

**Glacier County Commissioners
Monday, September 19, 2022
Regular Meeting (GoToMeeting)
Cut Bank, MT**

The Glacier County Board of Commissioners met at a regularly scheduled meeting at 9:00 a.m. Monday, September 19, 2022. Commissioners Mary Jo Bremner & John B. Overcast were present. Commissioner Michael J. DesRosier was present via cell phone. Mandi Bird Kennerly taking minutes.

Present at the meeting: Linda Burley, City of Cut Bank Clerk/Treasurer; Carol Larson & Laurie Elhard, Public; Melissa Laverdure, Glacier County Health Director; Lisa Terry, Glacier County MSU-Extension Agent; Terryl Matt, Glacier County Attorney

Present via GoToMeeting: (2) Callers; Brenda Schilling; Elaine; JM; Jody Hickey; Kimberly Winchell; Linda Luther; Sanford Stone; Susan Brurud

A. Roll Call

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

B. Approval of Agenda

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

NEW BUSINESS:

C. Discussion/Approval: Appoint Special Prosecutor – Terryl Matt, Glacier County Attorney

Terryl Matt, Glacier County Attorney states that she will need approval from the commissioners to appoint special counsel in a case that was filed this week in her office. She states that it will be no expense to the county unless there were to be a jury trial. She also states that this is the first case that she’s had to refer to the Montana Attorney General’s office.

Commissioner Overcast motions to Appoint a Special Prosecutor; Commisisoner Bremner seconds the motion; motion carried.

D. Discussion/Approval: CDPHP Contract FY2022-2023 – Melissa Laverdure, Glacier County Health Director

Melissa Laverdure, Glacier County Health Director is present to explain the CDPHP (Montana Cancer Control Programs, Montana Diabetes Prevention Program, Montana Tobacco Use Prevention Program, Montana Healthy Living Program and Montana CONNECT Program) Contract for FY2022-2023. The term of the agreement runs from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 with no changes to the grant from last year. The total awarded through the grant will be \$9,000.00.

Commissioner Overcast motions to approve the FY2022-2023 CDPHP Program Sub-contractor Agreement (7/1/2022-6/30/2023); Commissioner DesRosier seconds the motion; motion carried.

E. Discussion/Approval: Bridgercare’s Montana Family Planning Project – Melissa Laverdure, Glacier County Health Director

Melissa Laverdure, Glacier County Health Director explains that this is a new grant to implement Bridgercare’s Title X project (“Montana Family Planning”), but is in conjunction with the family planning grant. It is a subrecipient agreement that runs from October 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023 in the amount of \$10,000.00 to start with and may change in the future, but it is to be spent toward on-boarding of staff.

Commissioner Overcast motions to approve the Bridgercare’s Montana Family Planning Project (10/1/22-3/31/23); Commissioner DesRosier seconds the motion; motion carried.

F. Discussion/Approval: Glacier County MSU Extension FY2022-2023 Contract – Kari Lewis, Glacier County MSU Extension Director

Lisa Terry, Glacier County MSU Extension Agent is present to get approval of the FY2023 Extension Services Agreement between Montana State University Extension & Glacier County which will be from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. The total for county funding will be \$87,815.08.

Commissioner Overcast motions to approve the FY2023 Extention Services Agreement between Montana State University and Glacier County; Commissioner DesRosier seconds the motion; motion carried.

G. Discussion/Approval: Refund of Overpaid Taxes – Merle Shortman, Public

Commissioner Bremner states that they had added this as an agenda item on Thursday, September 15, 2023 without 48 hour notice to the public. We did the approval during that meeting, see the following from the minutes of Thursday, September 15, 2023:

Merle Shortman, Public, and Treasurer Don Wilson present to the commissioners an overpaid tax amount of \$2,171.00 from years 2011, 2012, 2013, and 2014 due to an error on the Department of Revenue’s end which caused a building to continually be assessed towards the value of a property owned by Merle which had previously been torn down in 2011. The Department of Revenue did not update the assessed value and continually taxed him for the full amount for a building that no longer existed. Glacier County can deduct the distributed taxed amounts, the portions of which came from Merle’s overpaid taxes to a refund fund, which can then be disbursed through a treasurer’s check. Treasurer Wilson recommends that Glacier County issue Merle Shortman a full refund for his overpaid taxes in the amount of \$2,171.00.

Commissioner Overcast motions to approve the \$2,171.00 treasurer’s check to Merle Shortman for overpaid taxes; Commissioner Bremner seconds the motion; motion carried.

Commissioner Overcast motions to refund Merle Shortman a/k/a M&M Iron & Recycling overpaid taxes in the amount of \$2,171.00; Commissioner DesRosier seconds the motion; motion carried.

