

**GLACIER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, November 29, 2010**

The Board of Glacier County Commissioners met at a regular meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, November 29, 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; Wayne Dusterhoff, Sheriff; Carolyn Brown-Berkram, Deputy County Attorney; Jerliee Wilkerson, Economic Development; Kate Salois, Treasurer; Nikki Lako, Minutes

9:00 a.m. Discussion/Approval: Sheriff's Department

Commissioner Michael DesRosier started by explaining to Sheriff Dusterhoff that the commission will not be approving any purchases without having the funds from approved grants in the necessary account(s). Sheriff Dusterhoff replied that the Glacier County Sheriff's Office (GCSO) always reimbursed any funds appropriated. Commissioner DesRosier continued that the county would like to avoid issues of this nature that have been done in the past. We must have a letter from the granting agency on record first.

Commissioner Sitzmann asked Dusterhoff when his official last day was. Dusterhoff wasn't sure, he had to check. Both Sitzmann and Dusterhoff have intentions of attending a City Council Meeting in the near future in order to address contract changes regarding dispatch. Commissioner Sitzmann would like to have the information in writing when approaching the City Council with the changes. Dusterhoff agreed and added that it would save both entities money.

9:30 a.m. Discussion/Approval: Equipment Purchase – Sheriff Department

Dusterhoff would like to purchase a Dodge pickup thru the Stonegarden grant. Dusterhoff detailed that he received bids from a few different dealerships including local dealerships. The bid that Dusterhoff chose was for a Dodge pickup that included the standard emergency vehicle equipment such as lights, cameras, radar, cages, etc. The bid price was \$38,900.00. Commissioner Tony Sitzmann motioned to approve the GCSO purchase of a Dodge pickup for \$38,900 with Commissioner Ron Rides At The Door seconding the motion. The board was all in favor, the motion carried.

Sergeant Tom Siefert will be getting updated information regarding the Stonegarden Grant to Clerk & Recorder Glenda Hall.

9:50 a.m. Non-Agenda Item: Glacier Care Center – Allison Harvie

Allison Harvie, CFO of Glacier Care Center came in to tell the commissioners about the roof problem they are currently experiencing. The roof is leaking at the peak over the resident's room where it meets the flashing. The ceiling is falling out. Commissioner Sitzmann commented that insurance should cover the costs of the leaky roof; at any rate, the roof needs to be fixed immediately. Harvie also told the Commissioners that the GCC needs a new dish washer. The commissioners were going to discuss the issue and needs of the GCC with Lyle Salois, Maintenance Supervisor and get back to Harvie.

10:00 a.m. Approval of October 2010 Cash Report

The Commissioners reviewed the Cash Report for October 2010 as presented by Kate Salois, Treasurer with a cash total of \$19,720,125.98 for all county funds.

Balance Forward:	\$21,266,646.16
Revolving	\$4,256.50
A101	\$2,384,159.88
A2	\$50.91
Motor Vehicle	\$103,068.19

Taxes	\$54,068.31
Co Tax Sale	\$0.00
Warrant Correction	\$0.00
MSR	\$0.00
Warrants Paid	(\$3,870,339.45)
Treasurers	
Disbursements	(\$92,979.10)
County Payroll ACH	(\$128,805.42)
Warrant No GL County	\$0.00
Misc.	\$0.00

Total Cash was derived with the beginning balance of \$21,266,646.16 plus receipts and charges of \$23,812,249.95 less payments and credits of \$4,092,123.97 to equal the ending balance of \$19,720,125.98. Bank balances were as follows:

Native American	
Bank	\$59,889.54
NH Bond- Bank of	
Gl Cty	\$0.00
Bank of Glacier	
County	\$33,862.58
Stockman bank	\$4,778,657.28
SMITHBARNEY	\$0.00
RBC	\$4,147,866.58
WACHOVIA	\$5,698,500.00
DAD	\$5,000,000.00
Cash in Safe	\$1,350.00
TOTAL	\$19,720,125.98

Commissioner Tony Sitzmann motioned to approve the October 2010 Cash Report as presented by Treasurer Kate Salois. Commissioner Ron Rides At The Door seconds the motion, the motion carried.

10:30 a.m. Discussion/Approval: Purchase of Office Building

Clerk & Recorder Hall told the commission that the county received two (2) available office spaces for the RFP that was issued. One was from realtor Darryl Omsberg and the other was for the Werner, Epstein, & Johnson Law Office building. Hall felt that the office space issue will resolve itself.

On that note, Commissioner DesRosier asked Wilkerson the status of the possibility of a new EMS building. Wilkerson replied that had a couple meetings over the next few days and she was positive things are moving in a forward but slow direction.

Carolyn Brown-Berkram, Deputy County Attorney stressed her concerns that if the county doesn't continue renting office space from Werner, Epstein & Johnson Law Office that the rent may be increasing. She didn't budget for this.

11:30 a.m. Discussion/Approval: Sweetgrass Development Fiscal Year 2010 Dues

The Commission reviewed the Sweetgrass Development's invoice for the fiscal year 2010 dues. Commissioner Tony Sitzmann motioned to approve the Sweetgrass Development Corporation fiscal year 2010 dues for the amount of \$2,000. For further discussion, Commissioner Sitzmann asked what if we didn't have Sweetgrass Development. Commissioner Rides At The Door replied that economic development would be touchy. Commissioner Ron Rides At The Door seconds the motion, all in favor, the motion carried.

12:00 pm Lunch

1:00 p.m. Non-Agenda Item: Sheriff Dusterhoff

Dusterhoff advised the commissioners that changes and updates to the 911 system will be needed after the first of the year. Hall may need to do a budget amendment for the necessary upgrades.

1:15 p.m. Non-Agenda Item: Carolyn Brown-Berkram, Deputy County Attorney

Carolyn Brown-Berkram (CBB) feels that in her new position a Deputy County Attorney would benefit her. Commissioner DesRosier asked CBB about possibly contracting a deputy. CBB checked with other counties regarding hours, wages, etc. There is not a statute preventing her from having a deputy. CBB would like to have a full-time deputy.

1:30 p.m. Discussion/Approval: Convenience Fee for Motor Vehicle - Treasurer

Treasurer Salois came in to discuss with the Commissioners a \$2 optional fee that dates from April of 2009 to current. When individuals are sending in their payments or when they physically pay in person they are opting out. Salois stated that the Motor Vehicle Department may audit due to this. Commissioner DesRosier reassured Salois that if it came down to the Park fees, Glacier County would opt out. We will support your department if it becomes an issue with a state.

2:30 p.m. Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Ron Rides At The Door motioned to approve the minutes from 10/26/10 as presented. Commissioner Tony Sitzmann seconds the motion, all in favor, the motion carried.

3:45 a.m. Non-Agenda: Carolyn Brown-Berkram

CBB started that all county attorneys' wages stay at the same rate as they were currently being paid. CBB will then receive the same wages as outgoing County Attorney Larry Epstein. Hall reviewed the County Attorney budget and stated that she has enough funds to advertise and hire a full-time Deputy County Attorney.

Hall asked CBB if the deputy's job description could include the duties of the Public Administrator. Jill Mattingly was the candidate but hasn't accepted the position. CBB will think about it.

There being no further business for the day, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 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