

**GLACIER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, October 14, 2010**

The Board of Glacier County Commissioners met at a regular meeting at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 14, 2010. Commissioners Ron Rides At The Door was present. Commissioner Ron Rides At The Door called the meeting to order. Glenda Hall, Clerk & Recorder was present.

Commissioner Michael DesRosier is absent; he is out of the county on personal leave. Commissioner Tony Sitzmann was also absent due to medical reasons.

Present throughout the day: Dustin Boggs, Charley Boggs, Grinnell Edwards, Browning Volunteer Fire Department; Lockley Bremner, Town of Browning Mayor; Jerilee Wilkerson, Economic Development Director; Micah Hall, Minutes

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

Dated for October 14, 2010

CLAIMS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT

FUND	AMOUNT
General Fund	\$ 47,718.25
Road Fund	\$ 11,862.28
Weed Control	\$ 1,839.66
County District Court	\$ 215.75
Library	\$ 1,957.47
Ambulance	\$ 8,115.62
City/County Planning	\$ 755.00
Public Safety (Law)	\$ 13,020.87
Alcoholism	\$ 23.99
911 Emergency (Sheriff)	\$ 451.00
Glacier County Transit	\$ 432.30
P.I.L.T.	\$ 54,724.00
Community Transportation Enhancement	\$ 1,360.20
Health Grants	\$ 127.00
Health-MCH	\$ 126.84
Tobacco Grant	\$ 555.28
Jail /Records Building	\$ 135,476.20
West End Cemetery	\$ 367.62
TOTAL CLAIMS	\$ 279,129.33
PAYROLL	\$ 170,154.17
	\$ 449,283.50

9:00 a.m. Discussion/Approval: Browning Fire Department Request – Dustin Boggs, BVFD Chief

Commissioner Ron Rides At The Door started the discussion with reviewing the previous discussion during the last commissioner meeting in Browning the commissioners suggested they contact Jerilee Wilkerson, Economic Development Director regarding grants for additional funding. Glenda Hall, Clerk & Recorder added that they should also talk to Charles Farmer, DES Coordinator. Hall continued by stating that the Browning Volunteer Fire Department's budget will be receiving \$27,000.00 this year, matching the Cut Bank Volunteer Fire Department's budget.

Dustin Boggs, BVFD Chief stated that he and his crew have concerns regarding their current protective gear and the safety factors due to the age and condition they are currently in. Boggs presented the commissioners with a letter requesting new bunker gear for the twenty-five (25) members of the BVFD. The bunker gear consists of a helmet, coat, gloves, pants and boots. The cost of each complete suit is \$2,000.00. Boggs expressed that the cost of the protective gear is worth the safety of the emergency responders. Commissioner Rides At The Door expressed that the county will help, however; the county wouldn't be able to purchase the gear for all 25 volunteers. The commissioners would decide a dollar amount to help with the purchase. Hall suggested buying five (5) suits now, and in the mean time look for more funding to purchase the

remaining twenty (20) suits. Boggs would like to see nine (9) suits purchased now. He continued by stating the nine he would like to get rid of are in bad shape and may jeopardize the safety of the individuals responding to fire calls.

Commissioner Tony Sitzmann motioned to approve \$20,000.00 to the Browning Volunteer Fire Department to be used towards new bunker gear. Commissioner Ron Rides At The Door second the motion, the motion carried. Commissioner Rides At The Door suggested negotiating with the company to see if you could get more than approximately nine (9) bunker gear suits.

Jerilee Wilkerson, Economic Development Director explained that she has done some research for grant opportunities and she had some success with that. Commissioner Rides At The Door asked if Wilkerson would be available for the commissioner meeting in Browning on October 26th to elaborate more regarding the grant opportunity. Wilkerson and Boggs both agreed to gather the information needed to move forward with the grant opportunity. Boggs told the commission that the BVFD received \$5,000 from the DNRC Grant that will be used to repair the pumps and the truck pumps.

10:00 a.m. Discussion: Road Issues – Pat Montalban

Pat Montalban didn't show up for agenda item to discuss road issues.

There being no further business for the day, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

BOARD OF GLACIER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Michael J. DesRosier, Chairman

ATTEST:

Glenda Hall, Clerk and Recorder