

**Glacier County Commissioners**  
**Tuesday, May 2, 2023**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Cut Bank, MT**

The Glacier County Board of Commissioners met at a regularly scheduled meeting at 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, May 2, 2023. Commissioners Mary Jo Bremner, Vernon “Napi” Billedeaux, and John B. Overcast were present. Austin Parrent taking minutes.

**Present at the meeting:** Carol Larson, Public; Pam Smith, Public; Laurie Elhard, Public; Elaine Mitchell, Public

**Present via GoToMeeting:** Brenda Schilling; Chancy; Gloria; Linda; kimmet

**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.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**C. Discussion/Approval: Glacier Care Center Update – Glacier County Commissioners**

Michael Kittson, Glacier County Human Resource Director, presents the update for Glacier Care Center. After talking with multiple providers an agreement was not able to be reached yet due to loss prevention stipulations being too expensive for Glacier County to agree to. Nursing home facilities are closing throughout the State of Montana due to low reimbursement rates of Medicaid & Medicare. Michael Kittson and the commissioners discuss the situation that the nursing home has been placed in and potential solutions moving forward.

**Public Comment:**

Laurie Elhard makes a public comment on potential providers keeping the current Glacier Care Center staff.

Pam Smith makes a public comment on the importance of daily family contact for Glacier Care Center patients’ well-being.

Laurie Elhard makes a public comment on attempts made for funding at the federal level.

Pam Smith makes a public comment on increasing community engagement for contacting State of Montana representatives.

**D. Discussion/Approval: Glacier Care Center FY2023 IGT Payment (\$147,961.83) – Glacier County Commissioners**

Chancy Kittson, Glacier County Chief Financial Officer, presents the Intergovernmental Transfer Agreement between Glacier County and the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS), Senior and Long-Term Care Division. Glacier County can do an intergovernmental transfer of money in the amount of \$147,961.83 to Montana DPHHS. This transfer allows Montana DPHHS to make a lump sum nursing facility payment of \$185,275.58 to Glacier Care Center.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

All three commissioners sign the Intergovernmental Transfer Agreement.

**E. Discussion/Approval: Glacier Care Center Provider Phone Call – Glacier County Commissioners**

The commissioner meeting was temporarily delayed at 9:40 a.m. until this item could take place at 11:00 a.m. An introductory meeting was held between the Glacier County Commissioners and a new potential provider via a Zoom conference call at 11:00 a.m.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**F. Public Comment**

Laurie Elhard makes a public comment asking what prompted Lantis to pull out of Glacier Care Center.

**G. Next Meeting – Tuesday, May 9, 2023 – Browning**

Commissioner Overcast motions to adjourn the meeting; Commissioner Billedeaux seconds the motion; meeting adjourned at 12:01p.m.