

Glacier County Commissioners
Thursday, March 17, 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, March 17, 2022. Commissioners Mary Jo Bremner, Michael J. DesRosier and, John B. Overcast was present. Austin Parrent is taking minutes.

Present at the meeting: Austin Castle, Glacier County Library Director; Kari Lewis, Glacier County MSU Extension Agent; Melissa Laverdure, Glacier County Health Department Director; Dennis Seglem, Glacier County Museum Director; Jody Hickey, Glacier County Sheriff’s Office Civil Secretary; Don Wilson, Glacier County Treasurer; Vernon “Napi” Billedeaux, Glacier County Sheriff; Michael Kittson, Glacier County Resource Director; Lanaina Upham, Glacier County DES Coordinator; Chancy Kittson, Glacier County CFO; Becky Kimmet, Glacier County Library Board.

Present via GoToMeeting: (1) Caller; AM, Berkram, Brenda Schilling, Carol Larson, Claire Stone, Elaine, Kim Stoltz, Linda Luther, Sanford Stone, TM

A. Roll Call

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

B. Approval of Agenda

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

C. Review/Sign: Payroll/Claims

Dated for March 17, 2022

CLAIMS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT

FUND	ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
1000	General Fund	\$ 36,068.31
2110	Road Fund	\$ 17,364.32
2140	Weed Control	\$ 241.95
2180	County District Court	\$ 1,709.25
2220	Library	\$ 1,306.47
2230	Ambulance	\$ 1,550.09
2250	City-County Planning	\$ 1,000.00
2260	Emergency Disaster (DES)	\$ 52.37
2300	Public Safety (Law)	\$ 22,283.18
2360	Museum	\$ 2,553.38
2410	Glacier Park Lights	\$ 529.37
2850	911 Emergency (Sheriff)	\$ 3,169.00
2976	Immunization Grant	\$ 79.00
2979	Immunization Reimbursement	\$ 1,671.86
7302	West End Cemetery	\$ 229.97
	TOTAL CLAIMS	\$ 89,808.52
	PAYROLL	\$ 197,762.19
	TOTAL PAYROLL & CLAIMS	\$ 287,570.71

NEW BUSINESS:

D. Discussion/Approval: Department Head Meeting – Glacier County Commissioners

Commissioner Bremner explains that the Commissioners would like each department head to explain how their budgets are doing and give them the chance to talk about their offices.

- Austin Castle, Glacier County Library Director; explains that his budget looks good. Austin mentions a grant that the library had received for \$10,000.00 and a grant that would provide free internet through Siyeh Communications. He also explains how the Library and the Health Department worked together to get mental health books in the Cut Bank Library and the Browning Library.
- Shannon Pepion, Glacier County Maintenance Department Head; explains all the issues all the water issues in the Court House and that they do not seem to be getting better. Shannon also explains the issues with the elevator and how hard it is to find parts to get it fixed. Commissioner DesRosier explains that they need to start investing into capital improvement. Shannon also explains that he has somebody coming in to look at the roof. Shannon explains that there are going to be a few changes with the IT and how he has put in for a few grants. Commissioner Bremner commends the maintenance department for being readily available.
- Dennis Seglem, Glacier County Museum Director; explains that he only uses his funds for payroll and utility bills, so they are at 76% with their budget. Dennis explains that the upcoming summer will be the most challenging because of their limited resources and staffing issues. Dennis also talks about some grants they are looking in to.
- Lanaina Upham, Glacier County DES Coordinator; explains that she just got back this week, so she is trying to catch up, but her budget is looking good. Lanaina discusses a grant that she is currently working on worth \$120,000.00 for EMPG. Commissioner Bremner praises Lanaina on her work and says it is a positive effect on the county.
- Chancy Kittson, Glacier County CFO; gives the overall numbers for the county. On the revenue side of the budget, Glacier County is at 40%. Chancy talks about ARPA money, Babb EMS, and the Road Department. Commissioner Bremner praises the department heads for not overspending and staying good in their budgets.
- Kari Lewis, Glacier County MSU Extension Agent; mentions that her department is at 20%. Kari is hoping to get a second person hired sooner rather than later. Kari mentions the junk cars out by the annex and wanting them to be moved. Kari also mentions that her storage is filled with old filing cabinets, desks, chairs, and other things and would like them removed. Kari talks about the grants that she has received so far and ones that she is waiting to hear back on.
- Melissa Laverdure, Glacier County Health Department Director; talks about some grants that she is working on for the health department, and some projects that would help the Health Department run better.
- John “Snoop” Evans, Glacier County Road Department Director; talks about his budget being at 60% and mentions a few grants that he is waiting to hear back on. Snoop also mentions how road materials are going up along with gas prices. Snoop continues a discussion about jurisdiction with the Commissioners.
- Michael Kittson, Glacier County Human Resource Director; talks about his budget being at 67%. Mike also talks about the new employee insurance, the Compensation

