

Glacier County Commissioners
Monday, October 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 Monday, October 16, 2023. Commissioners Mary Jo Bremner, Vernon “Napi” Billedeaux, & John B. Overcast were present. Mandi Bird Kennerly taking minutes.

Present at the meeting: Rick Geiger, Cut Bank Airport Authority; Steve Lowery, Lowery Haemig Dental; Darrell Peterson, Cut Bank Development Corporation; Shannon Pepion, Glacier County Maintenance Supervisor; Crystal Cole, Glacier County Election Administrator; Carol Larson, Public; Chancy Kittson, Glacier

Present via GoToMeeting: (1) caller; (2) Cut Bank Airport; Gloria; Talia; kim

A. Roll Call

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

B. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Bremner would like to request an addition to the agenda – Approval: Request to Purchase Camera + Alarm System (\$21,871.00) and Access Control (\$14,767.00) for the Browning Satellite Office per the request from Shannon Pepion, Glacier County Maintenance Supervisor/Crystal Cole, Glacier County Election Administrator.

Commissioner Overcast motions to approve the agenda with the addition;
Commissioner Billedeaux seconds the motion; motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

C. Discussion/Approval: Expansion on Cut Bank Development Corporation Building (informal discussion) – Darrell Peterson, Cut Bank Development Corporation

Darrell Peterson, Cut Bank Development Corporation and Steve Lowery, Lowery Haemig Dental are both present for this item. Darrell explains that Cut Bank Development Corporation owns the building. He explains that Logan Health – Cut Bank leases the top portion of the building and there are two leasing the bottom portion (Stanchfield vision & Lowery Haemig dental). He goes on to say that the dental office is in dire need of an addition to the current office but the issue at hand is that the land to the north of the office is owned by Glacier County. The Cut Bank Development Corporation would like to build on to the building and they have two options that could make this happen: expand to the north of the clinic building onto the grass area – 4’ to north of the existing building with permission from Glacier County or buy the land from Glacier County. Darrell talks about the need for additional services in rural areas and would like to know if the commissioners would be in support of this addition to the building onto Glacier County property. Steve Lowery, Lowery Haemig Dental explains that he is in need of one more full-time dentist and a dental hygienist to fulfill the need of dental services in the community. So he would like to add a couple families to the dental office and community to provide the best services. He also states that he is on the Logan Health – Cut Bank board and the board is in support of the addition as

well. Darrell provides an overview of the history of the Cut Bank Development Corporation and Glacier County. The commissioners agree that this is a great opportunity to expand and provide services to the community.

Public Comment:

There is no public comment.

The commissioners agree that the Cut Bank Development Corporation can move forward with the addition to the property.

D. Discussion/Approval: Cut Bank Airport Authority (Funding) – Rick Geiger, Cut Bank Airport Authority

Rick Geiger, Cut Bank Airport Authority is present to talk with the commissioners on the funding problems at the Cut Bank Airport. There is a lengthy discussion with the commissioners, Chancy Kittson, Glacier County CFO, Terry Matt, Glacier County Attorney & Rick Geiger, Cut Bank Airport Authority on what can be done to divert a financial crisis for the Cut Bank Airport. They discussed additional mills, revision of the old agreement or other avenues to find additional funding. It is decided by the commissioners that the county will move forward with this considering this request for additional funding and/or options to assist the airport with finding more funding.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

E. Discussion/Approval: September 2023 Cash Report – Don Wilson, Glacier County Treasurer/Glacier County Commissioners

This item had been tabled due to no cash report.

Commissioner Billedeaux motions to table the September 2023 Cash Report; Commissioner Overcast seconds the motion; motion carried.

F. Addition to the Agenda: Approval: Request to Purchase Camera + Alarm System (\$21,871.00) and Access Control (\$14,767.00) – Shannon Pepion, Glacier County Maintenance Supervisor/Crystal Cole, Glacier County Election Administrator

Shannon Pepion, Glacier County Maintenance Supervisor and Crystal Cole, Glacier County Election Administrator are present to request an approval for the Browning Satellite Office – camera + alarm system and access controls. Shannon explains that they put a bid out for camera/access controls for the Browning Satellite Office using the State of Montana Procurement list for vendors. They received two bids from K12: (1) camera + alarm system (\$21,871.00) outside and inside which will be paid from the Maintenance budget and (2) access control (\$14,767.00) which will be paid with HAVA funds through elections. Crystal explains that HAVA requires a 20% match so the portion provided by the county would be \$2,953.40 paid by the Elections budget. The commissioners agree that this is a need due to requirements of security required.

Public Comment:

There is no public comment.

Commissioner Billedeaux motions to approve the two bids from K12 for (1) camera + alarm system (\$21,871.00) paid with the Maintenance budget and (2) access control (\$14,767.00) paid with the Elections budget; Commissioner Overcast seconds the motion; motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

G. Public Comment

There is no public comment.

H. Next Meeting – Tuesday, October 24, 2023 – Browning

Commissioner Overcast motions to adjourn the meeting at 10:33 a.m.; Commissioner Billedeaux seconds the motion; motion carried.