

**GLACIER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, November 16, 2009**

The Board of Glacier County Commissioners met at a regular meeting at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, November 16, 2009. Commissioners Michael DesRosier, Ron Rides At The Door and Tony Sitzmann were present. Commissioner Ron Rides At The Door called the meeting to order. Glenda Hall, Clerk & Recorder was present.

Present throughout the day: Merle Cowell, Maintenance; Wayne Dusterhoff, Sherriff; Kate Salois, GC Treasurer; Della Dubbe, GC Library Director; Dennis Seglem, Museum Director; Doug Embody, Mayor of Cut Bank; Jack Latray, Ken Finstad, and Don Topp, public; Nikki Lako, Minutes

9:30 a.m. Glenda Hall, Glacier County Clerk & Recorder, received a Petition for Recount from William Morris for the Mayoral Contest for Browning. The recount is scheduled for Wednesday November 18, 2009.

10:00 a.m. Approval – Stonegarden Award – Wayne Dusterhoff

Commissioner Michael DesRosier, the funds were to be received quarterly. Dusterhoff is expecting \$60,000 for vehicles. Commissioner Michael DesRosier asked Dusterhoff about a vehicle that was purchased, was it covered under Stonegarden. Glenda Hall said that she is working on the reimbursement. The official grant award was for \$81,978 for October 1 – December 30, 2009. Dusterhoff said there was \$210,000 available. Hall told Dusterhoff that the grants are awarded quarterly. Commissioner Michael DesRosier reminded all present to stay on budget.

Commissioner Michael DesRosier was approached by some deputies that were concerned that Stonegarden duties are not being distributed evenly. Commissioner DesRosier looked into the concerns that the deputies presented and all checked out and seemed fair. Dusterhoff is keeping close tabs on the Stonegarden funds. Commissioner DesRosier would like to see the Sherriff's department work on their communication issues and their chain of command. Dusterhoff will address the chain of command issue. Commissioner DesRosier wanted to irradiate to Dusterhoff and his department that the commissioners are available and their open door policy.

Commissioner DesRosier, any equipment purchase over \$5,000 needs to go thru the approval process. Dusterhoff is going to send a letter to the commissioners attaching any correspondents so there is no room for any misinterpretation. If the Sherriff's office spends any of the grant funds, Dusterhoff will go thru the commissioners.

Dusterhoff asked Hall and the commissioners if he could submit his own reimbursements. Hall will look into who has permission to send off the reimbursements. If Dusterhoff is ok to sign, Hall is fine with him doing his own reimbursements. Hall only requests that Dusterhoff give her copies. However, if Hall has to sign, then she would like to keep the current process.

Glenda Hall would like to have Dusterhoff send a memo to Treasurer Kate Salois when the funds come in so she is knows where to distribute the funds. Commissioner DesRosier will follow up with Hall, Salois & Dusterhoff to see how the process is going.

Hall would like to sit down with Tom Siefert to go thru Octobers Stonegarden so he can get a better feel for the process. At the first of the year, Glenda is going to have Siefert process his end of the paperwork.

10:50 a.m. Jack Latray, a citizen of Glacier County, wanted to know what the \$2.00 Convenience Fee was for on his vehicle registration. Commissioner Michael DesRosier advised Latray that it was a State authorized fee for online services such as the satellite office in Browning.

11:00 a.m. Approval – Award Surveyor Contract on Hospital Property

The County Commissioners received three bids. Commissioner Michael DesRosier opened the sealed bids.

1. Cicon & Associates
Bid of \$2,550 with an estimated completion date of December 30, 2009.
2. Triangle Engineering
Bid not to exceed \$4,000, upon acceptance of the bid, the field work will be complete after two weeks. The Amended Subdivision Plat will be ready for filing one week after the field work is complete.
3. Stahly Engineering
Bid of \$2,750, once the bid is accepted the county will need to call and follow up on the completion date and time.

11:05 a.m. Tabled approval to meet with Kate Salois, Glacier County Treasurer.

Salois wanted to express her concern with Morrison-Maierle Systems Corporation. The county needs to have a reliable server back up. Jason, Morrison-Maierle representative is not getting work completed and the county is getting double billed. Salois is concerned that Jason has an extreme work load. Salois suggested making a log for when the Morrison-Maierle representative is present to do work for the county. Salois made one last comment to be addressed by Morrison-Maierle, since the county switched to Bresnan; the web server is dropping off the network.

Commissioner Ron Rides At The Door said he would contact Greg Nash (Jason's supervisor) of Morrison-Maierle and address the concerns of Salois.

