

Glacier County Commissioners
Tuesday, March 7, 2023
Regular Meeting
Cut Bank, MT

The Glacier County Board of Commissioners met at a regularly scheduled meeting at 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, March 7, 2023. Commissioner Mary Jo Bremner & Vernon “Napi” Billedeaux were present. Commissioner John B. Overcast was absent. Mandi Bird Kennerly taking minutes.

Present at the meeting: Laurie Elhard, Public; Joe Sherwood, Glacier County Deputy County Attorney; Don Wilson, Glacier County Treasurer

Present via GoToMeeting: (2) callers; Brenda Schilling; David R. Irvin; Elaine Mitchell; Gloria; Linda Luther; Snoop

A. Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

B. Approval of Agenda

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

NEW BUSINESS:

C. Discussion/Approval: 2023 Marias Fair Contribution (\$5,000.00) – Kari Lewis, Glacier County MSU-Extension Agent

Commissioner Bremner asks Kari Lewis, Glacier County MSU-Extension Agent to explain the request. Kari who is present via GoToMeeting states that the \$5,000.00 fair contribution for Marias Fair in the past was paid from a budget of the commissioners and around two years ago the CFO and I set up the payment to come out of my extension agent fund 1000.460240.730. She states that in the past we would only budget \$2500.00 in this fund, but then two years ago when we gave up the Extension Administrative Assistant position that Glacier County fully funded, we had a savings. So now we budget \$8500.00 which covers the \$5000.00 Marias Fair Contribution and \$1,000.00 for the 4-H Premium Fund payment as well as travel to and from the fair for the Glacier County MSU-Extension Staff.

Commissioner Billedeaux asks about the Blackfeet 4-H Fair contribution. There is discussion that it was never budgeted out of this fund as the contribution was from the commissioners’ budget as well. Chancy Kittson, Glacier County CFO explains that he budgeted both fair contributions from this fund. After a short discussion the commissioners decided to split the Marias Fair & Blackfeet Extension 4-H Fair Contributions in half and give each \$4,250.00.

Laurie Elhard, Public commented.

Commissioner Billedeaux motions to approve \$4,250.00 each to the Marias Fair & Blackfeet 4-H Fair; Commissioner Bremner seconds the motion; motion carried.

D. Discussion/Approval: FY2024 Northern Transit Interlocal Commitment (\$5,000.00) – David Irvin, Transit Director/Coordinator

Commissioner Bremner asks if there is anyone present on the phone for this item. Seeing that there is nobody available the commissioners' motion to table this item until they are able to visit with David Irvin, Transit Director/Coordinator.

Commissioner Billedeaux motions to table the \$5,000.00 Northern Transit Interlocal Commitment for FY2024; Commissioner Bremner seconds the motion; motion carried.

E. Discussion/Approval: 2023 Highway 2 Association Dues (\$100.00) – Glacier County Commissioners

Commissioner Bremner states that the Highway 2 Association Dues is an annual contribution supporting 4 for 2.

Laurie Elhard, Public commented.

Commissioner Billedeaux motions to approve the \$100.00 Highway 2 Association Dues for 2023; Commissioner Bremner seconds the motion; motion carried.

F. Approval: Cancel Tuesday, March 28, 2023 Commissioner Meeting in Browning to attend MACRS (Montana Association of County Road Supervisors) – Glacier County Commissioners

Commissioner Bremner states that they will need to cancel the Tuesday, March 28, 2023 Commissioner meeting in Browning due to a meeting commitment in Great Falls for the MACRS Convention.

Commissioner Billedeaux motions to cancel the Tuesday, March 28, 2023 Commissioner Regular Meeting; Commissioner Bremner seconds the motion; motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

G. Public Comment

Joe Sherwood, Glacier County Deputy County Attorney is present to visit with the commissioners about the Glacier County Indigent Burial Policy. There is a need to create a policy. In the past there was an effort to get a policy approved, but it was never approved. We really need to update that old policy, but I wanted to get ideas from the commissioners on what they would like removed and added to the policy. The commissioners ask Joe to look into the changes further and get back on the agenda at a later date for approval.

Don Wilson, Glacier County Treasurer talks with the commissioners about the new Browning Satellite Office. No decisions were made.

H. Next Meeting – Tuesday, March 14, 2023 – Browning

Commissioner Billedeaux motions to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 a.m.; Commissioner Bremner seconds the motion; motion carried.