

**Glacier County Commissioners  
Tuesday, April 9, 2024  
Regular Meeting  
Browning, MT**

The Glacier County Board of Commissioners met at a regularly scheduled meeting at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 9, 2024. Commissioners Mary Jo Bremner, Vernon “Napi” Billedeaux and John B. Overcast were present.

**Present at the Meeting:** Michael Kittson, Glacier County Human Resources Director; Maurice Redhorn, Glacier County Sheriff; Tom Seifert, Glacier County Undersheriff; Mike Wikstrom, East Glacier VFD; Ann M. Lunak, Public

**Present via GoToMeeting:** Linda; S stone; kimmet; sh

**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; Commissioner Billedeaux seconds the motion; motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**C. Approval: Public Review and Adoption of Glacier County Sheriff Detention Policy – Michael Kittson, Glacier County Human Resource Director/Maurice Redhorn, Sheriff/Tom Seifert, Glacier County Undersheriff (tabled on 4/2/2024)**

Commissioner Bremner states that this item was tabled previously, and it has been our website for public review. Tom Siefert, Glacier County Undersheriff explains that this policy needed an update, and it was a tedious job to get done. Undersheriff Seifert states that it is now ready for approval as the Glacier County Attorney has reviewed and approved the content of the policy.

**Commissioner Billedeaux motions to approve the adoption of the Glacier County Sheriff’s Detention Policy; Commissioner Overcast seconds the motion; motion carried.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**D. Discussion: Browning Library Update – Ann Lunak, Public**

Ann Lunak, Public explains that she is on the Glacier County Library Board, and she wanted to meet with the commissioners regarding the Browning Library for an update on why it is still closed and if she can get a walk-through scheduled. Commissioner Bremner explains that they will not be able to do a walk through due to the asbestos in the building. The commissioners and Ann have a general discussion on what has been happening with the building and that asbestos is what is holding up the progress. We are still waiting for the engineers’ report on what steps need to be taken before it can open.

**Public Comment**

Becky Kimmet, Glacier County Library Board Chair commented.

**E. Discussion/Approval: Vehicle Purchase/Letter of Intent – Tom Seifert, Glacier County Undersheriff**

Tom Seifert, Glacier County Undersheriff explains that he is present today to request the approval of a letter of intent to purchase (4) patrol vehicles. They will be purchased with the federal funds that Congressman Zinke informed them that they will be receiving.

Undersheriff Seifert explains that they used the state contract bidding process to acquire the best pricing. The state bid was won by Duvall Ford, but through negotiations we were able to reduce the purchasing price that was awarded. The federal funds award will be \$279,000.00 when released and we were able to buy and outfit our vehicles to be purchased for the total price of \$278,451.25. Currently, we are only asking for the letter of intent to purchase and have made sure that there is no county financial obligation if the funds didn't get disbursed. The commissioners agree that this is necessary for the Glacier County Sheriff's fleet to get an upgrade and the federal funding is for this purpose.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

**Commissioner Billedeaux motions to sign the letter of intent for the purchase of (4) vehicles; Commissioner Overcast seconds the motion; motion carried.**

**F. Discussion/Approval: East Glacier VFD Highway Signage – Mike Wikstrom, East Glacier VFD Chief**

Mike Wikstrom, East Glacier VFD states that there is a small group in East Glacier trying to figure out how to find funding for four speed/radar signs in and out of East Glacier on US Highway 2 and Highway 49. He explains that East Glacier is unincorporated which doesn't allow for them to get grants for the signs. The quote we received for the (4) solar signs that show the speed will cost \$19,600.00. We did get a \$3,500.00 donation from the East Glacier Lodge to help with the cost. The commissioners have a discussion on some different options to find funding such as: fundraising, grants and other sources to reach out to. It is decided that the commissioners will help look into some funding sources to assist with the signs. They would like a quote from Mr. Wikstrom so that they can talk with the Glacier County CFO Chancy Kittson.

Public Comment

Michael Kittson, Glacier County Human Resources Director commented.

**G. Discussion/Approval: East Glacier VFD DNRC Grant – Mike Wikstrom, East Glacier VFD Chief**

Mike Wikstrom, East Glacier VFD states that he would like to apply for the DNRC Grant funds available, and it requires pre-approval from the commissioners in order to apply for the grant. The grant does require a 10% match in funding, but the maximum amount allowed to request is \$5,000.00 and it is limited to what can be purchased so the match to the EG VFD would be around \$500.00 in which we would budget. The commissioner agree to approve East Glacier VFD to apply for the DNRC funds.

**H. Discussion/Approval: **\*\*Closed Personnel Meeting\*\*** - Glacier County Commissioners**

Michael Kittson, Glacier County Human Resources Director wants to clarify that this item wasn't to be a closed session as it's a 6-month review for the Elections Administrator Crystal R. Cole and this is the update. Although, if needed you may go into a closed session per request. Crystal R. Cole gives an update to the commissioners on her progress and accomplishments since she took office in August 2023.

**CLOSED SESSION:** The closed session was from 10:41 a.m. to 11:48 a.m. and these minutes were sealed and given to the Glacier County Attorney to file.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**I. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**J. Next Meeting – Thursday, April 11, 2024 – Cut Bank**

Commissioner Billedeaux motions to adjourn the meeting at 11:49 a.m.; Commissioner Overcast seconds the motion.