

**GLACIER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, January 11, 2010**

The Board of Glacier County Commissioners met at a regular meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, January 11, 2010. Commissioners Michael DesRosier, Ron Rides At The Door and Tony Sitzmann were present. Commissioner Michael DesRosier called the meeting to order. Glenda Hall, Clerk & Recorder was present.

Present throughout the day: Bill Bandel, GC Road Supervisor; Charles Farmer, GC DES; Merle Cowell, GC Maintenance; Kate Salois, Treasurer; Bill McCauley, Public; LeAnne Kavanagh, Press; JD Emmert, Mike Meredith & Byron Stahly, Stahly Engineering; Jerilee Wilkerson, CBDC; Bill Grant, Public; Nikki Lako, Minutes

9:00 a.m. Approval – Commissioner Delegate for LEPC – Charles Farmer

Commissioner Michael DesRosier and Charles Farmer scheduled the LEPC Meetings for the year (2010) on the fourth Thursday of each month at 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. with a working lunch.

9:15 a.m. Non Agenda - GPI: Hotel Drive

Commissioner Tony Sitzmann stated that Glacier Park Inc should deed the approach to the commissioners. It doesn't seem fair to the people that are down the road, they are virtually land locked. Commissioner Ron Rides At The Door added there are a lot of gray areas, either have the county easement or don't have it at all. Commissioner Michael DesRosier thought a concrete bridge could be put in for the high water, to act like a culvert. Bill Bandel, Road Supervisor, there are different rules for culverts. Bandel said being fair and staying consistent is his goal for his road department. Bandel added that he was approached about sheriff deputies and their road conditions. Bandel said if it is an emergency he would help when his department could, but just to get a deputy's road plowed so they could get to work is not going to happen. They are responsible to keep their road maintained. All three commissioners agreed with Bill Bandel.

9:30 a.m. Discussion – Glacier Care Center – Allison Harvie

Allison Harvie, Glacier Care Center Administrator was not present for agenda item.

10:00 a.m. Approval – Impact Fee Distribution

Commissioner Michael DesRosier stated he would like to see a gas tax for roads and streets. Commissioner Tony Sitzmann agreed to go forward with the fee. Commissioner Ron Rides At The Door stated that it is a fee also known as a tax. Commissioner DesRosier added that it is limited to roads and streets and he reminded the other commissioners that it is a law. At this time there will be no further action or discussion at this time regarding impact fees.

10:30 a.m. Approval – City of Cut Bank Invoices for Street Repair

The discussion regarding the invoices for street repair from the City of Cut Bank was held during previous commissioner meetings and told Mandi Kennerly, Claims, to go ahead and print the check.

11:00 a.m. Approval – Employee Compensation for Employee's Certification

11:30 a.m. Commissioner Michael DesRosier and Glenda Hall, Clerk & Recorder, excused themselves from the commissioner meeting to travel to Browning to attend a meeting with Shannon Juneau. Before leaving they stated they would return approximately around 1:30 p.m.

12:00 pm Lunch

1:30 p.m. Discussion – Stahly Engineering

JD Emmert, Stahly Engineering, explained he was offered another job with a different company and that he would no longer be with Stahly Engineering. However, Emmert reassured the commissioners they were still in good hands. JD Emmert introduced Mike Meredith, Stahly representative that will be taking his over his position. Emmert also made it very clear that if the commissioners or Stahly needed his assistance with any current projects that he was involved in he would be more than willing to help when needed.

Commissioners Tony Sitzmann and Ron Rides At The Door gave a brief description of the CTEP projects that the local communities are striving for. The projects described in Cut Bank were the Airport signage, Museum's expanding into the old Wagon Wheel and Hi Mac buildings, and the Central/Cement Park renovations and in Browning the Pathway to the new high school.

1:40 p.m. Commissioner Michael DesRosier and Glenda Hall, Clerk & Recorder returned from their meeting with Shannon Juneau in Browning.

Commissioner DesRosier stated that a group that he thought would show up for the Public Hearing was the Museum of the Plains Indians. They were established around 1940. They have a lot of visitors that stop in Browning purposely to visit the museum. They could use funding for weatherization and restoration.

