

**GLACIER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, July 11, 2011**

The Board of Glacier County Commissioners met at a regular meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, July 11, 2011. Commissioners Ron Rides At The Door and Tony Sitzmann were present. Commissioner Ron Rides At The Door called the meeting to order. Glenda Hall, Clerk & Recorder was present. Commissioner Michael DesRosier was absent for today's agenda on personal leave.

Present throughout the day: Bill Bandel, GC Road Supervisor; Amie Allison, EMS; Nikki Lako, Minutes

*Commissioner Tony Sitzmann called and advised the office that he wouldn't be in the Commission Chambers until after 10 a.m.

9:00 a.m. Discussion: Budget Review (9-11 a.m.)

Commissioner Ron Rides At The Door took this time to go thru mail, email and phone messages and took time for administrative review.

11:00 a.m. Discussion/Approval: Equipment Purchase – EMS

Amie Allison, EMS Supervisor spoke with the Commissioners about needing time on an upcoming agenda for her job evaluation and her expired probationary period. Allison also mentioned that she had spoken with Jerilee Wilkerson and she is going to help her with the grant for the new EMS facility. Commissioner Sitzmann added that Sarah Converse with Sweetgrass Development is currently working on a project for the health department.

The EMS department would like to purchase a ventilator from Kalispell Regional Medical Center for \$3500. She explained that ventilators run anywhere from \$8-12k, so the county is getting a deal. She also detailed a course regarding emergency vehicles operation course. After some research, it would be cheaper and savvy to send to individuals from her department to take the course to train EMT/Paramedics to operate emergency vehicles. The cost is \$575 per person and these two (2) individuals will train all of the Glacier County EMS staff on operating emergency vehicles.

Allison updated the Commissioners that Tamara Kelley had turned in a letter of resignation to her. Kelley had received an emergency call out and she didn't respond. So Allison was relieved to hear that Kelley had resigned. Kelley is now working for Indian Health Services in Browning.

Due to short staffing, Allison spoke with the state. The state offered to teach an intermediate program for EMT's. The contract would cost \$550 per person. The training will give the EMT all the procedures except for four (4) procedures that are rarely used. These individuals taking the course will be grandfathered into the next step of being a paramedic. Allison would like to have four (4) EMT's that are currently working for Glacier County EMS take the program. Commissioner Sitzmann thought it was a good idea and didn't see any problems.

Allison also told the Commissioners of a computer program that will help with tracking employees, fleets, etc and will be incorporated with an orientation program that a colleague is developing and will be free of charge for her crew to test run. Commissioner Sitzmann asked how her department was financially. Allison replied that she was a little over, but Clerk & Recorder Glenda Hall was going to make adjustments and it would be fine. The EMS department has revenue from billing coming in. Allison spoke with the Commissioners of one last issue; A3 (ambulance) is acting up and it seems to lose power now and again. Northern Ford is recommending a new engine. Allison is going to get second opinions and quotes to get the best bang for your buck.

11:30 a.m. Discussion: Personnel Issue – EMS

This discussion will be held on July 18, 2011.

There being no further business for the day, the meeting adjourned at 12:00 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

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