

**GLACIER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, February 16, 2010**

The Board of Glacier County Commissioners met at a regular meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 16, 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; James Laidlaw, EMT; Glacier County Attorney Larry Epstein, Sheriff Wayne Dusterhoff, Della Dubbe, GC Library; Merle Cowell, GC Maintenance; Dawn Bitz-Running Wolf, US Attorney Tribal Liaison; Byron Stahly & Mike Meredith, Stahly Engineering & Associates (via telephone); Nikki Lako, Minutes

*The Commission added to their agenda at 3:00 p.m. a conference call with Stahly Engineering & Associates.

9:30 a.m. Discussion: EMS Power Stretchers – James Laidlaw

Commissioner Michael DesRosier thanked James Laidlaw for his patience this morning. Laidlaw told the commission that he has been researching his options for new stretchers for the EMS crew. Laidlaw advised the commission that the main work related injury in the Emergency Services is a back/lifting injury. The industry is now using a hydraulic lift stretcher and they are not cheap. Laidlaw explained he had checked with three companies and virtually the price is the same for all three companies. However there was a demo unit and year end special, but it being into the new year he wasn't sure if the deal would be available. Laidlaw would be attending a training conference in Baltimore the first week of March and he would do some checking at the conference for the new hydraulic stretchers. Commissioner DesRosier asked Laidlaw to look at different brands, companies and pricing to get the best price. Commissioner Tony Sitzmann asked Laidlaw what the average price is for a new hydraulic stretcher. Laidlaw replied around \$12,000.00 and that price includes the battery and charging system.

Commissioner Ron Rides At The Door asked how many gurneys does the Glacier County EMS facility currently have. James Laidlaw stated eight. Commissioner Rides At The Door said no, probable three or four; Mainly the gurney's that are used on the ambulances and the rest we can work on replacing later on down the road. Laidlaw will do some research while he is at his training in Baltimore and get back to the commission with pricing.

James Laidlaw spoke briefly about the mileage on his ambulances. The newest ambulance has 190,000 + miles. Commissioner DesRosier asked what goes out first on the ambulances. Laidlaw replied gaskets, tires, injectors and headers. We "GC EMS" run the ambulances hard however we don't run them into the ground. We keep up on the maintenance, etc. Commissioner DesRosier suggested possibly when the ambulances hit 150,000 miles have a new motor, transmission and tires replaced to get a longer life out of the ambulance. Commissioner DesRosier asked for Laidlaw to keep these options in mind for when the time comes to replace the next ambulance.

10:00 a.m. Approval: Oswood Change Order for Jail

Commissioner Ron Rides At The Door motioned to table the issue of approving the Oswood change order for the jail until March 2, 2010 in order to give the commission more time to review due diligence with County Attorney Larry Epstein. Commissioner Tony Sitzmann second the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

10:45 a.m. Non Agenda Item – Dawn Bitz-Running Wolf, US Attorney's Tribal Liaison

Dawn Bitz-Running Wolf, US Attorney's Tribal Liaison stopped in to visit with the commission. Bitz-Running Wolf asked if Wayne Dusterhoff, Sheriff and Larry Epstein, County Attorney would be running in the next election. Commissioner DesRosier stated that they will not run for re-election. Commissioner DesRosier told Bitz-Running Wolf that if there's anything that the commission can help her with they would be glad to help. He also asked for her help in getting

the agreement with the tribe moving along. Dawn Bitz-Running Wolf thanked the commission for their time and she would stop by the next time back in town.

11:00 a.m. Approval: Railroad Crossing on Pardue Road

Commissioner Tony Sitzmann motioned to approve extending the Pardue Road Railroad crossing fifty feet (50') on each side. Commissioner Ron Rides At The Door second the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

12:00 pm Lunch

1:00 p.m. Discussion: I.C.E. Cash Cow Grant – Wayne Dusterhoff

Wayne Dusterhoff, Sheriff, started by telling the commission that the Stonegarden grant covers 20 hours of overtime and the Cash Cow grant helps with 16 hours. The time does not include vacation to sick time used by the officers. The Cash Cow will be used when the deputies help Homeland Security. Dusterhoff added that we pay the deputies, and then we are reimbursed.

Dusterhoff updated the commission on the Glacier National Park agreement that the commission, Sheriff's Department and County Attorney Larry Epstein sent back asking for additional language. GNP agreed and will send out a new contract to be sign which includes the new language.

1:30 p.m. Affirm: Library Board Appointment

Della Dubbe presented a letter from the Glacier County Library Board requesting to allow June Duncan to remain on the board for another five year term, a second term. Dubbe stated that the Library Board consists of three members from Cut Bank, one from East Glacier and one from Browning. Commissioner DesRosier stated that he would have Nikki Lako, the commission's administrative assistant to type up the letter of acceptance, including a thank you to June Duncan for her time on the Glacier County Library Board.

Della Dubbe also stressed some concern regarding the accident that occurred outside of the library in Cut Bank in February 2009. Dubbe asked Glenda Hall, Clerk & Recorder, if the deductible of \$2,000.00 is deducted from the library budget. Hall replied, "Yes, that is routine."

2:00 p.m. Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Ron Rides At The Door motioned to approve the minutes presented for 1/21/10, 1/26/10, and 1/29/10. Commissioner Tony Sitzmann second the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

2:30 p.m. Discussion: Update of Immunization Grant – Carol McDivitt

This agenda item was tabled until Thursday, February 18, 2010.

3:00 p.m. Conference Call with Stahly Engineering & Associates

Stahly Engineering & Associates called the commission for a conference call to review the jail addition also known as the records building. Mike Meredith, Stahly Engineering & Associates, started by updated the commission that he spoke to the architect regarding the scope of work and that the architect fees would be included in Stahly's fees. Meredith asked the commission if they had any questions at this time. Commissioner Michael DesRosier stated that the commission would like to see the building stay very basic to include an exercise room. DesRosier asked about the heating and air conditioning, forced air or boiler? Meredith stated that will be determined shortly, he asked to get the layout and we will move forward with the heating and cooling issues in a couple of weeks. Dusterhoff was concerned about the approximately eighteen pieces of exercise and weight lifting equipment the Sheriff's Department has to put into the weight room. Stahly Engineering asked about bathrooms, whether to utilize a multi-sex bathroom and a possible shower/change room. The commission would like to see a men's and women's bathroom stay separate. Dusterhoff would like to see the conference room to be capable of holding sixteen (16) people at one time. Stahly projected that within a month to a

month and a half the bid could be out by April with the funds spent by September 15th. Glenda Hall, Clerk & Recorder will work with Stahly Engineering on deadlines.

There being no further business for the day, the meeting adjourned at 4:00 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.

BOARD OF GLACIER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Michael J. DesRosier, Chairman

ATTEST:

Glenda Hall, Clerk and Recorder

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