

**Glacier County Commissioners
Tuesday, November 1, 2022
Regular Meeting
Cut Bank, MT**

The Glacier County Board of Commissioners met at a regularly scheduled meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 1, 2022. Commissioners Mary Jo Bremner and John B. Overcast were present. Commissioner Michael J. DesRosier was present via cell phone. Austin Parrent taking minutes.

Present at the meeting: Laurie Elhard, Carol Larson & Linda Luther, Public; John “Snoop” Evans & Jimmy Racine, Glacier County Road Department Supervisor & Weed Supervisor; Michael Kittson, Glacier County Human Resource Director; Cherie Taylor, Logan Health Cut Bank President

Present via GoToMeeting: (1) Caller; Brenda Schilling

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: Road Crusher Repairs – John “Snoop” Evans, Glacier County Road Supervisor

John “Snoop” Evans, Glacier County Road Supervisor is present and explains that the crusher is in need of repairs. I was able to get a quote from Modern Machinery of \$10,800.00 which requires me to get prior approval from the commissioners. The commissioners asked if he should try to get another bid. Snoop explained that due to the age of the crusher it’s difficult to find anyone to work on it. The commissioners decide that they will leave the repair in Snoop’s hands to decide what’s best.

**Commissioner Overcast motions to allow the repairs of the road crusher;
Commissioner DesRosier seconds the motion; motion carried.**

D. Discussion: Glacier County Weed Department Updates – Jimmy Racine, Glacier County Weed Department Supervisor

Jimmy Racine, Glacier County Weed Supervisor is present to give a Glacier County Weed Department update. He states that the Blackfeet Tribe now has a weed department & they do have a coordinator now as well. I wanted to talk about trying to set up an MOA with the Blackfeet Tribe so that they can partner up with us to take care of the rights-of-ways within the Glacier County & Blackfeet Reservation boundaries. He presents a drafted MOU that he had sent to Terryl Matt, Glacier County Attorney but he hasn’t heard back from her yet. He wanted to get it presented to the commissioners so that they are aware of what is going on.

The goal at the end of the day is that the Blackfeet Tribe would like to contract with us to spray some of their rights-of-ways. He states that there is a grant that the tribe received for noxious weeds in the amount of \$75,000.00 and they apply every year. Also, they were awarded more this past spring. He doesn't have the equipment to get the job done, so we wanted to get this MOU in place so that we can devise a contract to do this service. Jimmy also talks about the weed board and he's not sure how many years ago this happened; but it dissolved and the commissioners at some point became the weed board. With this being said we don't qualify for the Noxious Weed Trust Fund due to the lack of a 2-year audit on the weed board and not being active for the past years. So, if the commissioners resign from the board and appoint a new weed board so that we can get funds from the State on the Noxious Weed Trust Fund Grant Funding. John "Snoop" Evans states that he would like to be one of the three weed board members. There is talk about creating the bi-laws and application packet. Jimmy talks about the weed department budget and what can be used to fund it. There is a discussion on the budget with Jimmy, John "Snoop" Evans, Michael Kittson and the commissioners. The only decision made is that they will work on getting the MOU reviewed by legal and get it in place for additional funding.

E. Discussion/Approval: Resolution No. 2022-24 Supporting Operation Green Light for Veteran's – Glacier County Commissioners

Michael Kittson, Glacier County Human Resource Director is present Resolution No. 2022-24 Supporting Operation Green Light for Veteran's and to state his support/approval for putting the resolution in place. The commissioners all state that they are in huge support of the veteran's and will gladly sign the resolution into place.

Commissioner DesRosier motions to approve Resolution No. 2022-24 Supporting Operation Green Light for Veterans; Commissioner Overcast seconds the motion; motion carried.

