

Glacier County Commissioners
Tuesday, December 5, 2023
Regular Meeting
Cut Bank, MT

The Glacier County Board of Commissioners met at a regularly scheduled meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 5, 2023. Commissioners Mary Jo Bremner, Vernon “Napi” Billedeaux, & John B. Overcast were present. Mandi Bird Kennerly taking minutes.

Present at the meeting: Jimmy Littrell & Jason Luse, Cut Bank VFD; Laurie Elhard, Public; Jim Yeagley, Glacier County Planner; Chancy Kittson, Glacier County CFO (via cell phone); Terry Matt, Glacier County Attorney; Michael Kittson, Glacier County Human Resource Director

Present via GoToMeeting: Gloria; kim; kimmet

A. Roll Call

The meeting was 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: Purchase Shelby VFD 2006 International Freightliner Fire Truck – Jimmy Littrell, Cut Bank VFD Chief

Jimmy Littrell, Cut Bank VFD Chief explains to the commissioners that the Cut Bank VFD is currently using a 2006 International Freightliner Fire Truck that the Shelby VFD gave to them on loan. Their 1993 that they use for a rescue truck is currently out of commission and is very used/wearing down. He explains that Shelby VFD has decided to sell the fire truck and the opening bid is for \$75,000.00 on an auction site. Currently there are 11 days left on the auction site and we were wanting to ask if there is a possible way to purchase this fire truck. We have researched a replacement unit, but we can’t seem to find any in this price range. We’ve found some that are priced between 199K and 300K with a year range of 2009-2014, but these are clearly not feasible for price. There is a discussion on why the fire truck was on loan, the cost/funding to replace a unit and if the City of Cut Bank would be willing to contribute. Commissioner Billedeaux calls Chancy Kittson via cell phone to ask if he was aware of this request. Chancy states that he has had an opportunity to do research and found the FEMA Grant, but it closed in mid-October and the new cycle for funds will be in January. He states that they only downfall to many of these grants is that the county would have a matching requirement. He does suggest that ARPA funds would be the best way to fund this request. There is further discussion on brainstorming how to purchase and the amount of money the commissioners are willing to put up in the auction to attempt to purchase the 2006 International Fire Truck. It is decided that the commissioners will contribute \$75,000.00 from ARPA funding to the purchase of the fire truck if successful at auction.

Public Comment

Terryl Matt, Glacier County Attorney commented.

Jason Luse, Cut Bank VFD commented.

Laurie Elhard, Public commented.

Commissioner Overcast motions to make a bid in the amount of \$75,000.00 from ARPA funding to purchase a 2006 International Freightliner Fire Truck from an auction site; Commissioner Overcast seconds the motion; motion carried.

D. Discussion/Approval: The Hi-Line Company by Tegridy Farms Request for License Renewal – Patricia Compton, The Hi-Line Company by Tegridy Farms/Glacier County Commissioners

This item has been tabled to a later date when the owner can be present at the meeting and the legalities are clear. There is a discussion with the Commissioners, Glacier County Attorney Matt and Jim Yeagley, Glacier County Planner regarding who would have the say on the Burlington Northern Island Property. Is it tied to the City of Cut Bank or Glacier County. There is no decision made.

Commissioner Billedeaux motions to table this item; Commissioner Overcast seconds the motion; motion carried.

E. Discussion/Approval: October 2023 Cash Report (tabled 11-20-2023 & 11-28-2023) – Glacier County Commissioners

Commissioner Bremner presents the October 2023 Cash Report to the commissioners for acceptance.

Commissioner Overcast motions to accept the October 2023 Cash Report presented by the Glacier County Treasurer; Commissioner Billedeaux seconds the motion; motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

F. Approval of Minutes: 8/17, 8/21, 8/22, 8/23 & 8/31/2023

Commissioner Billedeaux motions to approve 8/17, 8/21, 8/22, 8/23 & 8/31/2023 with changes; Commissioner Overcast seconds the motion; motion carried.

G. Public Comment

Laurie Elhard, Public commented.

H. Next Meeting – Thursday, December 7, 2023 – Cut Bank

Commissioner Billedeaux motions to adjourn the meeting at 10:48 a.m.; Commissioner Overcast seconds the motion; motion carried.