Board, how Glacier County has an excellent group of department heads, and praises Carolyn Popelka, Glacier County Payroll Clerk; he explains how he is lucky to have her in his department.

- Ron Anderson, Glacier County Sanitarian; explains what his roles and duties are. Ron does inspections, plan approvals, licensing of bars, restaurants, food stores, convenient stores, trailer courts, campgrounds. He also does the septic system program, reviews all certificate of surveys, plats for compliance with the Montana Subdivision Act. Ron also mentions he has not asked for a raise since 2018 and he will be asking for a raise on his contract this year.

E. Discussion/Approval: February 2022 Cash Report – Glacier County Commissioners

Commissioner DesRosier motions to accept the February 2022 Cash Report; Commissioner Overcast seconds the motion; motion is carried.

F. Discussion/Approval: Addition to Bank Access (Treasurer) – Don Wilson, Glacier County Treasurer

Don Wilson, Glacier County Treasurer; would like to add Louise Atole-Kaquatosh to the signers list at Stockman Bank so she can Treasurers checks.

Commissioner DesRosier motions to approve Louise getting added to the signers list at the bank; Commissioner Overcast seconds the motion; motion is carried.

G. Discussion/Approval: Montana Dept of Corrections (Annex) Office Remodel – Glacier County Commissioners

All three Commissioners agree to table this item until a later date.

H. Discussion/Approval: Glacier County Courthouse (3rd Floor) – Robert G. Olson, Glacier County District Court Judge & Kelsey McAlpine, Glacier County Court Reporter

Robert “Bob” Olson, Glacier County District Court Judge; expresses his concerns with the court room, there is mold that you can see, they are getting new leaks in the roof, and the smell is awful. Shannon states that when meets with the professional at the Browning Library, that he will ask him if he can come to the Court House to do some testing on the ceiling tiles for asbestos. Commissioner Bremner says that they will look into a temporary solution to move the court hearings to a different room until the court room is fixed. Kelsey McAlpine, Glacier County Court Reporter; states that she cannot in a room that is not set up like a court room, there are no mics, it is hard to get a good record, and people appearing on zoom is not ideal. Twila Pyette, Glacier County Clerk of District Court; suggests that the Voting Center might be an option. Carolyn Berkram, Glacier County Justice of the Peace; asks when and if they find a temporary solution for court to take place, that she be notified because her office uses the court room for jury trials as well. Kari Lewis, Glacier County MSU Extension Agent; suggests that the conference room out at the Annex might work. No decisions were made.

I. Discussion/Approval: Approve Litigation vs State of Montana – Mary Jo Bremner, Glacier County Commission Chair

Commissioner Overcast states he is concerned with going forth with the ligation before the audit is done.

Commissioner DesRosier motions to approve the Litigation vs State of Montana; Commissioner Bremner seconds the motion; motion is carried. Roll call vote; 2 for, 1 against.

J. Discussion/Approval: Grant Award/Acceptance – Vernon “Napi” Billedeaux, Glacier County Sheriff & Jody Hickey, Glacier County Sheriff Civil Secretary

Jody Hickey, Glacier County Sheriff’s Office Civil Secretary; gives a quick overview of what the Mason Moore Foundation Grant for Law Enforcement Support will be purchasing which is iPads for the last three patrol vehicles that need them.

Commissioner DesRosier motions to approve the Mason Moore Foundation Grant; Commissioner Overcast seconds the motion; motion is carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

K. Public Comment

Becky Kimmet, Glacier County Library Board; has a discussion with Commissioner Bremner about ARPA funds and if there is a form to fill to request those funds.

L. Next Meeting – Monday, March 21, 2022 – Cut Bank

Commissioner DesRosier motions to adjourn the meeting at 11:55 a.m.; Commissioner Overcast seconds the motion; motion is carried.