

**GLACIER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
TOWN OF BROWNING, CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM  
Tuesday, September 29, 2009**

The Board of Glacier County Commissioners met at their regular monthly Browning meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 29, 2009 at the Town of Browning, City Hall conference room. Commissioners Michael DesRosier, Ron Rides At The Door and Tony Sitzmann were present. Chairman Michael DesRosier called the meeting to order. Clerk and Recorder, Glenda Hall recorded the proceedings.

Present throughout the day are: John McGill, Glacier Reporter; James Laidlaw, GC EMS; Darwin Feakes, EGP Fire Department; Sandra Watts, Blackfeet Tribal Attorney; Ron Kennerly, Director Opportunities Inc.

9:00 a.m. Discussion of Mill Levy Increase of Northern Rockies Medical Center

Commissioner Tony Sitzmann provided an update on the Northern Rockies Medical Center parking lot and generator. The parking lot will cost the county approximately \$95,000 to repave the lot. We have no place to dispose of the old millings. Most likely it will have to be transported to Kalispell by the contractor at an added expense. The generator will cost approximately \$45,000-\$50,000.

A short discussion was held about the progression of the law enforcement agreement. Commissioner Tony Sitzmann spoke with Ronald Smiley Kittson, Blackfeet Tribal Business Council and the Tribe continues to support the agreement and they want to get something signed and in place.

Glenda Hall, Clerk & Recorder updated the commissioners on the petition request from the Northern Rockies Medical Center to do a mill levy increase totaling \$300,000 annually. Thane Bedwell, NRMC CEO submitted a letter requesting this will be a forever mill and Larry Epstein, GC Attorney will assist in developing the ballot language for the resolution. The public hearings will be scheduled after the hearings for the property transfer to the GC Regional Port Authority so that we don't confuse the public.

10:00 a.m. Discussion of Obsolete Cardiac Monitors of James Laidlaw

James Laidlaw, GC Ambulance presented information to the commissioners on different options for replacing his two obsolete cardiac monitors. Buying three brand new units will cost his department approximately \$91,785. This is the dream scenario. Given his current financial/budget crisis he has been talking with different entities on other options. The second choice options is to purchase two used units from Physio-Control totaling \$5,418.92 each.

10:25 a.m. of Sandra Watts, Blackfeet Tribal Attorney was present to discuss the law enforcement agreement. Commissioner Michael DesRosier gave an update on our meetings and discussion with Andy Huff from the Attorney General's office last week. It may be in the best interest of

both parties to go forward with a long term agreement rather than trying to keep pushing forward with the short term agreement, which we are beyond. Commissioner Michael DesRosier voiced his opinion about MACo's concern over insurance and liability coverage. He asked MACo where the bigger liability issue comes from, having a temporary agreement or no agreement at all. The commission will reaffirm the temporary agreement on the Tuesday, October 6, 2009 agenda. One issue that should be considered is that maybe we should issue commission cards to all officers on both sides. Then the very next day let the liaison's review each officer individually and start pulling commission cards based on infractions and/or further review and/or investigation of any allegations of impropriety.

11:00 a.m. Approval of Transfer Host from Member Clicks to Morrison-Maierle Systems

Commissioner Ron Rides At The Door updates the commissioners on the county website and moved it over to our stand alone site. During his discussion with Allison, Morrison-Maierle Systems he explained how our system is supposed to be updated by each individual department and nothing is being done. He has provided IT instruction and training to the individual department and this is the worst group he has ever dealt with and he doesn't have the time to be the web manager. He is proposing that we allow Morrison-Maierle to be our web manager. It is on the Thursday, October 1, 2009 agenda for approval.

11:20 a.m. Commissioner Tony Sitzmann brought up the mayor forum in Cut Bank and inquired if there should be a County Representative present at the meeting. The forum is Wednesday, September 30, 2009 at 12:00 p.m. at the Cut Bank Voting Center. It is decided that Commissioner Ron Rides At The Door will attend the forum while Commissioner Michael DesRosier and Commissioner Tony Sitzmann are conducting the Public Hearing held in East Glacier.

11:30 a.m. Ron Kennerly, Opportunities Inc., Area Director showed up to introduce himself and his new position with Opportunities Inc. Commissioner Michael DesRosier sits on the board for Glacier County and he verified that the biggest portion of their funding is in Cascade and Glacier because we have the bulk of the population. Pondera County continues to complain about the disparity of funding, but they don't have the population base to support themselves. We are certainly interested in helping Mr. Ron Kennerly out in any way possible because we take up such a large portion of the region. Services provided through Opportunities Inc. can be utilized by all residents of the county. This organization can only enhance the additional services that are available on the Reservation. Mr. Kennerly is in the process of scheduling his visits and would like to be in Browning on Mondays for two to three hours. The commission is agreeable to allowing Mr. Kennerly to use the driver examiner desk as long as he doesn't schedule his visits on Thursdays.

There being no further business for the day, the meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m. with a motion by Commissioner Ron Rides At The Door and a second by Commissioner Tony Sitzmann. The motion passed by Board vote.

**BOARD OF GLACIER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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Michael J. DesRosier, Chairman

**ATTEST:**

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Glenda M. Hall, Clerk and Recorder