

Glacier County Commissioners
Tuesday, January 3, 2023
Regular Meeting
Cut Bank, MT

The Glacier County Board of Commissioners met at a regularly scheduled meeting at 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, January 3, 2023. Commissioners Mary Jo Bremner, Vernon “Napi” Billedeaux and John B. Overcast were present. Mandi Bird Kennerly & Rachel Fenner taking minutes.

Present at the meeting: Laurie Elhard, Elaine Mitchell and Carol Larson, Public; Michael Kittson, Glacier County Human Resource Director; Chancy Kittson, Glacier County CFO

Present via GoToMeeting: (1) Caller; Brenda Schilling; Gloria; Kristi Rowell; Linda Luther; Wendy Soulek; [Waiting for name]

A. Roll Call

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

B. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Bremner states that they will need to add an agenda item to the end of new business for approval of Glacier County to go from .org to .gov.

Commissioner Overcast motions to approve the agenda with the change of adding an approval of Glacier County going from .org to .gov at the end of the new business on the agenda; Commissioner Billedeaux seconds the motion; motion carried.

C. Approval of Minutes: 7/5, 7/7, 7/12, 7/18, 7/21, 7/26 & 7/27/2022

Commissioner Overcast motions to approve 7/5, 7/7, 7/12, 7/18, 7/21, 7/26 & 7/27/2022 minutes with changes; Commissioner Billedeaux seconds the motion; motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

D. Discussion/Approval: Appointing a Commissioner Chairman 2023 – Glacier County Commissioners

The commissioners have a discussion on who will be the new commissioner chair and Vice-Chair for 2023. After discussion the decision is as follows:

Commissioner Billedeaux motions to nominate Commissioner Bremner for the Commissioner Chair position; Commissioner Overcast motions to nominate Commissioner Overcast; Commissioner Bremner motions to nominate Commissioner Bremner; motion carried that Commissioner Bremner will be resuming the Commissioner Chair position for the 2023 year.

Commissioner Overcast motions to nominate Commissioner Overcast for the Commissioner Vice-Chair position; Commissioner Billedeaux motions to nominate Commissioner Billedeaux; Commissioner Bremner motions to nominate Commissioner Billedeaux; motion carried that Commissioner Billedeaux will be the Commissioner Vice-Chair for the 2023 year.

E. Discussion/Approval: Support for Nursing Home Op-ed – Mary Jo Bremner, Glacier County Commissioner

Commissioner Bremner explains that they received an email from Gallatin County Commissioner Zach Brown along with Commissioners from Valley County, Madison County, Roosevelt County and Wibaux County asking for Glacier County’s support in the 2023 Legislature to fix the rate reimbursement for nursing homes. We have put this item on the agenda to inform the public that all three are in support of the Nursing Home Op-ed letter being presented to the 2023 Legislature.

F. Discussion/Approval: Glacier County EMS Billing Write-Off’s – Chancy Kittson, Glacier County CFO

Chancy Kittson, Glacier County CFO is present to request approval from the commissioners to write off \$249,168.60 from the Glacier County EMS Billing Accounts Receivable. He explains that \$177,407.49 is from Third-Party Accounts Receivable and \$71,761.11 is a result of Untimely Billing during the timeframe of October 2019 through August 2020. According to the Accounting Policy pg. 14 Credits and Other Adjustments to Accounts Receivable a request will be presented to the Glacier County Board of Commissioners for approval.

Commissioner Overcast motions to approve the Glacier County EMS Billing Write-Off in the amount of \$177,407.49 + \$71,761.11 for a total of \$249,168.60 effective June 30, 2022; Commissioner Billedeaux seconds the motion; motion carried.

G. Discussion/Approval: Resolution No. 2023-01 2023 Annual Commission Meeting Schedule – Glacier County Commissioners

**GLACIER COUNTY RESOLUTION
2023 ANNUAL COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE
Resolution No. 2023-01**

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

WHEREAS, the Board convenes to conduct Glacier County business in the Glacier County Courthouse Commission Chambers, on the first Tuesday of each month, the third Monday of each month, and every other Thursday to sign payroll and claims; Glacier County Satellite Office - Browning conference room the second and fourth Tuesday of each month; and during the summer months (May-August) every 4th Wednesday alternating between the Babb Fire Hall and East Glacier Women’s Club beginning in East Glacier in May; and

WHEREAS, agendas for each meeting will be published in accordance with MCA 2-3-103 for the attached meeting dates, labeled “EXHIBIT A”.

WHEREAS, Glacier County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to be present in chambers outside of the regular meeting schedule to perform administration duties; i.e. answer emails, go thru mail, sign documents, etc.,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Glacier County Commissioners has established the following list of dates for public meetings, attached as “EXHIBIT A”, to conduct Glacier County business.

ADOPTED: this 3rd day of January, 2023.

ATTEST:

GLACIER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

/s/ Mandi Bird Kennerly, Clerk & Recorder

/s/ Mary Jo Bremner, Chair

/s/ Vernon “Napi” Billedeaux, Vice-Chair

/s/ John B. Overcast, Member

Commissioner Overcast motions to approve Resolution No. 2023-01 2023 Annual Commission Meeting Schedule; Commissioner Billedeaux seconds the motion; motion carried.

H. Discussion/Approval: Glacier Care Center/Lantis – Glacier County Commissioners
Michael Kittson, Glacier County Human Resource Director is present to talk about this item. He explains that Foundation Healthcare Services from Washington will be moving forward with taking over the Glacier Care Center contract. The Lantis contract ends on January 30, 2023, but Foundation is not licensed in the State of Montana and they are working on getting the license. Lantis is willing to extend the end of their lease for \$50,000.00 from Glacier County to continue providing services until Foundation is licensed and ready to take over. But, if it is not provided Lantis will pull out and leave. Kittson explains that he will try to get Foundation, Lantis and the State of Montana Department of Public Health & Human Services on a phone call to talk about the situation and find a resolve. It is decided that this is what will be done.

I. ADDITION TO THE AGENDA: Discussion/Approval: Glacier County to go from .org to .gov – Glacier County Commissioners
Commissioner Bremner explains that Glacier County will be moving their emails from a .org extension to .gov extension due to a cybersecurity assessment recommendation. In the past .gov came with a high price, but now .gov is free and more secure due to government’s having tighter regulations. It is in the best interest of Glacier County to proceed and go forward with the change. Judd Milender, Glacier County DES and Jason Canney, Preferred IT Systems are heading up the project.

Commissioner Overcast motions to approve the change of Glacier County going from .org to .gov; Commissioner Billedeaux seconds the motion; motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

J. Public Comment

Elaine Mitchell, Public commented.

Carol Larson, Public commented.

K. Next Meeting – Thursday, January 5, 2023 – Cut Bank

Commissioner Overcast motions to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 a.m.; Commissioner Billedeaux seconds the motion; motion carried.