Glacier County Commissioners
Tuesday, April 22, 2025
Regular Meeting
Browning, MT

The Glacier County Board of Commissioners met at a regularly scheduled meeting at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 22, 2025. Commissioners Vernon "Napi" Billedeaux, Mary Jo Bremner and Sam Bird III were present. Mandi Bird Kennerly was taking minutes.

Present at the Meeting: Crystal R. Cole, Glacier County Elections Administrator; Cleo Main, Blackfeet Tribal Business Council; Shelly M. Hall, Blackfeet Tribal Business Council; Duane Ladd, Public; Judd Milender, Glacier County Office of Emergency Management Director/Fire Warden

Present via GoToMeeting: KIMMET; Snoop

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

B. Approval of Agenda
Commissioner Bird motions to approve the agenda; Commissioner Bremner seconds the motion; motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

C. Discussion: Glacier County Emergency Management Brief – Judd Milender, Glacier County Office of Emergency Management Director/Fire Warden
Judd Milender, Glacier County Office of Emergency Management Director/Fire Warden is present to give an update to the commissioners. He talks about the following:

- Long-term action plans
- Short-term drone program
- The roles that we each play in the event of an emergency (catastrophic/everyday)
- The updated plans that will guide the commissioners/myself in case there is an emergency in the county
- EOP Plan – will need to be updated every 5 years
- 100% compliant with the State on reporting/plans/audit
- LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee)
- Required training & what is required to fill the position of the Emergency Management Director
- Updated files from paper to digital
- Responded to 40 incidents
- Integrated Emergency Management with the Sheriff Department/Blackfeet Tribal Departments/Cut Bank Police Department/Fire Departments
- Bridge's/Pipeline/Railroad/Dam's

Commissioner Billedeaux, Bremner & Bird thank OEM Director Milender for the update and commend him for a job well done.

Public Comment
Duane Ladd, Public commented.

D. Discussion/Approval: Relieve Glacier County Study Commission Member/Appoint New Glacier County Study Commission Member/ Appoint New Ex-Officio Member – Judd Milender, Glacier County Study Commission Chair

Judd Milender, Glacier County Study Commission Chair states that they will need to appoint a new study commission member due to a few members who are unable to fulfill their role on the GC Study Commissioner Board and a new Ex-Officio Member to the GC Study Commission. He states that he would like to recommend Crystal R. Cole as the new Glacier County Study Commission Board Member and Jacalynn Monroe as the new Glacier County Study Commission Ex-Officio Member.

Public Comment
Duane Ladd, Public commented.

Commissioner Bremner motions to appoint Crystal R. Cole as the new Glacier County Study Commission Board Member and Jacalynn Monroe as the new Glacier County Study Commission Ex-Officio Member; Commissioner Bird seconds the motion; motion carried.

E. Discussion: Land & Lease – Duane Ladd, Public

Duane Ladd, Public, Cleo Main & Shelly M. Hall, Blackfeet Tribal Business Council Members were present to discuss the Cut Bank Airport Authority which is owned by Glacier County & the City of Cut Bank along with the land surrounding it which was acquired when the airport was built in 1942 as a World War II Army Airfield. The land was initially taken by eminent domain and was used by the Second Air Force as an auxiliary heavy bomber training airfield, being controlled by Great Falls Army Air Base. Mr. Ladd talks about the Cut Bank Airport Authority having leased land and not leasing to tribal members, which is concerning. Also, he would like the county to research why this land was not returned to the original owners. There is a lengthy discussion on why Glacier County & the City of Cut Bank are the current owners of the property/land versus the land going back to the Blackfeet Tribe or the Original Allottee. There were no decisions made.

Public Comment
There was no public comment.

OTHER BUSINESS:

F. Public Comment

Crystal R. Cole, Glacier County Elections Administrator commented.
Becky Kimmet, Glacier County Library Board Member via GoToMeeting commented.

G. Next Meeting – Thursday, April 24, 2025 – Cut Bank

Commissioner Bird motions to adjourn the meeting at 10:12 a.m.; Commissioner Bremner seconds the motion; motion carried.