

Glacier County Commissioners
Thursday, January 18, 2024
Regular Meeting
Cut Bank, MT

The Glacier County Board of Commissioners met at a regularly scheduled meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 18, 2024. Commissioners Mary Jo Bremner, Vernon “Napi” Billedeaux and John B. Overcast were present. Mandi Bird Kennerly taking minutes.

Present at the meeting: Austin Castle, Glacier County Library Director; Elaine Mitchell & Laurie Elhard, Public; Michael Kittson, Glacier County Human Resource Director; David Irvin & Mark Boothe, Northern Transit Interlocal/Glacier County Transit; Terryl Matt, Glacier County Attorney; Don Wilson, Glacier County Treasurer

Present via GoToMeeting: (2) Callers; Chancy; G; GA; GCSO; Gloria; KS; Michael Kittson; Shannon Pepion; Tanner Pankratz (Stahly); Tom; [Waiting for name]; kimmet

A. Roll Call

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

B. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Bremner would like to move item H to the top before all the other items on the agenda.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

C. Discussion: Proper Public Comment Procedures – Elaine Mitchell, Public

Elaine Mitchell, Public hands out several Montana Code Annotated handouts to the commissioners regarding the proper public comment procedures. There is a lengthy constructive discussion on what the process will be going forward.

Public Comment

Becky Kimmet, Glacier County Library Board Chair commented via GoToMeeting.

D. Discussion/Approval: FY2023-2024 Northern Transit Interlocal \$5,000.00 & Glacier County Transit \$25,000.00 Commitment – David Irvin, Transit Director/Glacier County Commissioners

David Irvin, Northern Transit Interlocal Executive Transit Director/Glacier County Transit introduces himself and Mark Boothe who is the new NTI Dispatch/Promotions. Mr. Irvin updates the commissioners on what the past year’s ridership has been and that Glacier County is by far the most used transit bus in the golden triangle. Citizens are using the transit not only for doctor’s appointments, but also for other uses as well. There has been record rider’s since COVID. He also states that he doesn’t want the transit system to be a burden on the counties, so he hasn’t requested an increase from the counties since the start of the transit system years ago. So, today he is present to request the approval of the annual

commitment from Glacier County for the Northern Transit Interlocal commitment of \$5,000.00 and Glacier County Transit commitment of \$25,000.00. He explains that this is an annual payment each fiscal year. The commissioners agree this is a need in our county and they will approve the commitments for FY2024.

Public Comment

Laurie Elhard, Public commented.

Mark Boothe, NTI Dispatch/Promotions commented.

Commissioner Billedeaux motions to approve the Northern Transit Interlocal commitment of \$5,000.00 and the Glacier County Transit commitment of \$25,000.00 for FY2024; Commissioner Overcast seconds the motion; motion carried.

E. Discussion/Approval: 2024 Commissioner Chair – Glacier County Commissioners

The commissioners decided that this wasn't necessary and that it didn't need to be on the agenda. There is a lengthy discussion with the commissioners and the public. No decisions were made.

F. Discussion/Approval: Resolution No. 2024-01 2024 Annual Commissioner Meeting Schedule – Glacier County Commissioners

Commissioner Bremner presents Resolution No. 2024-01 2024 Annual Commissioner Meeting Schedule for approval.

Commissioner Billedeaux motions to approve Resolution No. 2024-01 Annual Commissioner Meeting Schedule; Commissioner Overcast seconds the motion; motion carried.

**GLACIER COUNTY RESOLUTION
2024 ANNUAL COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE
Resolution No. 2024-01**

WHEREAS, the Board of Glacier County Commissioners is the duly elected governing body for Glacier County, a political subdivision of the State of Montana; and

WHEREAS, the Board convenes to conduct Glacier County business in the Glacier County Courthouse Commission Chambers, on the first Tuesday of each month, the third Monday of each month, and every other Thursday to sign payroll and claims; Glacier County Satellite Office - Browning conference room the second and fourth Tuesday of each month; and during the summer months (May-August) every 4th Wednesday alternating between the Babb Fire Hall and East Glacier Women's Club beginning in Babb in May; and

WHEREAS, agendas for each meeting will be published in accordance with MCA 2-3-103 for the attached meeting dates, labeled "EXHIBIT A".

WHEREAS, Glacier County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to be present in chambers outside of the regular meeting schedule to perform administration duties; i.e. answer emails, go thru mail, sign documents, etc.,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Glacier County Commissioners has established the following list of dates for public meetings, attached as “EXHIBIT A”, to conduct Glacier County business.

ADOPTED: this 18th day of January, 2024.

BOARD OF GLACIER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

\s\ Mary Jo Bremner, Chair
\s\ Vernon “Napi” Billedeaux, Vice-Chair
\s\ John B. Overcast, Member

ATTEST:

\s\Mandi Bird Kennerly, Glacier County Clerk & Recorder

EXHIBIT A
2024 ANNUAL COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE

JANUARY 2024

Tuesday, January 2, 2024
Thursday, January 4, 2024
Tuesday, January 9, 2024 - Browning
Thursday, January 18, 2024
Tuesday, January 23, 2024 - Browning

FEBRUARY 2024

Thursday, February 1, 2024
Tuesday, February 6, 2024
Tuesday, February 13, 2024 – Browning
Thursday, February 15, 2024
Tuesday, February 27, 2024 – Browning
Thursday, February 29, 2024

MARCH 2024

Tuesday, March 5, 2024
Tuesday, March 12, 2024 – Browning
Thursday, March 14, 2024
Monday March 18, 2024
Tuesday March 26. 2024 – Browning
Thursday March 28, 2024

