

**Glacier County Commissioners**  
**Monday, March 20, 2023**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Cut Bank, MT**

The Glacier County Board of Commissioners met at a regularly scheduled meeting at 9:00 a.m. Monday, March 20, 2023. Commissioners Mary Jo Bremner, Vernon “Napi” Billedeaux, and John B. Overcast were present. Austin Parrent taking minutes.

**Present at the meeting:** Austin Castle, Glacier County Library Director; Laurie Elhard, Public; Mike Kittson, Human Resources Director; Don Wilson, Glacier County Treasurer; Becky Kimmet, Glacier County Library Board; Sydney Blair, Center for Mental Health CEO; Chancy Kittson, Glacier County CFO; Terryl Matt, Glacier County Attorney

**Present via GoToMeeting:** Chancy; Claire; David R. Irvin; Sanford Stone; Snoop

**A. Roll Call**

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

**B. Approval of Agenda**

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**C. Discussion/Approval: Glacier County Attorney/Matt Law Office Cost Share Agreement – Glacier County Commissioners/Terryl Matt, Glacier County Attorney & Owner Matt Law Office**

Glacier County Attorney Terryl Matt presents a request to the commissioners for approval to pay the full amounts for her monthly copier costs and shredding service costs for both the Glacier County Attorney’s Office and Matt Law Office from the Glacier County Attorney’s budget. The copier lease agreement is through Kelley Connect and costs an approximate \$500-\$550 per month plus the overage costs of color copies for that month. This copier lease agreement ends in October, at which point Human Resources Director Mike Kittson will assist the Glacier County Attorney’s Office in finding a copier lease agreement at a reduced monthly cost. The Iron Mountain shredding service costs an estimated \$70-\$100 every few months. There was discussion on combining the monthly Iron Mountain bill with the Human Resources/Payroll account.

**Public Comment:**

Laurie Elhard makes a public comment, asking if these costs cover only county business and not personal business. Terryl Matt responds that the costs would cover both since they cannot be distinguished. She also mentions that previous county attorneys had their electric bills and rent paid for in prior cost share agreements.

Commissioner Overcast asks about the paper cost for the copier. Terryl Matt responds that she personally pays for the cost of the paper and the agreement would be to cover the full amounts for both the copier lease agreement/printing costs and the shredding service costs.

**Commissioner Billedeaux motions to approve the copier costs and shredding costs for the Glacier County Attorney's Office and Matt Law Office from the Glacier County Attorney's budget; Commissioner Overcast seconds the motion; motion carried.**

**D. Discussion/Approval: Update Center for Mental Health/Mill Levy – Sydney Blair, Center For Mental Health CEO**

Sydney Blair, Center for Mental Health CEO (now dba: Many Rivers Whole Health), presents to the commissioners what services Many Rivers Whole Health currently offers and discusses what services they would like to expand into in order to better serve rural communities' mental health needs. Commissioner Billedeaux and Sydney Blair discuss law enforcement's frequent encounters with individuals who are needing mental health professional services. Sydney Blair talks with the commissioners about how a fee for service model typically does not provide all the support a community needs to address its mental health needs. She presents different ways that counties contribute to help provide additional support for their communities' mental health needs.

Sydney states that one of the ways Glacier County helps is by providing a reduced rent for space they occupy out at the Glacier County Annex Building. Sydney also mentions the effect that levying mill levy money has had on additional services and how it helps with associated travel costs. She also talks about expanding substance abuse services within Glacier County if the commissioners would like to expand services in that direction. There is an additional discussion on the increased mental health services that Many Rivers Whole Health was able to offer due to being a grantee of a Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) grant for two years.

No action was taken as the commissioners would like to give Sydney Blair a chance to submit a formal written proposal.

**E. Discussion/Approval: Library Board Member Recommendation & Appointment – Austin Castle, Glacier County Library Director**

Austin Castle, Glacier County Library Director, presents the Glacier County Library Board's recommendation to appoint Leanne Zainer to the Glacier County Library Board.

**Commissioner Overcast motions to approve the appointment of Leanne Zainer to the Glacier County Library Board; Commissioner Billedeaux seconds the motion; motion carried.**

**F. Discussion/Approval: Update on Glacier Care Center Lease – Michael Kittson, Glacier County Human Resource Director**

Michael Kittson, Glacier County Human Resources Director, discusses updates with the commissioners regarding a proposed Glacier Care Center lease to an interested party known as Foundation. One of the requirements in the general obligations bond which was used to

purchase the facility is that a non-profit operates the facility. Mike states that he discussed with the county attorney the possibility of doing a month-to-month lease agreement until both parties agree to end the lease. A caveat listed in Montana Code Annotated (MCA) is that the lease transition will require a 5-week minimum notice period before the new providers can take over the lease.

He would like to get the commissioners' questions and concerns and any final changes to the proposed agreement. There is additional discussion on possibly needing a mill levy to help fund the Glacier Care Center and the necessity of public awareness and involvement in the issue to get one passed if they plan on going that route. In addition, Mike discusses the importance of getting the public to talk to their legislators in order to advocate for raising Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement rates to rural healthcare facilities.

No action was taken on this item.

**G. Discussion/Approval: February 2023 Cash Report – Glacier County Commissioners**  
 Glacier County Treasurer Don Wilson presents the February 2023 Cash Report to the commissioners and discusses the Montana Code Annotated deadline by which it is due each month.

**Commissioner Billedeaux motions to approve the February 2023 Cash Report;  
 Commissioner Overcast seconds the motion; motion carried.**

**H. Approval: Public Hearing #2 Resolution No. 2023-05 APPROVE BUDGET  
 AMENDMENT – 1000 GENERAL FUND MAINTENANCE**

**GLACIER COUNTY RESOLUTION  
 FY2022-2023 APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENT – 1000 GENERAL FUND MAINTENANCE  
 RESOLUTION No. 2023-05**

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 to the General Fund #1000 – Facilities ADM (Maintenance) Account in the amount of \$10,134.80 as set forth in this Resolution in order to fund a needed unanticipated expenditure to provide Facilities ADM (Maintenance) services; and

WHEREAS, revenue to finance the unanticipated expenditure will be funded through Unanticipated Insurance Recovery revenue of \$10,134.80.

<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Prior Amount</u>	<u>New Amount</u>
1000.362001	Insurance Recovery	\$ 0.00	\$ 10,134.80

<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Prior Amount</u>	<u>New Amount</u>
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