subdivision of the State of Montana; and

**WHEREAS**, Glacier County obtained three properties as a result of delinquent taxes (see attached list) that had prior year taxes due; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Montana Code Annotated (2021) 15-16-702 (2), "Cancellation of Taxes and Obligations", the Board of Glacier County Commissioners may cancel any or all of the real property taxes contained in the list.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED;** the Board of Glacier County Commissioners hereby cancels the taxes assessed prior to taking ownership under a tax deed.

**ADOPTED** this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March 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

**E. Discussion/Approval: Elected Official Meeting (Attorney) – Glacier County Commissioners**

Terryl Matt, Glacier County Attorney informs the Commissioner's that Glacier County has a new lawsuit against them. It is against the Sheriff's Department for enforcing a Tribal Court Order. Attorney Matt states that the County Attorney's Department employees are almost all part-time. Commissioner DesRosier asks about the County Attorney Department's budget. Attorney Matt commends Austin Parrent, Glacier County Deputy Claims Clerk for his quickness on getting budget reports to them every month. Commissioner DesRosier comments that he remembers a discussion about possibly hiring more staff in the County

Attorney's Office, he also states that they could look into that and possible procreate more funding if the office still needed to hire more staff. Attorney Matt states that having another deputy to help with civil cases would be nice to have. Discussion about a case the County has with the Blackfeet Indian of Health Services. Back to Budget. Attorney Matt states that they spent 55% of their budget so far this year and that her office runs into problems because there is no money set aside to hire investigators for civil matters. Discussed possibly getting some help with her budget to handle civil matters. Attorney Matt explains how her Attorney insurance is paid now and how it has been paid in the past. At the present Glacier County is paying half and she is paying half. Commissioner Bremner thanks Attorney Matt for her hard work and being available at all times to answer questions. Commissioner Bremner also states that the Blackfeet Tribe sent her a letter to meet with the Commissioners about voting locations. Commissioner Overcast states that he would rather wait to have this discussion until the Glacier County Clerk & Recorder is present to talk about voting locations as she is the Election Administrator for Glacier County. Commissioner Bremner says that the Clerk & Recorder was on the agenda once but couldn't make the meeting. Commissioner Bremner will ask the Clerk & Recorder to attend another meeting and answer questions and put her plan in writing.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**F. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**G. Next Meeting – Thursday, March 17, 2022 – Cut Bank**

Commissioner DesRosier motions to adjourn at 10:29 a.m.; Commissioner Overcast seconds the motion.