

**GLACIER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, January 21, 2010**

The Board of Glacier County Commissioners met at a regular meeting at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 21, 2010. Commissioners Ron Rides At The Door and Tony Sitzmann were present. Commissioner Ron Rides At The Door called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Michael DesRosier was not present. He was attending a MACo Risk Management Loss Control Conference in Missoula, Montana. Glenda Hall, Clerk & Recorder, was not present due to a family emergency.

Present throughout the day: Bill Bandel, GC Road Supervisor; Sheriff Wayne Dusterhoff, Merle Cowell, GC Maintenance; Larry Epstein, County Attorney; Jasen Bronec, Glacier Electric; Doug Embody, Mayor of Cut Bank; Nikki Lako, Minutes.

***Commissioner Ron Rides At The Door added a discussion only agenda item at 11:00 a.m. with Doug Embody, Mayor of Cut Bank; and Jasen Bronec of Glacier Electric to discuss the Energy Conservation Grant and CTEP Funds.**

8:00 a.m. Review/Sign: Payroll & Claims

Dated for January 21, 2010

CLAIMS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT

FUND	AMOUNT
General Fund	\$ 36,854.60
Road Fund	\$ 21,574.87
Bridge Fund	\$ -
Weed Control	\$ 966.50
County District Court	\$ 2,870.28
Library	\$ 3,975.72
Ambulance	\$ 9,349.06
City/County Planning	\$ -
CB Senior Citizen Center	\$ -
CB Senior Citizen Center-AGNG SERV--Transportation	\$ -
Public Safety (Law)	\$ 17,725.28
Alcoholism	\$ -
Museum	\$ 29.31
CB Rural Fire Department	\$ -
Sheriff's Drug Force	\$ -
Glacier Park Lights	\$ 490.58
Solid Waste (Garbage)	\$ 653.04
Library Memorial	\$ -
Ambulance Trust	\$ -
Road #2 (Gas)	\$ -
911 Emergency (Sheriff)	\$ 726.93
Enhanced 911 Emergency (Sheriff)	\$ -
TSEP (Treasure State Endowment Program)	\$ -
Accelerated Tax	\$ -
Electrical Generation Impact	\$ -
P.I.L.T.	\$ 15,911.67
COPS Grant	\$ -
Sheriff Law Enf Grant - Stonegarden	\$ -
Department of Justice	\$ 1,200.00
Disaster	\$ 394.05
Community Transportation Enhancement	\$ -
Health Grants	\$ 1,187.35
Breast & Cervical Screening	\$ -
WIC	\$ 39.00
Health-MCH	\$ 5.87
Tobacco Grant	\$ -
G.O. Bond Debt Service Fund	\$ -
Weed Capital Improvement	\$ -
Glacier County Ambulance Capital	\$ 3,557.16

Jail Construction Fund	\$ 73.79
Hospital	\$ -
West End Cemetery	\$ 196.44
Hospital Agency Fund	\$ -
Payroll	\$ -
TOTAL CLAIMS	\$ 117,781.50
PAYROLL	\$ 189,972.06
	\$ 307,753.56

9:15 a.m. Non Agenda Item: Sheriff Department Update – Wayne Dusterhoff

Sheriff Dusterhoff told the commissioners that he has received the funds from the JAG Grant. \$32,000.00 of the \$50,000.00 received is the City of Cut Bank’s. However, the city has to spend the money first then the proper procedure would to send a claim thru the county to be reimbursed for the \$32,000.00.

Glacier County Sheriff’s Department has agreed to hold up to eight (8) prisoners for the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA). Dusterhoff stated that the sheriff’s department will hold six (6) prisoners at all times for the BIA and if the county has room they will hold up to two (2) extra floaters. However, if the Sheriff’s Department needs the cells, the floaters will be sent back to Browning.

W. Dusterhoff let the commissioners know that Merle Cowell is collecting local estimates for the cost of the addition to the new jail/detention center.

10:00 a.m. Approval – Glacier Care Center’s Water Softener System Bid

Stahly Engineering recommended that the Glacier Care Center have a water softener system installed due to the hard water in Cut Bank. Commissioner Tony Sitzmann asked if Cut Bank’s water is hard. Commissioner Ron Rides At The Door replied that Cut Bank’s water is fairly hard. Commissioner Tony Sitzmann motioned to table the decision regarding the Glacier Care Center’s Water Softener System Bid. Commissioner Ron Rides At The Door second the motion to table the approval based on the midyear financial review. The commission will revisit the approval for Glacier Care Center in April 2010.

11:00 a.m. Non Agenda Item: Discussion Only – Energy Conservation Grant & CTEP: Mayor Doug Embody

Jasen Bronec, Glacier Electric’s General Manager, opened by giving a brief breakdown of the Energy Conservation Grant and the parameters of the grant. Bronec stated that the ultimate goal is to have a strong application in order to receive the funding. This is going to take a team effort between the city, county and the local coops. Bronec believes that a joint application would make a stronger application with in kind funds and the projects to utilize thru the coops. Jasen Bronec also touched base on needing proper signage regarding the grant work completed.

Cut Bank Mayor, Doug Embody, stated that Jennifer Biegler has put over thirty (30) hours into this grant application. Mayor Embody and Jerilee Wilkerson spoke about applying for the Energy Conservation Grant as a joint application.

There being no further business for the day, the meeting adjourned at 12:00 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. Jennifer Biegler will be representing the City of Cut Bank and Jerilee Wilkerson to represent Glacier County, with the City of Cut Bank to take the lead on the joint application.

Mayor Doug Embody state that their needs to be better communication between the city and the county. Mayor Embody was upset regarding a phone message he received from Commissioner Tony Sitzmann. Commissioner Sitzmann apologized to Mayor Embody regarding a phone message he left to Mayor Embody that was taken out of text. Commissioner Sitzmann explained the message in which he intended to leave. Commissioner Sitzmann’s message was taken the

wrong way. Mayor Embody accepted the apology and the two gentlemen agreed to work on communication and shook hands.

Jasen Bronec reminded the city and the county that they need to take into consideration the Glacier Electric rebates that will help with the energy conservation grant. He added there is a lot of work to complete in a week. Mayor Embody mentioned that the city will be eligible for the full \$200,000.00. Commissioner Ron Rides At The Door stated that the county has not applied for any DEQ funds since he has been in office in January of 2007.

Again, it was reiterated that the City of Cut Bank and Glacier County would proceed with a joint application for the DEQ Energy Efficiency Grant due February 1, 2010.

The commissioners and the mayor discussed briefly the CTEP Project suggestions. Commissioner Ron Rides At The Door stated that the commission has not yet selected a project to move forward with. The deadline for CTEP project suggestions is February 16, 2010. Mayor Doug Embody spoke about a Beautification Committee that will be working to clean up and beautify the City of Cut Bank. Mayor Embody also asked the commission to keep the city and the projects they presented for the CTEP project when making the final project selection.

Commissioner Tony Sitzmann advised Mayor Embody that the Sheriff's department has received the Law Enforcement Grant. The county is obligated to see an invoice from the city before they can pay the city their share of the funds. The city needs to spend the \$32,000.00 immediately, invoice the county and the county will then reimburse the city their funds.

The commission and Mayor Embody all agreed that there should be a meeting like the meeting that took place today just to keep the lines of communication open. There doesn't have to be any major issues on the table, it is just an informal way of the two parties to keep in touch and informed on all issues. The City/County Summit Meeting will take place the first Tuesday of each month at 2:00 p.m.

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BOARD OF GLACIER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Michael J. DesRosier, Chairman

ATTEST:

Glenda Hall, Clerk and Recorder