

**GLACIER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
Thursday, September 15, 2011**

The Board of Glacier County Commissioners met at a regular meeting at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 15, 2011. 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; Lee Crawford, Northern Winds Recovery; County Attorney Carolyn Berkram; Diane Proefrock, HR; Diane Anderson, Clerk of District Court; Ed Gherke & Charles Farmer, DES; Amie Allison, EMS; Tim Burris, Road Dept; Mary Ann Boggs, Payroll Clerk; Dave Copp & GL Holmlund, Aflac; John Waller & Stan Softich, Northern Ford; Mike Barthel, DOC; Micah Hall, Clerk (Clerk & Recorder's Office); Nikki Lako, Minutes

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

***Dated for September 15, 2011***

***CLAIMS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT***

<b><i>FUND</i></b>	<b><i>AMOUNT</i></b>
General Fund	\$ 35,778.24
Road Fund	\$ 47,270.78
Weed Control	\$ 1,905.98
Library	\$ 2,352.76
Ambulance	\$ 14,799.53
Public Safety (Law)	\$ 14,688.11
Records Preservation Fund	\$ 3,021.43
Solid Waste (Garbage)	\$ 653.04
Glacier County Transit	\$ 636.39
P.I.L.T.	\$ 14,805.23
Health Grants	\$ 269.35
WIC	\$ 400.65
Health-MCH	\$ 199.00
West End Cemetery	\$ 605.68
TOTAL CLAIMS	\$ 137,386.17
PAYROLL	\$ 213,299.38
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 350,685.55</b>

**8:30 a.m. Discussion/Approval: Equipment Purchase – Road Department**

Bill Bandel, Road Supervisor would like to purchase an attachment for the loader for \$6,500 and plow feet for \$782 totaling \$7,282. He would like to pay for the equipment out of fund #2130-430236-940. Commissioner Tony Sitzmann motioned to approve the purchase of an attachment for the loader for \$6,500 and plow feet for \$782 totaling \$7,282 from 3 Bar V in Conrad. Seconding the motion was Commissioner Ron Rides At The Door. The motion carried by Board vote.

**9:00 a.m. Presentation: DWI/ACT/MIP – Lee Crawford**

Leland Crawford from Northern Winds Recovery came in to talk to the commissioners regarding services for youth/minors. Currently there isn't a program that is being utilized. Commissioner DesRosier informed Crawford that the county works with Hi-Line Recovery (aka Gateway, in the transition process of taking over Hi-Line Recovery). Crawford explained that the state changed the DUI program to Prime For Life (PFL). The PFL is for both MIP & DUI offenses. The classes are paid for by the offender. The PFL class is twelve (12) hours and costs \$400. The commissioners all expressed the need for the program on and off of the reservation. If a youth doesn't follow thru with sentencing (includes classes) they are sent to Great Falls. Crawford's program is a private practice and he was one of forty-five individuals that received the new training for PFL. Crawford was here today to make the presentation to the commission and offers his services. He works with Keystone Recovery out of Great Falls. Crawford offers court

ordered referrals, onsite drug testing (adult & juvenile) parent involvement, etc. County Attorney Berkram told Crawford to contact Tasha Stiner and inform her of his services. The Commissioners would like to set up a meeting with Crawford & Gateway to see if we could get a program for Glacier County.

**10:00 a.m. Closed – Personnel Issue**

Diane Anderson, Clerk of District Court told the Commissioners that the chambers could remain open. She presented them with her letter of resignation. She will be moving to Helena to take on a new adventure in the Supreme Court System. She has recommendations for the appointment of her soon to be vacant position. She'll keep the Commissioners informed if her one of her deputies chooses to fill the position.

**10:30 a.m. Non-Agenda Item – DES**

Both Ed Gherke & Charles Farmer, DES Coordinators came in to speak with the Commission. They are concerned with the no show for the trainings that have been put on recently. Gherke is concerned that the Sheriff's Department won't stay NIMS Cast compliant, which is required. He would like to see all of the department's certifications within one week. Farmer added that the EMS department is compliant and has provided copies of all their certifications. Gherke thanked the Commissioners for their time and efforts.

**11:00 a.m. Discussion/Approval: Glacier County Road & Bridge Union Contract**

Carolyn Berkram, County Attorney started the discussion by stating she reviewed the contract several times. Besides grammatical errors, the requests of the members of the road and bridge union contract are reasonable.