11:20 a.m. Reconvened Approval – Award Surveyor Contract on Hospital Property

Commissioner Tony Sitzmann motioned to accept the low bid from Cicon & Associates. Commissioner Ron Rides At The Door second the motion. All commissioners in favor, motion carried.

11:35 a.m. Approval – Tax Deed Redemption – Scoreboard

Kate Salois, GC Treasurer stated the redemption period is up, asked if she could move forward on the tax deed. Commissioner Tony Sitzmann motioned to move forward with the tax deed for Scoreboard. Commissioner Ron Rides At The Door second the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

12:00 pm Lunch

1:55 p.m. Discussion – Library Budget & Browning Concrete Work – Della Dubbe

Dubbe brought in two bids for the concrete work for the Public Library in Browning.

1. Billedeaux Construction \$3,000
2. Sinclair Glass & Auto \$6,500

The commissioners asked Merle Cowell to contact Clint Billedeaux of Billedeaux Construction to notify him that he can get started on the concrete work for the Browning Public Library.

Dubbe asked about \$5,000 that she was approved for through a Resolution. Commissioner Ron Rides At The Door will check and make sure that the funds are put into the correct account according to the resolution. The resolution is on the agenda for approval on December 10, 2009.

Dubbe had an architect, Mr. Brandt, looked at the Browning Public Library's bathroom to see what it is going to take to make it handicap accessible. There are different options, for example, remodel the bathroom, add on to the existing building and relocate the bathroom. Need to keep the options open until the funding is available to complete the project. Commissioner Tony Sitzmann told Dubbe to find grants, and the county's grant writer will write them up. Dubbe is going search for grants to help with the handicap bathroom remodel. Commissioner Sitzmann said that the grant doesn't need to be a full grant, if it is not a full grant, the funds may be matched. Commissioner Michael DesRosier said to get a second opinion on the architecture for the handicap bathroom.

Dubbe added specific details of the concrete work (concrete, labor, etc) to the contract from Billedeaux Construction. Cowell is going to contact Clint Billedeaux to see when he can get started. Cowell is going to get Clint Billedeaux to sign the new contract before he begins the concrete work.

3:35 p.m. Approval – Resolution 2009-16 Budget Amendment 2% COLA

Commissioner Ron Rides At The Door motioned to accept the Resolution 2009-16 Budget Amendment for 2% Cost Of Living Allowance. Commissioner Tony Sitzmann second the motion. Unanimous, all in favor, motion carried.

3:40 p.m. Sherriff Wayne Dusterhoff came in to talk to the commissioners regarding the funds the county is receiving for the range. This was not a schedule item on the agenda. The funds received will be used towards improving the firing range. The firing range is available to the following organizations once the yearly fees are paid: City of Cut Bank, Montana Highway Patrol, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Blackfeet Tribe, Border Patrol, Montana Probation & Parole and U.S. Probation & Parole. The fee is on a sliding scale depending on the number of people from each department that will be using the firing range. Departments with one to three employees using the range will cost \$175.00, four to six employees \$250.00, seven and up \$350.00. Hall and Dusterhoff discussed the proper coding for the firing range funds to ensure the funds were in the appropriate accounts.

4:10 p.m. Discussion – Museum Storage – D. Seglem & Cut Bank Mayor Embody

Dennis Seglem, Glacier County Museum Director, presented those present images of Cut Bank in the early 1900's. While showing the images, Seglem gave a brief history of Cut Bank.

Commissioner Tony Sitzmann explained to Seglem and Cut Bank Mayor Embody, the Glacier County Treasurer will be filing the tax deed for the “Scoreboard”. Commissioner Michael DesRosier would like to help with the city’s interest in preserving the history. Mayor Embody and Commissioner Sitzmann both agreed that this would be good for the community and the county. Commissioner DesRosier would like to use CTEP funds to help with the funding for this community project. The commissioners have used CTEP funds to help Browning and East Glacier with “Welcome” signs and Cut Bank’s Senior Center received CTEP funding for the sprinkler system and restoration at the airport.

Seglem’s goal is to see one to two rotating exhibits and a gallery at a location in town to get the public and tourists interested in going out to the museum.

Mayor Embody spoke to the commissioners about the sidewalk he would like to see along the High School Football Field. Embody needs help with funding. Embody mention that Rich Monroe knows where to find grants to help with the funding. The sidewalk along the football field will be a nice facelift for the community.

Mayor Embody thanked the commissioners for their time and help. Embody and the commissioners all look forward to working together in the future.

There being no further business for the day, the meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m. with a motion by Commissioner Tony Sitzmann and a second by Commissioner Ron Rides At The Door. The motion passed by Board vote.

BOARD OF GLACIER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Michael J. DesRosier, Chairman

ATTEST:

Glacier County Clerk and Recorder