

**Glacier County Commissioners
Tuesday, April 26, 2022
Regular Meeting
Browning, MT**

The Glacier County Board of Commissioners met at a regular scheduled meeting at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 26, 2022. Commissioners Mary Jo Bremner, Michael J. DesRosier and John B. Overcast was present.

Present at the Meeting: Mike Wikstrom, East Glacier Volunteer Fire Department; Regina Rink, Public; Jackie Conway, West End Cemetery Board Member; Michael Kittson, Glacier County Human Resource Director; Nick Whitcomb, West End Cemetery Sexton

A. Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 9:03 a.m.

B. Approval of Agenda

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

NEW BUSINESS:

C. Discussion/Approval: Support for Badger Two Medicine – Glacier County Commissioners

It is discussed that there is a lot of support from different entities. They would like support from the County, Tribe and two State Senators. It is decided that the county will send a letter of support for the Badger Two Medicine. The commissioners discuss that they would like the county attorney to approve the letter of support before it is sent out.

Regina Rink, Public was present and Commissioner Bremner asked if she had any comment since she is the new President. Regina states that no she didn't have a comment, but she just wanted to see what was presented. They are just concerned with the protection and states that the forest service doesn't always protect everything.

Commissioner DesRosier motions to send a letter of support for the Badger Two Medicine; Commissioner Overcast seconds the motion; motion carried.

D. Discussion/Approval: Fire Marshall Training – Glacier County Commissioners

There is a general discussion with the Commissioners, Shannon Pepion, Glacier County Maintenance Supervisor, Mike Wikstrom, EG VFD Chief and the public on the Fire Marshall for Glacier County. There was a question regarding jurisdiction within the Blackfeet Reservation boundaries. Questions could be referred to Disaster & Emergency Services to research. No decision was made.

E. Discussion/Approval: West End Cemetery – Glacier County Commissioners

The Commissioners and Jackie Conway, West End Cemetery Board Member had a constructive discussion on the matters of the West End Cemetery. They discussed a contract for the payment of wages/expenses with Glacier County/West End Cemetery in a request

from the current auditors WIPFLI. They discuss the state of the grave damage where insurance will not pay for the repair, the trash issue at the cemetery, the backhoe still needs repair, the county has 4ft of fence that we can donate to the cemetery and the expansion of the cemetery.

F. Discussion: Mental Health – Mary Jo Bremner, Glacier County Commissioner

Commissioner Bremner was at Blackfeet Community College for Earth Day and she stopped at the booth with Mental Health Issues. She would like to know what Glacier County can do to give them money along with Crystal Creek. They deal with Veteran suicide and Youth suicide. Commissioner Overcast who is on the Center for Mental Health Board will ask at the next board meeting.

G. CLOSED SESSION: Personnel Issue – Michael Kittson, Glacier County Human Resource Director

The minutes to this meeting were sealed and are being held at the Glacier County Attorney's office.

OTHER BUSINESS:

H. Public Comment

Jackie Conway, Public asks if there is any talk of moving the Browning Library to the new Browning Satellite Office? Commissioner Bremner states “No.” There is discussion on the condition of the current Browning Library.

Mike Wikstrom, East Glacier VFD states that he is needing the approval from the Commissioners for the DNRC grant he applies for every year. They will be focusing on seven fire hydrants that are not working in East Glacier with the funds this year.

I. Next Meeting – Thursday, April 14, 2022 – Cut Bank

Commissioner DesRosier motions to adjourn at 12:30 p.m.; Commissioner Overcast seconds the motion; motion carried.