

**GLACIER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING
PUBLIC HEARING – EAST GLACIER
Thursday, September 3, 2009**

The Board of Glacier County Commissioners met at a Special Meeting Public Hearing, September 3, 2009, at the East Glacier School. Commissioners Michael DesRosier, Ron Rides At The Door and Tony Sitzmann were present. Commissioner Michael DesRosier called the meeting to order. Clerk and Recorder, Glenda Hall was present to record the proceedings.

Present during the meeting: Sheriff Wayne Dusterhoff, County Attorney Larry Epstein, Senator Carol Juneau, Ann Pilgram, Clinton Pilgrim, Michael Tucker, Fay Tucker, Edwin Tucker, John McGill, Tony Little Dog, Larry Reevis, Patrick Afterbuffalo, Thelma Rides At The Door, Stan Juneau, Shelle Bocek, Rocco Catalusci, Faith Hubbard, Rena Bierle, Carlene Salois, Verlin Salois, Jody Guardipee, Brian Gallup, Terry McMasters, Linda Dusterhoff, Denise Mason, Ernest Gray, Long standing Bear Chief, Dale St. Goddard, Ray Cobell, Juliana Salois Cobell, Ron LaDue, Barbara Gallup, John W. Ray, Ali Ray, Eva Wall, , Donald Little Dog, Sherry Hilleboe, Richard Rides At The Door

7:10 p.m. Chairman Michael DesRosier introduces the agreement and requested a time limit of 3 minutes per comment. Commissioner Michael DesRosier noted that this meeting concerns the signing of the temporary law enforcement agreement between Glacier County and the Blackfoot Tribe.

Commissioner Michael DesRosier opened the meeting with introductions and provided a history of the negotiations between the Glacier County and the Blackfoot Tribe for a law enforcement cooperative agreement. Commissioner Michael DesRosier stated that most of the feedback from the public that they have received has been very positive.

Many of those present addressed the Commission in support of such an agreement; several expressed concerns regarding response to Seville area by law enforcement agencies serving the area. The comments, generally, were very favorable regarding County law enforcement in the area and in favor of entering into a cooperative agreement giving all County deputies authority to arrest and detain all law breakers in the area, regardless of race.

Sheriff Wayne Dusterhoff and County Attorney Larry Epstein responded to questions regarding their support of the agreement and how they thought this should be handled. Those present also urged the commissioners to support the Sheriff's officers and law enforcement and work to have all deputies who are qualified and properly certified, commissioned by the Tribe pursuant to such an Agreement.

It was encouraged that those present could also comment in writing and tribal members could contact their Tribal Business Council representatives to express their feelings on the terms of a law enforcement agreement.

There being no further business, the special meeting and public hearing adjourned at 7:50 p.m. with a motion by Commissioner Ron Rides At The Door and seconded by Commissioner Tony Sitzmann. The motion passed by unanimous Board vote.

BOARD OF GLACIER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Michael J. DesRosier, Chairman

ATTEST:

Glenda M. Hall, Clerk and Recorder