

**Glacier County Commissioners**  
**Monday, October 17, 2022**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Cut Bank, MT**

The Glacier County Board of Commissioners met at a regular scheduled meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, October 17, 2022. Commissioners Mary Jo Bremner and John B. Overcast were present. Commissioner Michael J. DesRosier was absent and Austin Parrent taking minutes.

**Present at the meeting:** Carol Larson, Public; Becky Kimmet, Glacier County Library Board Member

**Present via GoToMeeting:** (1) caller; Brenda Schilling; Gloria; Linda

**A. Roll Call**

Meeting 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: Project Working Session**

Commissioner Bremner discusses the Glacier County Cash Reconciliations no longer needing to be submitted to the State of Montana due to the clean audit for Fiscal Year 2021-2022. There is additional discussion on the State of Montana guidelines changing for Glacier County.

Commissioner Bremner mentions that Maintenance Department Head Shannon Pepion sent out three notifications for bid for the new Glacier County Satellite Office to start being worked on. They sent out bids for cement work in front of the building, setting up the inside of the building with countertops, bathroom, and floor work, and for an HVAC (Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning) system. They already have four bids that have been received which will be presented publicly at a later commissioner meeting.

Commissioner Bremner states that as American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) money utilization is being finalized throughout the state, the U.S. Department of Treasury is winding down and closing their ARPA offices. Since Glacier County's ARPA case is still open, they have given the case numbers to Glacier County and would like Glacier County to keep in contact via emails. She also mentions that all counties within the United States of America had the option to apply for additional ARPA funding capped as a percentage of the Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILT) funds that were received for that year. Glacier County Chief Financial Officer Chancy Kittson is applying for that funding which is approximately \$1,100.00.

Commissioner Bremner talks about the Glacier Care Center Nursing Home needing a new roof. She mentions that Five Star Roofing LLC have looked at the roof and have come up

with a solution, but due to weather conditions would be unable to do the roof repair until spring of 2023. She states that a letter from a lawyer was received on behalf of Glacier Care Center stating that the roof is Glacier County's responsibility to fix. Commissioner Bremner would like to have Glacier County Attorney Terryl Matt write a letter stating that Glacier County is not being negligent in its duties to the Glacier Care Center Nursing Home but is instead following the timeline given by the roofing contractor. Commissioner Bremner states that a legal discussion will need to be had in a closed session at a later commissioner meeting on the topic. She would like to fix the Glacier Care Center roof. There is additional discussion on the previous subcontractors' liability for not maintaining the Glacier Care Center building. There is discussion on the statute of limitations regarding the pursuit of legal action against those subcontractors.

Commissioner Overcast would like to look into an agreement where Glacier County can take a percentage of the profits that the Glacier Care Center makes to help offset Glacier County's costs for insuring and maintaining the building. He states that other counties do similar arrangements with their nursing homes, and he would like to investigate the possibility of Glacier County doing the same with the Glacier Care Center. He is also concerned about the roof not lasting until spring of 2023 when the roofing contractor said they would be able to fully repair it. He would like to get a temporary solution in place which will hold the building over in the meantime. Commissioner Bremner and Commissioner Overcast discuss renegotiating the contract between Glacier County and Glacier Care Center which ends in 2026.

**D. Discussion: Community Issues**

There were no community issues presented.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**E. Public Comment**

Becky Kimmet, Glacier County Library Board Member, states that they have received the engineering report for the Browning Library and the library board members are still reviewing it. The Cut Bank Library has a broken window and maintenance department head Shannon Pepion is repairing it. It is also mentioned that the Cut Bank Library roof has been looked at by Five Star Roofing LLC, but the library board is still waiting for the report.

Carol Larson, Public, asks if Tom Rodgers of Carlyle Consulting is getting paid \$5,000.00 per month for his consulting services. Carol also asks how much money is left out of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. Commissioner Bremner states that questions will need to be submitted in advance of public comment and asks Carol to submit her questions in writing so that she can obtain the answers for her.

**F. Next Meeting – Tuesday, October 25, 2022 – Browning**

Commissioner Overcast motions to adjourn the meeting; Commissioner Bremner seconds the motion; meeting adjourned at 9:27 a.m.