

**GLACIER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
of Browning City Hall**

Tuesday, October 27, 2009

The Board of Glacier County Commissioners met at a regular meeting at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 15th, 2009. Commissioners Michael DesRosier, Ron Rides At The Door and Tony Sitzmann were present. Commissioner Michael DesRosier called the meeting to order.

Present throughout the day: EMS Chief, James Laidlaw, Tamera Kelly, Joleen Weatherwax, John Ray, Road Supervisor, Bill Bandel, County Attorney Larryn Epstein, Sergeant Vernon Billedeaux, Kyle Sinclair, BIA, John Grinsell, BIA, Gayle Augare, Town of Browning Mayor Willie Morris,

Absent: Clerk and Recorder Glenda Hall

9:00 a.m. Discussion-EMS Education Class-James Laidlaw

- EMS Chief James Laidlaw and EMS Employee Tamera discussed trying to promote EMS training within the community. Tamara Kelly there are 2 interested people from Cut Bank. Paramedic courses in Great Falls are 10 month classes, the cost being \$6802, for a total of \$8797. There are options that the county would help with the cost with an educational contract for the pay back to the county. The program starts in February, with registration being November 23rd. The county may start a line item fund outside of department budgets to fund training for all departments within the county. Commissioners will look into the options.

9:30 a.m. CTEP payment for airport project

- The estimate of \$4700 for the airport in Cut Bank was tabled.
Commissioner Ron Rides At The Door made a motion to approve payment for the Cut Bank Airport, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Tony Sitzmann, motion carried.

10:00 a.m. Approval-TSEP Payment for St. Mary Bridge Project

- Commissioner Ron Rides At The Door made a motion to approve TSEP payment for the St Mary Bridge Project, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Tony Sitzmann, motion carried.

10:30 a.m. Approval-East Glacier Park Road Building negotiation

- Glacier County Commissioners, Glacier County Attorney and Road Dept Manager discussed the proposed lease for the Glacier County Road Department Building in East Glacier. The shop will be built by John Ray on his property located on the south east edge of town for use by the county road department. The shop will be 40x60, with two 14x14 doors, a secure fenced yard, 30x30 outside area, 10x20 office with a toilet and a shower. The building will be maintained by John Ray, and the county will be responsible for the utilities. The monthly lease will be \$998 a month for a 5 year term, with a 5 year renewal. Glacier County Attorney Epstein will draft a lease agreement contract after working out some minor details with John Ray. The approximate date of the contract will start March 1st, 2010.

Satellite Office concerns- Gail Augare
Glacier County Treasurers Satellite office in Browning,
voiced her concerns about the verbal abuse directed towards the Drivers Examiner in
the Browning office. Gail advised the Drivers Examiner is blamed for following the
rules concerning picture IDs and proof of residency. Gail suggested having handouts
explaining all the rules and requirements. Gail would also like law enforcement to stop
by from time to time. Gail stated if the verbal abuse continues, she will call 911. Gail
Augare also spoke about the satellite office in Browning needing more space, with the
addition of new computers and space required for the Drivers Examiner. Browning
Mayor Willie Morris is willing to remove a wall to increase the size of the area,
Glacier County would be responsible for the cost of the remodel.

12:00 p.m. Lunch

1:15 p.m. Law Enforcement agreement with Blackfeet Tribe

- BIA Law enforcement officers Chief John Grinsell and Officer Kyle Sinclair, who are both in favor of an agreement between BIA and Glacier County Sheriffs Office, spoke about the possibility of getting the Law Enforcement Academy to town for testing of BIA officers and Glacier County Sheriffs Office deputies. They stated that we must work out this law enforcement agreement locally, with one training for all. This effort would be a large cost savings. The departments are looking into a joint detention facility for BIA and Glacier County. Attorney Sandra Watts is finalizing the agreement and preparing it for the tribal council to sign off on it.

2:00 p.m. Delinquent taxes (Johnny's Supper Club) B. Arrowtop

- No show
- 2:15 p.m. Commissioners received a call from Sheriff Wayne Dusterhoff and Maintenance Supervisor Merle Cowell concerning jail repairs. The jail floors need to be redone, and because of the drying time and the strong odor, prisoners must be moved out of the jail for a couple of days. One of the concerns about this is who is going to be paying the extra costs, the Commissioners advised they need to Contact County Attorney Larry Epstein. Merle Cowell advised the check list is being done, but it is not completed. Oswald Construction wants some of the retainage to pay the subs. Kevin Paige, LPW architects will send us a new check list. The building is still not signed off by the building inspector. The commissioners are opposed to releasing funds, as it is Oswalds responsibility to pay sub contractors. Sheriff Dusterhoff is working on an agreement to house 6 BIA Prisoners; a contract would generate approximately \$9000, to \$10,000 a month for Glacier County.

3:00 p.m. Approval of minutes

There being no further business for the day, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 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.



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Michael J. DesRosier, Chairman

ATTEST:

Glacier County Clerk and Recorder