H. Discussion/Approval: Resolution No. 2022-21 Distribution of Glacier County Minimum Allocation Grant for Water and Sewer Infrastructure Projects – Glacier County Commissioners

Commissioner Bremner begins by explaining Resolution No. 2022-21 Distribution of Glacier County Minimum Allocation Grant for Water and Sewer Infrastructure Projects and that it is complicated as to who and how it is spent. It is explained by Susan Brurud, Montana Department of Commerce ARPA Program Specialist that the funds came from the federal government, but they are State of Montana funds now. It is explained that when the county was trying to share these funds with different entities some had not received the Local Fiscal Recovery Funds and this would disqualify them from these funds. If the county were to allocate the funds to anyone outside a municipality the county would need to keep track of and make sure that the funds were spent properly. It is now available to give to municipalities and then the responsibility is then on them and not the county. Glacier County has decided to allocate the \$1,047,584.00 to the City of Cut Bank.

**GLACIER COUNTY RESOLUTION
RESOLUTION NO. 2022-21**

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING AUTHORITY FOR DISTRIBUTION OF GLACIER COUNTY MINIMUM ALLOCATION GRANTS FOR WATER AND SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

WHEREAS, Section 4 of Chapter 401 of the Montana Session Laws of 2021 through House Bill 632 Section 4 allocated the amount of \$150 million of the coronavirus state fiscal recovery funds to be used to provide minimum allocation grants for water and sewer infrastructure projects eligible for funding under the American Rescue Plan;

WHEREAS, the amount a local government is eligible to receive in water and sewer infrastructure grants under this section is in the same proportion and using the same ratios provided for in 15-70-101 (2)(b), (2)(c), and (3) giving County a minimum allocation of \$1,047,584.00;

WHEREAS, HB 632 Section 4 requires that a local government, submit an application for a qualifying water or sewer infrastructure project that complies with the uses authorized for the coronavirus state and fiscal funds and pledge matching funds;

WHEREAS, Montana’s counties do not generally own or operate water and sewer infrastructure;

WHEREAS, grant funds must be applied for by November 1, 2022 and awarded or in a pending status by January 1, 2023;

WHEREAS, because counties generally do not own water and sewer infrastructure, HB 632 Section 4 allocated grant funds for qualifying water or sewer infrastructure projects within the counties for which it was allocated, but that any local government eligible to receive minimum allocation funds under HB 632 Section 4 could apply for and pledge matching funds for the county's proportion;

WHEREAS, City of Cut Bank is a local government as defined in HB 632 Section 4 and has committed to request the funds by November 1, 2022, if the county's allocation made eligible to them and the county has determined this to be a priority use of the allocated funds.

THEREFORE, NOW BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Glacier County has determined that the proposed project is eligible as a minimum allocation project and is a high priority within the county and;
2. By this resolution, Glacier County requests the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation allow, through its developed application and distribution processes, City of Cut Bank \$1,047,584.00 of its share of the allocated Minimum Allocation funds for the Replacement of the City of Cut Bank Watertank.

ADOPTED this 19th day of September, 2022.

ATTEST:

GLACIER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

/s/ Mandi Bird Kennerly, Clerk & Recorder

/s/ Mary Jo Bremner, Chair

/s/ Michael J. DesRosier, Vice-Chairman

/s/ John B. Overcast, Member

Commissioner Overcast motions to approve Resolution No. 2022-21 Distribution of Glacier County Minimum Allocation Grant for Water and Sewer Infrastructure Projects; Commisisoner DesRosier seconds the motion; motion carried.

I. Approval: Cancel 9/27/2022 Browning Commissioner Meeting due to no quorum (MACo Annual Conference Attendance) – Glacier County Commissioners

The commissioners state that the Tuesday, September 27, 2022 commissioner meeting in Browning will be cancelled due to Commissioner DesRosier being Out-of-State and Commissioner Overcast being at the MACo Annal Conference.

Commissioner Overcast motions to cancel the Tuesday, September 27, 2022 Browning commissioner meeting; Commissioner DesRosier seconds the motion; motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

J. Public Comment

Commissioner Bremner makes a comment about the last public meeting and FOIA.

Kim Winchell, City of Cut Bank Mayor makes a comment regarding the Glacier County Minimum Allocation Grant for Water and Sewer Infrastructure Projects.

Laurie Elhard, Public make a public comment on the meetings.

K. Next Meeting – Tuesday, September 27, 2022 – Browning (CANCELLED)

Commissioner Overcast motions to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 a.m.; Commissioner Bremner seconds the motion; motion carried.