As far as the pathway, Commissioner Rides At The Door stated you know that kids will use the shortest path to their destination. Commissioner DesRosier stated that it would be most feasible to use a straight route to the school. Byron Stahly, Stahly Engineering, stated to use in kind donations to help with CTEP projects. Commissioner Rides At The Door added that the road department will also help and after sixty days we will have a committee to help make a decision on which project(s) to proceed with.

Jerilee Wilkerson, CBDC, came up to show Stahly Engineering's representatives the plans for the Central/Cement Park. Wilkerson stated that the downtown businesses would utilize the space along with the community. Eventually, the community would like to see the bike path from the swimming pool to the sports complex. Commissioner Michael DesRosier would like to have a management board (Economic Development Board) to work with the county and Stahly on CTEP projects. This board would appropriate funds to the budget, get more community involvement, etc.

Commissioner DesRosier asked the Stahly representatives how the cost of bridges was developed, is it a square foot cost. Commissioner Sitzmann asked what criteria are needed to decide whether a bridge or a culvert would work for each individual projects needs. Byron Stahly said that water is an issue especially regarding hydraulics. Commissioner Ron Rides At The Door also added there is a road in East Glacier that needs attention. Mike Meredith, Stahly Engineering, thought a culvert should be ok. Byron Stahly asked about a bridge inventory for Glacier County. Commissioner DesRosier said the tribe did an inventory on the reservation and the commissioners are waiting for a copy of the report.

2:30 p.m. Discussion: Long Range Planning (2:30–4:00 p.m.)

Merle Cowell wanted to discuss with the commissioners the addition to the new jail. The Sheriff's department was approved for \$176,000.00. Cowell would like to see a maintenance garage that will include storage space, a training (conference) room, bathroom, weight room & possibly additional office space. Byron Stahly asked what kind of time line the Sheriff's office had to spend the funds. Cowell stated that the funds had to be obligated by September 10, 2010 or the funds will be returned. Cowell also added he would like to see a building put up for \$150,000.00 and the remaining \$26,000.00 for contingencies.

The commissioners, Stahly's representatives, Merle Cowell & Nikki Lako went outside to review the plans to add onto the new jail with the stimulus package received. They looked at the existing building, ground work, power lines, etc that will be affected by the addition. The commissioners and Cowell thanked Byron Stahly, Mike Meredith & JD Emmert for their time and help with the jail addition. The commissioners returned to their quarters.

Merle Cowell mentioned the thought of developing a committee or an individual to draw up plans and do the foot work regarding this new addition to the jail. The individual/committee would first have to start by creating a plan and move forward until the project is complete.

3:40 p.m. Non Agenda Item: Keith Larson & Cut Bank Property

Keith Larson dropped off a fax regarding the property taxes for property owned by Patricia Schaeffer. Keith Larson was requesting that the commissioners waive the penalties and interest. Commissioner Michael DesRosier called and explained to Keith Larson the commissioners don't have the authority to waive the penalties and interest.

4:00 p.m. Discussion & Approval – Resolution: Commissioner's 2010 Schedule

The commissioner meeting days are the first Tuesday of the month in Cut Bank, second and third Monday's in Cut Bank, every other Thursday (payroll) in Cut Bank and the fourth Tuesday of the month in Browning. If a regular meeting day fell on a holiday, the meeting day was rescheduled for the next business day. Also added to the commissioners schedule is meeting days for East Glacier and Babb to rotate every other month. The meeting day for East Glacier and Babb is the fourth Wednesday of the month, to begin in May in Babb.

Commissioner Ron Rides At The door motioned to approve the 2010 Commissioner Schedule. Commissioner Tony Sitzmann second the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

4:15 p.m. Non Agenda Item – Bill Grant

Bill Grant stopped in to chat with the commissioners. The commissioners briefed Grant on the addition to the new jail. Bill Grant told the commissioners that by the end of the project the architect and the engineers will be involved. However, the commissioners could start the project by getting a local contractor to start with a site plan and get started that way.

4:30 p.m. Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Tony Sitzmann motioned to approve the minutes for 1/5/10 and 1/7/10. Commissioner Ron Rides At The Door second the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

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.

BOARD OF GLACIER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Michael J. DesRosier, Chairman

ATTEST:

Glenda Hall, Clerk and Recorder