**GLACIER COUNTY RESOLUTION
Supporting Operation Green Light for Veterans
RESOLUTION No. 2022-24**

WHEREAS, the residents of Glacier County have great respect, admiration, and the utmost gratitude for all of the men and women who have selflessly served our country and this community in the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, the contributions and sacrifices of the men and women who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by our citizens; and

WHEREAS, Glacier County seeks to honor these individuals who have paid the high price for freedom by placing themselves in harm's way for the good of all; and

WHEREAS, Veterans continue to serve our community in the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, religious groups, civil service, and by functioning as County Veteran Service Officers in 29 states to help fellow former service members access more than \$52 billion in federal health, disability and compensation benefits each year; and

WHEREAS, Approximately 200,000 service members transition to civilian communities annually; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 20 percent increase of service members will transition to civilian life in the near future; and

WHEREAS, studies indicate that 44-72 percent of service members experience high levels of stress during transition from military to civilian life; and

WHEREAS, Active Military Service Members transitioning from military service are at a high risk for suicide during their first year after military service; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Counties encourages all counties, parishes and boroughs to recognize Operation Green Light for Veterans; and

WHEREAS, the Glacier County appreciates the sacrifices of our United State Military Personnel and believes specific recognition should be granted; therefore be it

RESOLVED, with designation as a Green Light for Veterans County, Glacier County hereby declares from October through Veterans Day, November 11th 2022 a time to salute and honor the service and sacrifice of our men and women in uniform transitioning from Active Service; therefore, be it further

RESOLVED, that in observance of Operation Green Light, Glacier County encourages its citizens in patriotic tradition to recognize the importance of honoring all those who made immeasurable sacrifices to preserve freedom by displaying a green light in a window of their place of business or residence.

ADOPTED this 1st day of November, 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

F. Discussion/Approval: Glacier County & Logan Health Contract – Glacier County Commissioners

Commissioner Bremner states that there was some confusion on whether we needed a resolution, contract or an agreement with the change of Northern Rockies Medial Center to Logan Health Cut Bank. Cheri Taylor, Logan Health Cut Bank President talks briefly about the blanket insurance policy. There is a discussion on the new amendment to the lease agreement between Glacier County and Northern Rockies Medical Center.

Commissioner Overcast motions to approve the Amendment to the Lease Agreement between Glacier County and Northern Rockies Medical Center, Inc.; Commissioner DesRosier seconds the motion; motion carried.

G. Discussion/Approval: Resolution No. 2022-25 Northern Rockies Medical Center Lease Consent – Glacier County Commissioners

Commissioner Bremner presents Resolution No. 2022-25 Northern Rockies Medical Center Lease Consent.

Commissioner Overcast motions to approve Resolution No. 2022-25 Northern Rockies Medical Center Lease Consent; Commissioner DesRosier seconds the motion; motion approved.

**GLACIER COUNTY RESOLUTION
NORTHERN ROCKIES MEDICAL CENTER, INC. LEASE CONSENT
Resolution No. 2022-25**

WHEREAS, Glacier County entered into a lease Northern Rockies Medical Center, Inc. (“NRMC”) dated September 30, 2020 (the “Lease”); and

WHEREAS, Section 3.01 of the Lease provides that “During the Lease Term, the Facilities shall be operated under the name “Northern Rockies Medical Center, Inc.”, or such other name as the parties may mutually agree from time to time”; and

WHEREAS, NRMC entered into a Membership Substitution Agreement with Logan Health (“Logan”) dated as of May 5, 2021, that, among others, included as stated purposes enhancing the abilities of the parties to carry out their charitable purposes to the communities they serve and to build healthier communities through more innovative and coordinated care; and

WHEREAS, NRMC conducted a vote of its membership who overwhelmingly approved the transaction between NRMC and Logan; and

WHEREAS, NRMC and Logan now intend to do business in Glacier County as Logan Health – Cut Bank.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED, that the Glacier County Board of Commissioners hereby acknowledge and consent to the use of the name Logan Health – Cut Bank in connection with the facilities identified in the Lease; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that no terms of the Lease are modified as a result of the transaction between NRMC and Logan or the adoption of this Resolution.

ADOPTED this 1st day of November, 2022.

ATTEST:

/s/ Mandi Bird Kennerly, Clerk & Recorder

**GLACIER COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS:**

/s/ Mary Jo Bremner, Chair

/s/ Michael J. DesRosier, Vice-Chairman

/s/ John B. Overcast, Member

OTHER BUSINESS:

H. Public Comment

Elaine Mitchell, Public commented.

Carol Larson, Public commented.

I. Next Meeting – Thursday, November 10, 2022 – Cut Bank

Commissioner Overcast motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:11 a.m.; Commissioner DesRosier seconds the motion; motion carried.