

GLACIER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Town of Browning City Hall
Tuesday, January 26, 2010

The Board of Glacier County Commissioners met at a regular meeting at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 26, 2010. Commissioners Michael DesRosier, Ron Rides At The Door and Tony Sitzmann, Glenda Hall, Clerk & Recorder were present. Commissioner Michael DesRosier called the meeting to order.

Present throughout the day: Bill Bandel, GC Roads; John Ray, Public; Connie Bremner, Eagle Shield Director; Larry Epstein, County Attorney; John McGill, Press; Marty Woolf, West End Cemetery; Nikki Lako, Minutes

9:00 a.m. Discussion: Road Issues: Robin & Eleanor Monroe

Robin & Eleanor Monroe did not show up for the scheduled agenda item.

Commissioner Michael DesRosier stated that he had spoken to the Monroe's. Bill Bandel, Road Supervisor, stated that his crew dug out the Monroe Road last week creating a wind break. Bandel would like to utilize the wind in their favor. The road department plans to elevate the road in the spring time.

9:30 a.m. Non Agenda Item: City/County Summit Meeting

Browning's new Mayor, Lockley Bremner, spoke briefly with the commission. The commissioners asked Mayor Bremner if he would like to meet once a month to review any topics of interest and just to keep the lines of communication open. The commissioners explained that they are meeting once a month with Mayor Embody of Cut Bank as a City/County Summit. Mayor Bremner stated his interest in doing so. The commissioners also advised Bremner they would be inviting the Blackfeet Tribal Business Council to the Summit meetings. The City of Browning/County Summit Meeting will be the fourth Tuesday of the month at 1:30 p.m.

10:00 a.m. Closed Discussion: Personnel Issues: Clerk & Recorder's Office

The commissioners addressed personnel issues in the Clerk & Recorder's office.

11:00 a.m. Discussion/Approval: Eagle Shield Senior Center Appropriations

Connie Bremner, Director of Eagle Shield Senior Center, asked the commission for an additional \$6,000.00 to help increase her budget. Bremner stated that Eagle Shield's has not received an increase of funds from the federal government. Eagle Shield serves over 200 people a day. On behalf of Eagle Shield Senior Center, Bremner has requested additional funding from the Blackfeet Tribe and the tribe denied the additional funding for this fiscal year. The only source of income for Eagle Shield Senior Center is the sixteen (16) apartments that are managed by Eagle Shield and the meals that are sold. Connie Bremner asked the commission if they knew why Parkview Senior Center won't deliver meals to Seville Housing west of Cut Bank.

Commissioner Ron Rides At The Door mentioned that Heart Butte's Senior Center does not receive funding from Pondera County. Commissioner Michael DesRosier added that the issue that concerns him was that the county does not help fund an entity if the entity is receiving funds from a reservation. Commissioner DesRosier stated that in the pass the commission used PILT to help fund the Eagle Shield Senior Center. The commission has given Eagle Shield \$9,000.00 annually. Commissioner DesRosier asked Glenda Hall, Clerk & Recorder, what is the exact amount the commission gives to the Parkview Senior Center. Hall replied, \$56,000.00. Commissioner Ron Rides At The Door added that the commission needs accountability for the funds. When the commission helps fund different departments, we expect for each department to submit their expenses to the county for review. If the funds are allocated, the commission is going to need Eagle Shield to submit supporting documentation for the needed funds. Commissioner DesRosier agreed that the commission will need to review Eagle Shield's budget before agreeing to the extra \$6,000.00. Commissioner DesRosier also stated that Parkview Senior Center submits their budget every year for the commission to review.

Connie Bremner stated that Parkview Senior Center receives \$56,000.00 a year from the commission and Eagle Shield Senior Center is only receiving \$9,000.00 a year. Bremner argued that Eagle Shield provides more services to the community than Parkview Senior Center. Commissioner Rides At The Door asked Bremner to submit a copy of her budget outlining what the extra \$6,000.00 would contribute to. He reminded Bremner that these records are very important for accounting for all the funds that are allocated. Connie Bremner is going to fax a copy of the budget which includes lunch money, rent, carry over from last year, county funds and how the funds have been spent. Commissioner Ron Rides At The Door thanked Bremner for her time and getting the needed information to the commission. He added that it is the commissioner's responsibility for all agencies to be able to account for all funds that are dispersed.

Glenda Hall, Clerk & Recorder, asked the commission if they would give the Eagle Shield Senior Center their \$9,000.00 that is annually allocated. That way you may have time to review the budget for the additional \$6,000.00 and not hold up the \$9,000.00 that is needed for day to day operations. Commissioner Ron Rides At The Door motioned to approve the \$9,000.00 allocation from the year before to the Eagle Shield Senior Center. After Connie Bremner provides the commission with a budget the commissioners will review and make the decision on the remaining \$6,000.00 request. Commissioner Rides At The Door added that the commission is not against giving the additional \$6,000.00 to the Eagle Shield Senior Center, they just need to review the budget before doing so. Commissioner Tony Sitzmann second the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

12:00 pm Lunch

1:00 p.m. Discussion – Bill Aubrey Tax Issues

Larry Epstein came in to speak to the commission regarding Bill Aubrey's tax issues, mainly Blondie's property. Kate Salois, Treasurer, has received several phone calls of people who are interested in paying the back taxes on the Blondie's property. Salois is receiving notices of bankruptcy. Epstein contacted the credit lawyers; the plan is to petition the bank, the courts to auction the property, paying the county the back taxes. Upon motion made by Commissioner Tony Sitzmann, seconded by Commissioner Ron Rides At The Door, the board of commissioners, after discussion with the County Attorney, voted unanimously to authorize Commission Chair Michael DesRosier to sign a stipulation with the bankruptcy trustee in the matter of William Aubrey, Brenda Todd and Lodgebuilder, to move forward on an auction of the Blondie's property in East Glacier Park, Montana.

1:10 p.m. Non Agenda Item: John McGill – Glacier Reporter

John McGill stopped in to review the items on the agenda for a possible article that he would be writing for the Glacier Reporter. The Commission advised McGill that the commissioners will be meeting with the City of Browning's Mayor Lockley Bremner and the Blackfeet Tribal Council every fourth Tuesday during the commissioner's meeting in Browning at City Hall.

2:10 p.m. Non Agenda Item: West End Cemetery – Marty Woolf

Marty Woolf, West End Cemetery Caretaker, came in to review his budget with Glenda Hall. Hall explained the expenditures to Woolf. Glenda Hall spoke to Woolf regarding Alex Hoyt's employment; he was originally hired as full time thru the summer months and part time during the winter months. Commissioner Michael DesRosier would like to meet with the West End Cemetery Board and figure out the cemetery district and the bylaws.

There being no further business for the day, the meeting adjourned at 2:30 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:

Glenda Hall, Clerk and Recorder

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