

Glacier County Commissioners
Tuesday, May 24, 2022
Regular Meeting
Browning, MT

The Glacier County Board of Commissioners met at a regular scheduled meeting at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, May 24, 2022. Commissioners Mary Jo Bremner and John B. Overcast were present. Commissioner Michael J. DesRosier was absent.

Present at the Meeting: Shannon Chamberlain, MACo Property & Casualty Trust Administrator; Travis Clark & Jake Gustafson, Leavitt Group Insurance; Michael Kittson, Glacier County Human Resource Director; Maurice Redhorn & Tom Seifert, Glacier County Sheriff's Department; Claire Stone, Glacier County Library Board Member; Vananda Yazzie, Glacier County Browning Library Branch Manager

A. Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

B. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Bremner would like an amendment added to item G: to add in the Glacier County Road Department with the Sheriff's Office.

Commissioner Overcast motions to approve the agenda with the addition above;

Commissioner Bremner seconds the motion; motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

C. Discussion/Approval: Glacier County Insurance Renewal – Shannon Chamberlain, MACo & Leavitt Group

Shannon Chamberlain, MACo Property & Casualty Trust Administrator states that she will go through the 2022-2023 Insurance Renewal document to the commissioners. They had a general discussion on the renewal that included that the rates would increase this year.

Shannon went through the following items from the MACo Property & Casualty Trust 2022-2023 Renewal Meeting Agenda:

1. Excess and Reinsurance Market Analysis
 - Claims Analysis – Law Enforcement, Wind & Hail
 - Liability, Property, B&M, F&C, Terrorism, Cyber Liability
2. 2022-2023 Contribution compared to 2021-2022
3. Claims Review
4. Liability & Property Coverage Documents
 - Language Changes
 - Cyber Liability
5. Property Appraisals
6. Risk Management
7. Property Schedule Acknowledgement Form

Travis Clark & Jake Gustafson, Leavitt Group Insurance were present to go through the Glacier County Claims Review.

D. Discussion/Approval: Glacier County Claims Review – Leavitt Group

This item was covered in item C: with MACo. But they will get on another agenda to do another update. Claire Stone, Public asked if they were going to do a claims update as she wanted to be present for the meeting to talk about the Browning Library claims. Commissioner Bremner states that they are going to do an update on a future agenda.

E. Discussion/Approval: Use of Blackfeet Housing Backhoe (West End Cemetery) – Shawn Kipp, Blackfeet Housing Heavy Equipment Supervisor

This item was tabled to a future agenda.

F. Discussion/Approval: 2022 Charging Home Stampede 4-H Fair Contribution (\$5,000.00) – Glacier County Commissioners/Verna Billedeaux, MSU Blackfeet Extension

This item was tabled to a future agenda.

G. Discussion/Approval: Purchase (5) Glacier County Sheriff Patrol Vehicles – Vernon “Napi” Billedeaux, Glacier County Sheriff/Maurice Redhorn, Glacier County Undersheriff (added to the agenda in item B: to include the Glacier County Road Department)

Commissioner Bremner introduces Maurice Redhorn, Undersheriff & Tom Seifert, Captain of the Glacier County Sheriff’s Department for this item. Michael Kittson, Glacier County Human Resource Director reminds Commissioner Bremner that they also added the Glacier County Road Department to this item on the agenda. Tom Seifert explains that they have several vehicles limping along and (6) vehicles with over 100k miles. We talked with Chancy Kittson, Glacier County CFO & Michael Kittson, Glacier County Human Resource Director on how we would need to get replacements. He mentions that John “Snoop” Evans, Glacier County Road Supervisor was also a big part of trying to figure out how we could afford to do this. He states that Chancy & Michael did all the leg work into finding a way into getting this done through the State of Montana’s Procurement Program and it’s a tremendous discount to use this program. We would be bound to purchase Ford vehicles, but this will work as we have a local ford garage here. He talks about the additional cost of outfitting the vehicles, but we found a company in Bozeman that will be able to meet the state requirements for the outfitting. Five completely equipped police vehicles will cost \$20,000 to outfit the vehicle, but the total purchase price would be \$58,001.60 per vehicle. This program allows the county to finance the vehicles. Commissioner Bremner asks if we’ve always bought them as a fleet? Seifert explains that they’ve always just bought one vehicle in each fiscal year if they had the funding. Michael Kittson, Glacier County Human Resource Director explains how he and Chancy found this program. There was a general discussion on the Glacier County Road Department getting new vehicles as well with this same program. They have also been limping along with vehicles. Commissioner Bremner states that she is comfortable with where our finances are, and she is in favor of accomplishing this for the Glacier County Sheriff & Road Department.

Commissioner Overcast motions to go forward with working on Glacier County Sheriff Department financing (5) vehicles through Ford Motor Credit using the State of

Montana Procurement MOU that includes Glacier County; Commissioner Bremner seconds the motion; motion carried.

Commissioner Overcast motions to move forward with the financing process for the Glacier County Road Department to get new vehicles for their fleet; Commissioner Bremner seconds the motion; motion carried.

H. Discussion: Public Hearing #1: Resolution No. 2022-13 FY2021-2022 Budget Amendment – 2283 Hospital/Nursing Home & Resolution No. 2022-14 FY2021-2022 Budget Amendment – 2921 SVOR Fund – Chancy Kittson, Glacier County CFO (approval on 5-26-2022)

Commissioner Bremner presented two resolutions for budget amendments that will need two public hearings before approval. This is the meeting to present the resolutions and approve on 5/26/2022. Resolution No. 2022-13 is for an unanticipated increased expenditure to fund the FY2022 IGT Services and Resolution No. 2022-14 is to increase the budget due to unanticipated grant revenue.

OTHER BUSINESS:

I. Public Comment

Claire Stone, Glacier County Library Board Member inquired to see if the commissioners were aware that with the Browning Library being closed for the last two years that we are out of compliance with the State Library Standards. I think an important thing that people need to know is that we're not able to be open enough hours to provide the services for the population of our size and it will impact the grants and funding for our Library's of the county if it's not opened soon.

J. Next Meeting – Thursday, May 26, 2022 – Cut Bank

Commissioner Overcast motions to adjourn the meeting at 10:31 a.m.; Commissioner Bremner seconds the motion; motion carried.