The following changes were made:

- Bereavement Leave – the 500 miles was round trip.
- Health Insurance – removed line C. I.U.O.E. members or staff on insurance Board. (Tim Burris ok'd the removal of the line C.)
- Schedule A Wages – The Crusher Operator's wages will receive an additional \$.50/hour (Bill Bandel encouraged this hoping more employees will opt for this position.)
- Schedule A Wages – change the date under Beginning to July 1, 2011, wages to increase by 2.5% + COLA.
- Holiday Pay – the road department works 4/10's. The change to the contract is that their holidays will be 10 hour days up from 8 hour days.
- Clothing Allowance – Rather than have a separate boot allowance & clothing allowance, the total Clothing Allowance will be \$350.

Commissioner Michael DesRosier stated that these changes to the contract, once approved, will be retroactive to July 1, 2011. Commissioner Tony Sitzmann motioned to approve the Glacier County Road & Bridge Union Contract with discussed changes as noted above with the approval of Tim Burris, Steward. With no further discussion necessary, Commissioner Ron Rides At The Door seconds the motion. The Board of Glacier County Commissioners voted unanimously, therefore the motion carried. Once approved the Board of Glacier County Commissioners, Clerk & Recorder Glenda Hall & Timothy Burris Union Steward signed two copies of the contract.

**11:30 a.m. Approval of Mill Levies**

Clerk & Recorder Hall reported that the Town of Browning Clerk couldn't provide the numbers. The Mills are incomplete until that information is received. Commissioner Tony Sitzmann motioned to table the approval of the Mill Levies until September 19, 2011. Commissioner Ron Rides At The Door seconds the motion, the motion carried by board vote.

**12:00 pm Lunch**

**1:30 p.m. Presentation: AFLAC – Dave Copp & GL Holmlund**

Aflac Representatives, Dave Copp & GL Holmlund presented to the Board of Commissioners a new supplemental product for individuals with pre-existing conditions. It is a group critical illness policy, it's simple to implement and the costs is extremely low and affordable. Holmlund explained that no one under the age of 69 will be turned down. The Commissioners were asked to hold a meeting to check if there is an interest in the program. The county would need a group of approximately ten (10) participants to get the new coverage policy.

**2:00 p.m. Discussion: Northern Ford – John Waller**

Northern Ford Owner, John Waller and Stan Softich, Shop Manager reviewed the invoices, dates and details with the Commission. Waller pointed out that the recall on the ambulance for EMS was introduced in March and the last invoice for the ambulance was at the end of December. Amie Allison, EMS added that the low compression problem was still not diagnosed or fixed at this time. Softich stood by his decision to recommend to Allison that replacing the motor was her best option, and that Ford would have a two year warranty on the motor that would cover those costly expenses.

Allison spoke of a couple of incidents when transporting critical patients and the ambulance powering down and causing a relatively quick to trip turn out to be a very long trip. Commissioner Sitzmann reviewed quickly the stack of claims presented by Deputy Claims Clerk Mandi Kennerly. The total of those claims was approximately \$11k that the County has paid Northern Ford in the past year and a half or so.

John Waller thanked the commissioners for their business and opportunity to keep the business local. The Commissioners returned a thank you for Waller taking the time to come in and address their concerns.

After both representatives of Northern Ford left, Allison explained that she wouldn't be using Northern Ford for the current repair. They are approximately a month out and she needs that ambulance asap. Commissioner DesRosier asked Allison how many ambulances EMS currently has. She explained that she has three (3) that are currently working, but nine total including the suburban. She has submitted an application for new ambulances thru the FEMA & DOT grants. Her outlook is that it is worth a try, even if nothing comes of it.

**3:00 p.m. Lease Agreement – Department of Corrections**

Mike Barthel, Department of Corrections (DOC) came in to discuss the lease agreement with Glacier County. Commissioner DesRosier briefly spoke of a phone call from the DOC that encouraged Glacier County to raise the amount for the lease agreement. Barthel explained that since then there have been several budget cuts. DOC is trying to determine whether they need additional square footage; if so, how much extra per month that will cost DOC. The Commissioners need to review the lease agreement with the county attorney and determine the additional charge(s) for additional square footage. DOC currently utilizes six hundred (600) square feet. The Commissioners discussed with Barthel the possibility of a 4% increase and an update in the language of the agreement. The lease agreement with DOC is an annual agreement.

There being no further business for the day, the meeting adjourned at 4:00 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**

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Michael J. DesRosier, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Glenda Hall, Clerk and Recorder