

**Glacier County Commissioners
Thursday, February 16, 2023
Regular Meeting
Cut Bank, MT**

The Glacier County Board of Commissioners met at a regularly scheduled meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 16, 2023. Commissioners Mary Jo Bremner, Vernon “Napi” Billedeaux, & John B. Overcast were present. Austin Parrent taking minutes.

Present at the meeting: John “Snoop” Evans, Road Department Head; Elaine Mitchell, Public; Josh Larson, Northern Ford; Laurie Elhard, Public; Twila Pyette, Clerk of District Court; Tasha Stiner, Juvenile Probation Officer; Don Wilson, Treasurer

Present via GoToMeeting: (1) Caller; Brenda Schilling; C Kittson; Gloria; Linda Luther; Snoop; kim

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 Billedeaux seconds the motion; motion carried.

C. Approval of Minutes: 10/4, 10/11, 10/13, 10/17, 10/25 & 10/27/2022 and 11/1, 11/10, 11/21, 11/22 & 11/23/2022 and 12/6, 12/8, 12/13, 12/19, 12/22, 12/27 & 12/29/2022

Commissioner Overcast motions to approve the minutes with changes for meeting minutes: 10/4, 10/11, 10/13, 10/17, 10/25 & 10/27/2022 and 11/1, 11/10, 11/21, 11/22 & 11/23/2022 and 12/6, 12/8, 12/13, 12/19, 12/22, 12/27 & 12/29/2022; Commissioner Billedeaux seconds the motion; motion carried.

D. Review/Sign: Payroll/Claims

Dated for February 16, 2023

CLAIMS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT

<i>FUND</i>	<i>ACCOUNT</i>	<i>AMOUNT</i>
1000	General Fund	\$ 52,336.27
2110	Road Fund	\$ 13,298.29
2140	Weed Control	\$ 2,231.88
2180	County District Court	\$ 8,143.50
2220	Library	\$ 1,447.99
2230	Ambulance	\$ 1,527.18
2250	City-County Planning	\$ 1,000.00
2260	Emergency Disaster (DES)	\$ 69.00
2300	Public Safety (Law)	\$ 13,671.08
2360	Museum	\$ 328.10
2390	Sheriff's Drug FRF	\$ 1,511.75
2410	Glacier Park Lights	\$ 532.52

2850	911 Emergency (Sheriff)	\$ 130.00
2960	Health Grants - Emergency Prep	\$ 553.27
2968	Chronic Disease Prevention Grant	\$ 119.94
2971	Women Infants & Children (WIC)	\$ 52.30
2976	Immunization Grant	\$ 124.59
2991	American Rescue Plan Act	\$ 922.15
7302	West End Cemetery	\$ 312.36
	TOTAL CLAIMS	\$ 98,312.17
	PAYROLL	\$ 203,791.80
	TOTAL PAYROLL & CLAIMS	\$ 302,103.97

NEW BUSINESS:

E. Discussion/Approval: Bid Opening (5) Fleet Vehicle Purchase for Road Department – Glacier County Commissioners/Chancy Kittson, Glacier County CFO/John “Snoop” Evans

The Glacier County Commissioners open and present all bids received for the Glacier County Road Department’s invitation to bid for (5) fleet vehicles. There was only one bid received and it was from Northern Ford. Josh Larson of Northern Ford discusses estimated arrival times of the fleet vehicles with the commissioners.

Northern Ford Bid:

- 1) 2023 F-250 Supercab with a 6.5ft bed.
 XL trim level equipped with a 7.31 gas engine.
 Price includes block heater and turnover ball.
 MSRP: \$58,890.00
 Doc Fee: \$299.00
 Less Government Fleet: \$1,800.00
Total Price For This Unit: \$57,389.00

- 2) 2023 F-250 Supercab with a 6.5ft bed.
 XL trim level equipped with a 7.31 gas engine.
 Price includes block heater and turnover ball.
 MSRP: \$58,890.00
 Doc Fee: \$299.00
 Less Government Fleet: \$1,800.00
Total Price For This Unit: \$57,389.00

- 3) 2023 F-250 Supercab with a 6.5ft bed.
 XL trim level equipped with a 7.31 gas engine.
 Price includes block heater and turnover ball.
 MSRP: \$58,890.00
 Doc Fee: \$299.00
 Less Government Fleet: \$1,800.00

Total Price For This Unit: \$57,389.00

- 4) 2023 F-250 Supercab with a 8.5ft bed.
XL trim level equipped with a 7.31 gas engine.
Price includes block heater and turnover ball.
MSRP: \$59,100.00
Doc Fee: \$299.00
Less Government Fleet: \$1,800.00
Total Price For This Unit: \$57,599.00

- 5) 2023 F-150 Crew Cab.
XL model.
MSRP: \$51,190.00
Doc Fee: \$299.00
Less Government Fleet: \$1,300.00
Total Price For This Unit: \$50,189.00

Total Bid For All 5 Units: \$279,955.00

Commissioner Billedeaux motions to accept the bid from Northern Ford for (5) Fleet Vehicles for the Glacier County Roads Department in the amount of \$279,955.00; Commissioner Overcast seconds the motion; motion carried.

F. Approval: Public Hearing #2 2023-04 FY2022-2023 Approve Budget Amendment – 2180 District Court Fund – Glacier County Commissioners

**GLACIER COUNTY RESOLUTION
FY2022-2023 APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENT – 2180 DISTRICT COURT FUND
RESOLUTION No. 2023-04**

WHEREAS, the Montana Code Annotated, Section 7-6-4006(4), grants the Board of County Commissioners the power and authority to amend the budget during the fiscal year by conducting (2) public hearings at regularly scheduled meetings; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to amend its FY2022-2023 budget and increase budgeted appropriations from the District Court Fund #2180 as set forth in this Resolution in order to fund unanticipated expenditures related to the Fund.