APRIL 2024

Tuesday, April 2, 2024
Tuesday, April 9, 2024 – Browning
Thursday, April 11, 2024
Monday, April 15, 2024
Tuesday, April 23, 2024 – Browning

JULY 2024

Tuesday, July 2, 2024
Wednesday, July 3, 2024
Tuesday, July 9, 2024 - Browning
Monday, July 15, 2024
Thursday, July 18, 2024

Tuesday, July 23, 2024 - Browning
Wednesday, July 24, 2024 – Babb

AUGUST 2024

Thursday, August 1, 2024
Tuesday, August 6, 2024
Tuesday, August 13, 2024 - Browning
Thursday, August 15, 2024
Monday, August 19, 2024
Tuesday, August 27, 2024 - Browning
Wednesday, August 28, 2024 – East Glacier
Thursday, August 29, 2024

SEPTEMBER 2024

Tuesday, September 3, 2024
Tuesday, September 10, 2024 – Browning
Thursday, September 12, 2024
Monday, September 16, 2024
Tuesday, September 24, 2024 – Browning
Thursday, September 26, 2024

OCTOBER 2024

Tuesday, October 1, 2024

Thursday, April 25, 2024

MAY 2024

Tuesday, May 7, 2024

Thursday, May 9, 2024

Tuesday, May 14, 2024 – Browning

Monday, May 20, 2024

Wednesday, May 22, 2024 – Babb

Thursday, May 23, 2024

Tuesday, May 28, 2024 - Browning

JUNE 2024

Tuesday, June 4, 2024

Thursday, June 6, 2024

Tuesday, June 11, 2024 - Browning

Monday, June 17, 2024

Thursday, June 20, 2024

Tuesday, June 25, 2024 – Browning

Wednesday, June 26, 2024 – East Glacier

Tuesday, October 8, 2024 - Browning

Thursday, October 10, 2024

Monday, October 21, 2024

Tuesday, October 22, 2024 – Browning

Thursday, October 24, 2024

NOVEMBER 2024

Thursday, November 7, 2024

Tuesday, November 12, 2024 – Browning

Monday, November 18, 2024

Wednesday, November 21, 2024

Tuesday, November 26, 2024 – Browning

DECEMBER 2024

Tuesday, December 3, 2024

Thursday, December 5, 2024

Tuesday, December 10, 2024 – Browning

Monday, December 16, 2024

Thursday, December 19, 2024

Tuesday, December 24, 2024 – Browning

G. Discussion/Approval: Browning Satellite Office Plan Approval – Robie Culver, Stahly Engineering Grant Specialist/Glacier County Commissioners

Tanner Pankratz, Stahly Engineering Staff Engineer E.I. was present via GoToMeeting for this item. He states that Robie Culver, Stahly Engineering Grant Specialist will not be available due to a prior commitment. He sent over the Browning Satellite Office Plans to discuss and approve the plan. There is talk of an alleyway that may need to be abandoned for the project, but the commissioners will look into whether this is needed or not.

Public Comment

Elaine Mitchell, Public commented.

Laurie Elhard, Public commented.

Commissioner Billedeaux motions to accept the Browning Satellite Office Plan and to move forward with the project; Commissioner Overcast seconds the motion; motion carried.

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

Austin Castle, Glacier County Library Director states that a Library Board member has resigned and that they need to fill that position. The advertising was done, and they had one letter of interest. He states that the Glacier County Library Board would like to recommend Ann Lunak to fill the vacant position.

Public Comment

Becky Kimmet, Glacier County Library Board Chair commented.

Commissioner Billedeaux motions to approve the appointment of Ann Lunak to the Glacier County Library Board; Commissioner Overcast seconds the motion; motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

I. Approval of Minutes: 11/7, 11/9, 11/13 event, 11/14, 11/14 special, 11/20, 11/22 & 11/28/2023
 Commissioner Overcast motions to approve the 11/7, 11/9, 11/13 event, 11/14, 11/14 special, 11/20, 11/22 & 11/28/2023 minutes with changes; Commissioner Billedeaux seconds the motion; motion carried.

J. Review/Sign: Payroll/Claims

Dated for January 18, 2024

CLAIMS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT

<i>FUND</i>	<i>ACCOUNT</i>	<i>AMOUNT</i>
1000	General Fund	\$ 34,704.60
2110	Road Fund	\$ 45,245.69
2140	Weed Control	\$ 508.35
2180	County District Court	\$ 186.78
2220	Library	\$ 1,147.31
2230	Ambulance	\$ 1,934.73
2250	City-County Planning	\$ 1,000.00
2300	Public Safety (Law)	\$ 17,894.96
2341	CB RRL FIRE DEPT	\$ 670.91
2342	DEL BONITA FIRE DEPT	\$ 38.51
2343	EAST GLACIER VFD	\$ 140.96
2360	Museum	\$ 1,099.91
2385	Cut Bank Rural Fire Department	\$ 1,385.24
2410	Glacier Park Lights	\$ 532.37
2863	Glacier County Transit	\$ 504.20
2918	Sheriff Law Enforcement Grant (Stonegarden)	\$ 806.19
2976	Immunization Grant	\$ 79.00
7302	West End Cemetery	\$ 478.97
	TOTAL CLAIMS	\$ 108,358.68
	PAYROLL	\$ 235,766.16
	TOTAL PAYROLL & CLAIMS	\$ 344,124.84

K. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

L. Next Meeting – Tuesday, January 23, 2023 – Browning

Commissioner Overcast motions to adjourn the meeting at 12:08 p.m.; Commissioner Billedeaux seconds the motion; motion carried.