

**GLACIER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
Monday, March 8, 2010**

The Board of Glacier County Commissioners met at a regular meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, March 8, 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; Merle Cowell, GC Maintenance; Sheriff Wayne Dusterhoff; James Laidlaw, EMS Chief; Nikki Lako, Minutes

**9:00 a.m. Table Top: Disaster Exercise – Charles Farmer (9 a.m. – 1 p.m.)**

The Table Top Exercise will be held at the Courthouse Annex Conference Room “B”. Commissioners Michael DesRosier, Ron Rides At The Door & Tony Sitzmann and Clerk & Recorder Glenda Hall attended the disaster exercise. The elected officials returned to the commission chambers at 1:00 p.m.

**1:00 p.m. Approval of Minutes**

Commissioner Tony Sitzmann motioned to approve minutes from 2/2/10, 2/4/10, 2/8/10 and 2/16/10. Commissioner Ron Rides At The Door second the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

**1:30 p.m. Approval: Stonegarden Vehicle Purchase**

Sheriff Wayne Dusterhoff told the commission that the vehicle they are purchasing will be purchased with Stonegarden grant funds. He added that his department went thru the a vehicle bid process with local dealerships such as Bell Motor, Northern Ford and Northern Chrysler, but they were all approximately \$5,000.00 over the bid accepted. Commissioner Ron Rides At The Door motioned to approve the vehicle purchase thru the Stonegarden Grant. Commissioner Tony Sitzmann second the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

**2:00 p.m. Approval: EMT Captain Wage Increase – James Laidlaw, EMS Chief**

James Laidlaw, EMS Chief started by telling the commission about his training conference in Baltimore. He advised the commission that he did some research on the power stretchers like they asked. He gathered pricing from a couple companies and he was waiting for a couple more.

The commissioners discussed with Laidlaw regarding a possible County/Tribal partnership in the future. Laidlaw explained a program that he recently received information about in Denver, Colorado. Three months of on the job training on the streets of Denver, Colorado is worth three years of on the job training in a rural community like Cut Bank. Laidlaw will continue to update the commission regarding the training in Denver, Colorado. James Laidlaw will in contact with the Blackfeet Community College to look at different training options.

James Laidlaw reminded the commissioners that he brought Amie Allison, EMS Captain at the lower end of the wage scale during her probationary period. Allison is doing a great job, working long hours and Laidlaw feels that she deserves the raise to \$40,000.00 a year. Laidlaw requested that the raise is effective for pay day on March 18, 2010. Commissioner Tony Sitzmann motioned to approve the wage increase of Glacier County EMS Captain, Amie Allison’s salary to \$40,000.00 per year. Again, this increase was recommended by the EMS Chief, James Laidlaw. Commissioner Ron Rides At The Door second the motion, there being no further discussion, all in favor, motion carried.

**2:30 p.m. Approval: Resolution 2010-08 Expansion Support of Theodore Roosevelt Expressway**

**Glacier County Resolution  
Resolution Supporting Expansion of the  
Designation of Theodore Roosevelt Expressway  
Resolution No. 2010-08**

**A RESOLUTION OF GLACIER COUNTY SUPPORTING THE EXPANDED DESIGNATION OF CERTAIN MONTANA HIGHWAYS AS HIGH PRIORITY CORRIDORS ON THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY SYSTEM AND ASKING THE MONTANA CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO INCLUDE THE APPROPRIATE EXPANSION LANGUAGE IN THE UPCOMING REAUTHORIZATION BILL.**

**WHEREAS**, beginning with the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA), corridors have been designated in Federal transportation legislation as High Priority Corridors on the National Highway System (NHS) for inclusion in the 163,000-mile approved NHS as specific routes or general corridors. The ISTEA designated 21 corridors. Subsequent legislation added additional corridors and by the end of 2005, there were over 80 such corridors (including corridors that are subsumed or partly subsumed in other high priority corridors.); and **WHEREAS**, these corridors are Congressionally designated. The only criterion for being a congressionally designated High Priority Corridor is that it is what Congress designates; and **WHEREAS**, funding was provided either directly or indirectly for these corridors in the current (SAFETEA-LU) and the two previous (ISTEA and TEA-21) multiyear surface transportation authorizations; and

**WHEREAS**, various sections for SAFETEA-LU provide fund for these high priority corridors. For example, formula funds for the NHS, STP, Bridge program, the Coordinated Border Infrastructure Program and in certain instances, Interstate Maintenance may be used to fund improvements to high priority corridors. Also, some projects specifically identified under section 1301 (Projects of Regional and National Significance) 1302 (National Corridor Infrastructure Improvement Program) and 1701 (High Priority Projects Program) will support improvements to these corridors; and

**WHEREAS**, the Theodore Roosevelt Expressway was designated by Congress in SAFETEA-LU as High Priority Corridor Number 58 on the National Highway System and was described as follows: *“The Theodore Roosevelt Expressway from Rapid City, South Dakota, north on United States Route 85 to Williston, North Dakota, west on United States Route 2 to Culbertson, Montana, and north on Montana Highway 16 to the international border with Canada at the port of Raymond, Montana.”*

**WHEREAS**, the Theodore Roosevelt Expressway Association is an Alliance Member of the Ports-to-Plains Alliance; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Highway 2 Association is a member of the Theodore Roosevelt Expressway Association and a long time advocate for improved infrastructure in Montana; and

**WHEREAS**, the Glacier County has been a long time advocate of transportation infrastructure in Montana; and

**WHEREAS**, the Province of Alberta, Canada is a member of the Ports-to-Plains Alliance and has a longer term trading relationship with the Ports-to-Plains Alliance region; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 28, 2009, representatives from these organizations met in Glasgow, Mt. to discuss the potential expansion of Corridor No. 58, the Theodore Roosevelt Expressway; and

**WHEREAS**, these representatives identified the highways identified as Attachment A to the resolution as their preferred expansion of the Corridor No. 58; and

**WHEREAS**, the development of transportation infrastructure is a long-term project; and

**WHEREAS**, this proposed expansion is important to the development of North America’s energy and agriculture economies as well as many rural municipalities and counties in Montana and in other states; and

**WHEREAS**, Glacier County wishes to express its support of the expansion of Corridor No. 58, the Theodore Roosevelt Expressway.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Commissioners OF THE Glacier County THAT:**

**Section 1.** It fully supports the preferred expansion of Corridor 58, the Theodore Roosevelt Expressway as finalized in attachment A to this resolution.

**Section 2.** It urges the Montana Congressional Delegation to include this expansion in the upcoming Transportation Reauthorization bill.

**Section 3.** This resolution to be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

**Section 4.** If any portion or provision of this resolution shall for any reason be held to be invalid or unenforceable, the invalidity or unenforceability of such portion or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Resolution, the intention being that the same are severable.

**ADOPTED** this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2010.

**BOARD OF GLACIER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

\s\ Michael DesRosier, Chairman  
\s\ Ron Rides At The Door, Vice Chairman  
\s\ Tony Sitzmann, Member

**ATTEST:**

\s\ Glenda M. Hall, Glacier County Clerk & Recorder

Commissioner Ron Rides At The Door motioned to approve the Expansion Support of Theodore Roosevelt Expressway. Commissioner Tony Sitzmann second the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

**3:00 p.m. Administrative & Daily Operations Review (3–5 p.m.)**

During this time the commissioners took time to return phone calls, answer emails and other correspondence.

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

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Michael J. DesRosier, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Glenda Hall, Clerk and Recorder