

**Glacier County Commissioners**  
**Monday, June 19, 2023**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Cut Bank, MT**

The Glacier County Board of Commissioners met at a regularly scheduled meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, June 19, 2023. Commissioners Mary Jo Bremner, Vernon “Napi” Billedeaux, & John B. Overcast were present. Austin Parrent taking minutes.

**Present at the meeting:** Jim Yeagley, Glacier County Planner; Michael Kittson, Glacier County Human Resources Director; Don Wilson, Glacier County Treasurer; Linda Luther, Public; Tom Seifert, Glacier County Undersheriff; Maurice Redhorn, Glacier County Sheriff; Chancy Kittson, Glacier County Chief Financial Officer

**Present via GoToMeeting:** Brenda Schilling; Chancy; Linda; Robie Culver – Stahly Engineering; Sarah Converse; Snoop; kim

**A. Roll Call**

The 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: (9:00 a.m.) FY2024 Compensation Board Meeting – Michael Kittson, Glacier County Human Resource Director/Glacier County Commissioners**

Michael Kittson, Glacier County Human Resources Director, presents preliminary information for the Fiscal Year 2024 Compensation Board Meeting which will take place at a later date. He discusses the planned addition of longevity pay for Glacier County employees to encourage employee retention and raise the total compensation package that Glacier County has to offer. No specific data was given as it will be presented once the compensation board has its first meeting for FY2024. No decisions were made.

**D. Discussion/Approval: Revoke Weinrich Agricultural Covenant – Jim Yeagley, Glacier County Planner**

Jim Yeagley, Glacier County Planner, discusses revoking the Weinrich Agricultural Covenant placed on Certificate of Survey 179 – Certificate of Subdivision Plat No. 127B – SW1/4NW1/4 Section 12; Township 33 North; Range 6 West with the Glacier County Commissioners. A “Findings of Fact” was presented to the commissioners:

**FINDINGS OF FACT  
WEINRICH COVENANT**  
June 12, 2023

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

OWNER(S): Scott Weinrich

ACTION: Revoke Agricultural Covenant

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Certificate of Survey 179  
Certificate of Subdivision Plat No. 127B  
SW1/4NW1/4 Section 12; Township 33  
North; Range 6 West

EXISTING LAND USE: Vacant

PROPOSED LAND USE: Residential

SURROUNDING LAND USES: North - Residential  
South - Open Space  
East - Residential  
West - Open Space

APPLICABLE REGULATIONS: Montana Subdivision and Platting Act, Title 76,  
Chapter 3, Part 2 Montana Codes Annotated.

ULTIMATE FACTS: The Glacier County Board of County  
Commissioners and the Cut Bank City Council shall  
consider the following finding of facts in issuing  
recommendations and decisions:

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Tract A of Certificate of Survey No.179 was created by using the occasional sale exemption from the Subdivision and Platting Act in March 1983.
2. Tract B of Certificate of Survey 179 was the remainder.
3. Remainders that are less than twenty acres in size were subject to review by the Montana Department of Health and Environmental Science, now known as the Montana Department of Environmental Quality, unless an exemption is claimed.
4. The owner claimed the exemption for Tract B citing the D.H.E.S exemption ARM 16-2.14(10)-S 14340(130(f)(iv) which reads: "I hereby certify that the purpose for

this division of land is to create a parcel of land for agricultural uses and that no building or structure requiring water or sewage facilities will be erected or utilized on the parcel created; a covenant has been entered into with the governing body that the land will remain in agricultural use; therefore this division of land is exempt from review by the Department of Health and Environmental Sciences” and was signed by the owner.

5. This action placed a sanitary restriction on Tract B.
6. Tract B was then subdivided into Tract B1 and Tract B2 (Certificate of Subdivision plat No. 127B) with Tract B2 reviewed and approved by the Montana Department of Environmental Quality using the Master Plan Exemption (reference letter from Jim Melstad).
7. Only Tract B2 was approved by DEQ and the agricultural exemption, the sanitary restriction, was continued on Tract B1.
8. In 2022 Tract B1 was purchased by the present owner.
9. Tract B1 was then annexed into the city of Cut Bank for the purposes of constricting a residence.
10. The sanitary restriction (agricultural exemption) must be revoked and Tract B1 reviewed by DEQ before any structures requiring water and sewer can be constructed.

#### **DECISION ALTERNATIVES:**

The alternative selected must consider the reasonableness of the request, the relationship to existing conditions, circumstances, established land use goals, and must also consider the findings of fact.

1. Approve the request.
2. Approve the request with the following conditions:  
Approval by the Montana Department of Environmental Quality
3. Deny the request.
4. Table the request for further study.

#### Public Comment:

There was no public comment

**Commissioner Billedeaux motions to revoke the Weinrich Agricultural Covenant;  
Commissioner Overcast seconds the motion; motion carried.**

- E. Discussion/Approval: May 2023 Cash Report – Glacier County Commissioners**  
Don Wilson, Glacier County Treasurer, presents the May 2023 Cash Report. Don Wilson and the Commissioners discuss funds being withheld by the State of Montana.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

**Commissioner Billedeaux motions to accept the May 2023 Cash Report; Commissioner Overcast seconds the motion; motion carried.**

- F. Discussion/Approval: Sheriff Vehicle Purchase – Glacier County Commissioners**  
Tom Seifert, Glacier County Undersheriff, presents one bid received to the Glacier County Commissioners for a new Sheriff Vehicle Purchase.

Veto Enterprises Bid:

2023 Dodge Ram Vehicle	\$36,967.00
New Equipment	\$12,421.00
New Radar	\$2,250.00
New Video	\$5,500.00

**Total with Options: \$57,138.00**

Tom explains that the budgeted Operation Stonegarden (OPSG) grant funds for Fiscal Year 2023 in the amount of \$30,640.80 will be used to fund the majority of the purchase. Due to previous vehicle trade-ins and purchases through Veto Enterprises, a credit remains on the Sheriff's Office account. The remaining amount the Sheriff's Office would need to pay to cover the vehicle purchase after the credit is applied is \$21,102.00. The Sheriff's Office would then like to trade in (2) 2017 Chevy Sheriff Vehicles with approximately 150,000 miles on them to cover the remainder owed.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

**Commissioner Billedeaux motions to approve the Sheriff Vehicle Purchase using Stonegarden Grant Funds; Commissioner Overcast seconds the motion; motion carried.**

- G. Discussion: Public Hearing #1 Resolution No. 2023-08 FY2022-2023 Approve Budget Amendment – 2390 Sheriff's Drug FRF Fund – Glacier County Commissioners**  
Tom Seifert, Glacier County Undersheriff, and Chancy Kittson, Glacier County C.F.O., present the first public hearing for Resolution No. 2023-08 FY2022-2023 Approve Budget Amendment – 2390 Sheriff's Drug FRF Fund.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

**H. Discussion/Approval: (11:00 a.m.) Glacier County CCIP Update – Robie Culver, Stahly Engineering Grant Specialist/Glacier County Commissioners**

Robie Culver of Stahly Engineering discusses a scoring matrix for the Comprehensive Capital Improvements Plan (CCIP) for Glacier County. Robie and the Commissioners discuss projects within Glacier County and determine the next steps to keep the CCIP moving forward.

Public Comment:

Linda Luther makes several public comments.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**I. Public Comment**

Linda Luther makes a public comment.

**J. Next Meeting – Thursday, June 22, 2023 – Cut Bank**

Commissioner Overcast motions to adjourn the meeting; Commissioner Billedeaux seconds the motion; meeting adjourned at 12:02 p.m.