

GLACIER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Town of Browning City Hall
Tuesday, May 25, 2010

The Board of Glacier County Commissioners met at a regular meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 25, 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, Road Supervisor; Vernie Mad Plume, Public; Jasen Bronec, Glacier Electric; Lockley Bremner, Mayor of Browning; John McGill, Press; Willie Morris, Town of Browning; Nikki Lako, Minutes

*The commission added the 2:30 p.m. agenda item for discussion: county planning alcohol tax dollars – Patrick Calf Looking.

9:30 a.m. Non Agenda – Update for East Glacier Water & Sewer

Glenda Hall, Clerk & Recorder updated the commissioners regarding the East Glacier Water & Sewer special district. There are residents in this special district that are not paying their bills. Kate Salois, Treasurer reconciles their bank accounts and she is getting worried, they are getting in the red. Hall checked with MACo and in order to dissolve the special district there needs to be a petition for dissolution.

9:45 a.m. Non Agenda – Road Department Update

Bill Bandel, Road Supervisor presented the commissioners with the 2010 Construction schedule with the tentative dates (tentative due to weather, etc.). Bandel has been working close with Hall on the road department's budget. Bandel stated that the road crew would be working on cleaning out cattle guards over the next few weeks. He also reported that this was the 2nd year in a row that the whole weed department crew returned to work. Bandel is very pleased with his weed department and their hard work. There will be four (4) spray days for Glacier County.

10:00 a.m. Approval: Release of Johnson-North Fork Gravel Lease

The commissioners reviewed the release. Commissioner Ron Rides At The Door motioned to approve the release of the Johnson-North Fork Gravel Lease. Commissioner Tony Sitzmann second the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

10:30 a.m. Non Agenda – Vernie Mad Plume

Vernie Mad Plume, grounds keeper for a cemeteries in Browning and East Glacier Park. He spoke about a riding lawn mower would be helpful in East Glacier Park but the other locations are too rocky, a weed eater would work better. Willie Morris stated that he was recently asked to sit on the West End Cemetery Board. Mad Plum said that no cemetery should look neglected, our ancestors deserve better recognition. Once the cemeteries are cleaned up and presentable he feels that the families with loved ones in these cemeteries will visit more. Commissioner DesRosier added that the cleanliness reflects on our communities. He told Mad Plume to get an estimate for a weed eater for the cemeteries maintenance and up keep. Mad Plume stated that Browning Lumber can order one for \$449.00 and he is going to use hot shots to burn up the piles of brush. Commissioner DesRosier told Mad Plume to check with Bandel on spraying the cemetery. Mad Plume thanked the commissioners for their time and help in the upkeep of the cemeteries for our ancestors. The commission will discuss the purchase of a weed eater with West End Cemetery using funds from P.I.L.T. for the purchase.

11:00 a.m. Discussion/Approval: Leave Donation Request – Personnel Issue: Closed

This agenda items was closed to the public. After the commissioners reviewed the leave donation request Commissioner Tony Sitzmann motioned to approve the request with Commissioner Ron Rides At The Door seconding the motion. No further discussion, all in favor, the motion carried.

12:00 pm Lunch

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

The summit began with Commissioner Tony Sitzmann explaining that Glacier County is going to be very aggressive after July 1st in recovering back taxes. Jasen Bronec, Glacier Electric agreed and stated that the long term goal is to get the property in the right hands in order to rejuvenate the property and get it back on the tax rolls.

Bronec handed out brochures regarding the “Make the Change” program. The program replaces all your current incandescent bulbs with new, energy efficient, compact fluorescent bulbs free of charge. Plus, GEC (Glacier Electric Cooperative) will make a donation to each service group for every CFL they install.

Browning Mayor, Lockley Bremner discussed the animal control issue in Browning. The commission would like to help with an infrastructure for animal control. The commissioners will be working with Mayor Bremner until the animal control issue is under way for Browning and the Blackfeet Reservation. Bremner will look into bids and once the information is gathered, he will get on the agenda for approval with the commission. Mayor Bremner thanked the commissioners for their time and help.

2:30 p.m. Discussion: County Planning Alcohol Tax Dollars – Patrick Calf Looking

Patrick Calf Looking with Crystal Creek Lodge Treatment Center addressed the distribution of alcohol tax dollars generated in Glacier County. In the past, Crystal Creek Lodge Treatment Center, located on the Blackfeet Indian Reservation, Browning, Montana, has never received any alcohol tax dollars generated in Glacier County. The recipient of the alcohol tax dollars are allocated to Hi-Line Recovery, who has a satellite office in Cut Bank, which serves tentative clients in Cut Bank. The CCL Treatment Center serves all of the clients residing on the Blackfeet Indian Reservation, and they are credited by the State of Montana for the following programs: Residential Treatment, Outpatient (adult), and the ACT/DUI Programs. All of the alcohol counselors are certified by the State of Montana as License Addiction Counselors (LAC) and/or by the Northwest Certification Board-Community College, Tacoma, Washington. All the counselors are credentialed to work with clients with alcohol/drug problems. Based on these facts, Crystal Creek Lodge Treatment Center respectfully requests that at least half (1/2) of these funds be allocated to their organization this FY2011 and in the future. Commissioner DesRosier told Calf Looking that the commission would research the distribution of the alcohol tax dollars for Glacier County. The commission will notify Calf Looking of their findings.

There being no further business for the day, the meeting adjourned at 3:00 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