

**GLACIER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING
PUBLIC HEARING - COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS
Tuesday, September 08, 2009**

The Board of Glacier County Commissioners met at a Special Meeting Public Hearing at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 08, 2009. Chairman Michael DesRosier, Commissioner Ron Rides At The Door, and Commissioner Tony Sitzmann were present. Chairman Michael DesRosier called the meeting to order. Clerk and Recorder, Glenda Hall was present to record the proceedings.

This is a public meeting to discuss the law enforcement agreement with the Blackfeet Tribe.

Present throughout the day: LeAnne Kavanaugh, Eric Newhouse, County Attorney Larry Epstein, Deputy County Attorney Carolyn Brown, Jerilee Wilkerson, Wade Johnson, Doug Sheble, and Sheriff Wayne Dusterhoff

9:00 a.m.

- Chairman Michael DesRosier explained the temporary agreement between the Blackfeet Tribe and Glacier County Law Enforcement. This agreement was rescinded because the laws of public notice were not followed. . Commissioner DesRosier gave a brief history of the negotiations between the Blackfeet Tribe and Glacier County, stating that the majority of the feedback from public comments has been very positive.
- Sheriff Dusterhoff stated he would like to see all qualified Glacier County Deputies get commission cards, adding the Sheriff's Office receives a lot of calls in Seville Housing. Sheriff Dusterhoff also stated he is not hung up on the issue of sovereignty, which is for the courts to decide. He stressed his concerns about all citizens of Glacier County having law enforcement readily available.
- Clifford Hagen spoke about the police log that is published in the Cut Bank Pioneer press, saying he feels the majority of the calls Law Enforcement receives are in the Seville housing area, and the Tribe would benefit with the addition of Glacier County Deputies responding to Law Enforcement calls.
- Doug Sheble questioned why all of the deputies were not given commission cards. Commissioner Rides At The Door said the Tribe has given no solid answer on why some of the Glacier County Deputies were excluded in the agreement.
- The Sheriff and County Attorney answered questions about the agreement, advising they would like some modifications on the new agreement.
- There is a scheduled public meeting in Browning at 1:00 p.m. today to discuss the agreement.

There being no further business for the day, the meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m. with a motion by Commissioner Tony Sitzmann and a second by Commissioner Michael DesRosier. The motion passed by Board vote.

BOARD OF GLACIER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Michael J. DesRosier, Chairman

ATTEST:

Glacier County Clerk and Recorder