

GLACIER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Town of Browning City Hall
Tuesday, August 24, 2010

The Board of Glacier County Commissioners met at a regular meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 24, 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: John Ray, Contractor; Jeri Latray, Town of Browning Clerk; Lockley Bremner, Town of Browning Mayor; Gaylie Skunkcap & Dick Bird, & Don White, Tribal Transportation; Joe Rutherford, Tribal Secretary; Bill Bandel, County Road Supervisor; Mark Magee, Tribal Land; T.J. Show, Blackfeet Tribal Business Council;

9:00 a.m. Discussion/Approval: Fee to Trust Land Applications

Commissioner Tony Sitzmann explained that if the taxes on the land described in the application are paid in full, the application should go thru the process smoothly. The commission reviewed three (3) applications from Kimberly Paul, Donald & Shirley Littledog & William Larry Whitford that were sent from the Bureau of Indian Affairs for the applicants to change the status of their Fee Land to Trust Land. Commissioner Tony Sitzmann motioned to approve all three applications to change the land owners land from Fee to Trust Land. Commissioner Ron Rides At The Door second the motion, all in favor, the motion carried.

John Ray, local contractor was present to discuss the road department shop located in East Glacier Park. Ray gave an update as to the progress of the building and the county will be able to move in to the shop upon completion. The first rental payment was submitted on August 1, 2010. Ray also reported that the main shop isn't completed, but he has cleared two (2) bays in the other shop that the road department is currently utilizing. Due to the road department using the temporary space he would like to receive his payment for August 2010. Ray explained that he would be pouring the floor on Thursday (August 26, 2010) for the 40 ft. x 60 ft. building. John Ray requested that his payments be directly deposited to his bank account. Ray will send the pertinent information regarding the direct deposit to Glenda Hall, Clerk & Recorder.

10:00 a.m. Discussion/Approval: Town of Browning Repair/Maintenance BVFD

Commissioner DesRosier stated that the commission would like to see a formula based way to allocate the budgetary authority. This formula needs to include the total number of houses & number of calls including the responses to outlying areas within their jurisdiction.

Mayor Lockley Bremner asked if there had been any further discussion on repaying the money in the past that the county never paid and that BVFD never submitted claims for \$60,000.00. Glenda Hall, Clerk & Recorder stated that looking at the submittal letter from Willie Morris it appears that the Town of Browning is requesting \$120,000.00 and there is no way that the general fund can take a hit like that. Commissioner Rides At The Door added that other county entities have made similar requests for back payments when claims from their entity were never submitted. He continued by explaining that the county can't keep going back and paying these funds because a department forgot to submit the claim. At the end of each budget year it dies. In the spring the county would like to get the wish list so the commission can begin reviewing special projects. Commissioner DesRosier stated that they would be reviewing the overall budget and balance before the county can make any dollar promises.

Browning Mayor Bremner told the commissioners that Willie Morris, Town of Browning Clerk resigned yesterday (August 23, 2010).

Commissioner Sitzmann stated that the county hired Jerilee Wilkerson as the Economic/Transit Director to write grants for the county. He continued by telling Bremner that if the Town of Browning has any grants that would fit their entity they could use her services. The commission advised Bremner that they approved the \$17,500.00 for the infrastructure for the animal control services.

11:00 a.m. Approval: Consolidation of Polling Places

The commission had previously discussed the consolidation of polling places. Commissioner Tony Sitzmann motioned to approve the consolidation of Precinct 19 (Starr School) Polling Place to the CCD Center in Browning with Precincts 8, 9, 12, 13, & 21C for the November 2010 General Election. Commissioner Ron Rides At The Door second the motion, all in favor, the motion carried.

12:00 pm Lunch

1:30 p.m. Discussion: City/County Summit Meeting

Don White, Tribal Transportation explained that his entity receives tax dollars from the state called improvements of service fee in order to do projects. Tribal Transportation is mainly focused on elderly and handicapped to improve their roads so they don't have such a burden getting in and out of their homes in the winter months. We used these funds recently to pay salaries and purchase equipment from the county and access to the county's end loader. Things are starting to mushroom with more requests coming in for dust control. He is pleased with the cooperative effort and sharing resources.

Bill Bandel, Road Supervisor explained that the road department will probably only get as far as shooting the cut across road with mag chloride and maybe get some other paving done in that area before the winter sets in as long as the weather holds out. His crew should have it bladed before they shoot it with mag chloride. The gravel we take out and the work we trade out should be close to equal. Bandel added that the county surplused a truck to the Blackfeet Tribe and we need to get the title transferred. Hall stated that she would take care of the title with Procurement.

Commissioner DesRosier brought up the Meriweather Road. He spoke with MDT and the county is still pushing to have the road paved. The latest from MDT is they were going to take some core samples. Commissioner DesRosier explained that we (all entities that are involved with the Meriweather Road) need to get letters of support to keep the ball rolling.

Also discussed was a protocol for a chain of command to set project priorities and follow thru with these responsibilities.

Bandel stated that the road department would be shooting Sleeping Wolf Road with mag chloride next week.

2:30 p.m. Approval of Minutes

There were no minutes to present as to Nikki Lako, the commissioners administrative assistant is out this week sick.

There being no further business for the day, the meeting adjourned at 2:15 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

Michael J. DesRosier, Chairman

ATTEST:

Glenda Hall, Clerk and Recorder