WHEREAS, Glacier County Commissioners identify the need to transfer revenues from the General Fund to provide necessary Youth Detention services; the need to amend revenues and expenditures to Fund #2180.420250.300 as follows:

<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Prior Amount</u>	<u>New Amount</u>
2180.383000	Interfund Operating Transfer	\$0.00	\$29,355.00
<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Prior Amount</u>	<u>New Amount</u>
2180.420250.300	Youth Detention-Prof Services	\$57,600.00	\$85, 950.56

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Glacier County Board of Commissioners hereby amend the original FY2022-2023 budget by increasing appropriations in the amount of \$29,355.00 and directs the County Clerk & Recorder to allocate the increase to the above fund, function, and object codes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above appropriation shall become effective on February 16, 2023.

ADOPTED this 16th day of February, 2023.

ATTEST:

**BOARD OF GLACIER COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS:**

/s/Mandi Bird Kennerly, Clerk & Recorder

/s/Mary Jo Bremner, Chair

/s/Vernon Billedeaux, Vice-Chair

/s/John B. Overcast, Member

Commissioner Billedeaux motions to approve Resolution No. 2023-04 FY2022-2023 Approve Budget Amendment – 2180 District Court Fund; Commissioner Overcast seconds the motion; motion carried.

G. Discussion: Glacier County Superintendent of Schools – Mary Jo Bremner, Glacier County Commission Chair

Commissioner Bremner explains that on December 31, 2022 the current Superintendent of Schools resigned leaving a vacant position that needs to be filled. Clerk & Recorder Kennerly has integrated the role's responsibilities into her current duties since the position was consolidated underneath the elected official position of Clerk & Recorder of Glacier County. Commissioner Bremner expresses her concerns regarding the required certifications and responsibilities that the Superintendent of School fulfills and would like the position to remain under contract with the supervisor of the position being Clerk & Recorder Kennerly. She states that Clerk & Recorder Kennerly can fulfill the role if she acquires the necessary certifications in compliance with state law. Commissioner Bremner gives additional information and a brief history lesson on why the Superintendent of Schools role is necessary.

Commissioner Overcast expresses his concern regarding this item being put on the agenda. He states that each commissioner should have met with Clerk & Recorder Kennerly individually, came up with a plan, and then put it on the agenda afterwards. He states that he does not want to go over another elected official's head and does not want to go behind their back.

Commissioner Billedeaux states that he sat down with Clerk & Recorder Kennerly to see if there was a way to meet the obligations of the Superintendent of Schools role while also following state law. He states that it is important to see that the requirements of the position are being met on paper as well.

Commissioner Bremner states that she does not want to go over Clerk & Recorder Kennerly but would like to meet the requirements of Montana Code Annotated (MCA). She also states that Glacier County is not currently meeting the qualifications of the Superintendent of Schools position listed in MCA.

Commissioner Overcast agrees that the requirements of MCA should be met but does not agree with the way they went about it as a commission.

Treasurer Wilson discusses the schools' financials and budgeting process and how it relates to the Superintendent of Schools position.

The commissioners have additional discussion on possibly contacting retired educators who might still carry the required licenses and certifications to fulfill the role of a contracted Superintendent of Schools. The commissioners finished expressing their concerns about filling the role in a timely manner and used the remainder of their time on this item to discuss potential solutions. No decisions were made.

OTHER BUSINESS:

H. Public Comment

Elaine Mitchell states that she has a concern about a prior statement made earlier in the meeting about the detail being missing from some of the minutes. Commissioner Bremner

clarifies her earlier statement by stating that she noticed some detail was missing and would like it noted in the printed minutes that the detail can be found in the video recordings of the commissioner meetings. Commissioner Billedeaux notes that for some of the public comment sections the printed minutes noted the person and the fact that they made a public comment but the specifics of what was said were not mentioned. Elaine states that per Montana Code Annotated (MCA), the detail needs to be in the printed minutes.

Elaine Mitchell asks that since the Superintendent of Schools position falls underneath Clerk & Recorder Kennerly as the role's supervisor, shouldn't she oversee hiring someone who can meet the qualifications of the position rather than the commissioners? All three commissioners agree that Clerk & Recorder Kennerly should be responsible for filling the position with a qualified candidate. Commissioner Billedeaux states that it has been over a month, going on two, and they would like to see what is going on which is why they are discussing it now. Commissioner Bremner states that Clerk & Recorder Kennerly was notified that the Superintendent of Schools would be retiring December 31, 2022, and she is concerned due to events that are happening across the State of Montana with other schools. It is something she wanted to discuss since there are qualifications for that position. Commissioners Billedeaux and Bremner agree that they would like more information since they have been asked by members of the public.

Laurie Elhard asks the commissioners if they get asked questions outside of the meeting, do the commissioners bring those concerns into the meeting? Commissioner Bremner states yes, sometimes she does. Commissioner Billedeaux states not unless it concerns the commissioners, otherwise he refers those individuals to the necessary departments to get their questions answered. Commissioner Bremner states that she does not always know the answer to the questions she's being asked but assures the individual who is asking that she will research it further and get back to them or refer them to the person who has the answer. Commissioner Overcast states that he always refers the individuals asking to the correct department and has no problem pointing them in the right direction. If they have trouble getting an answer, then Commissioner Overcast recommends they come and talk to him again for additional help in finding the information they are looking for. Commissioner Bremner states that her past membership on the school board has given her experience in researching Montana Code Annotated which is useful for answering questions the public may have.

I. Next Meeting – Tuesday, February 28, 2023 – Browning

Commissioner Billedeaux motions to adjourn the meeting; Commissioner Overcast seconds the motion; meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.