

**GLACIER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, January 20, 2011**

The Board of Glacier County Commissioners met at a regular meeting at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 20, 2011. Commissioners Michael DesRosier and Ron Rides At The Door were present. Commissioner Michael DesRosier called the meeting to order. Glenda Hall, Clerk & Recorder was present. Commissioner Tony Sitzmann was not present; he was attending the North Central Board of Aging in Chester.

Present throughout the day: Bill Bandel, GC Road Supervisor; Kevin Bruski, Executive Director for Interoperability Project; Larry Salois, Public; LeAnne Kavanaugh, Press; Carolyn Berkram, County Attorney; Leslie Berkram, Intern for Glacier County Attorney; Nikki Lako, Minutes

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

Dated for January 20, 2011

CLAIMS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT

FUND	AMOUNT
General Fund	\$ 40,752.66
Road Fund	\$ 11,117.29
Weed Control	\$ 324.31
County District Court	\$ 22,857.92
Library	\$ 1,625.50
Ambulance	\$ 15,934.86
Public Safety (Law)	\$ 9,442.71
Museum	\$ 569.16
Glacier Park Lights	\$ 491.36
Solid Waste (Garbage)	\$ 653.04
Glacier County Transit	\$ 726.16
Accelerated Tax	\$ 32.23
P.I.L.T.	\$ 164.00
Community Transportation Enhancement	\$ 3,251.71
Health Grants	\$ 146.82
Tobacco Grant	\$ 126.00
West End Cemetery	\$ 165.74
HOSPITAL/NRMC FUND	\$ 60,000.00
TOTAL CLAIMS	\$ 168,381.47
PAYROLL	\$ 192,447.32
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 360,828.79

9:00 a.m. Discussion/Approval: Northern Tier Informational Changes – W. Dusterhoff

Wayne Dusterhoff wasn't able to be present for today's agenda item. It will be rescheduled at a later date.

9:30 a.m. Discussion/Approval: Vehicle Purchase – Weed Department

Bill Bandel, Road Supervisor presented the commission with the bid information from Montana Argo for a 2010 Argo HDI 750. It was a demo with tracks for \$21,287. Commissioner Ron Rides At The Door motioned to approve the purchase of the 2010 Argo HDI 750 with tracks for \$21,287 for the Weed Department. Commissioner Michael DesRosier seconds the motion, the motion then carried.

10:00 a.m. Discussion/Approval: Vehicle(s) Purchase – Road Department

Bandel had three (3) bids from the local dealerships in Cut Bank which included Bell Motor, Northern Ford and Northern Chrysler. After reviewing the bids Commissioner Ron Rides At The Door motioned to approve the vehicle purchases as follows:

- 2011 ¾ Ton Regular Cab Pickup for \$25,696 from Bell Motor
- 2011 Taurus for \$25,598 from Northern Ford

2011 Crew Cab Diesel for \$34,670 from Northern Chrysler
Commissioner Michael DesRosier seconds the motion, and with no further comment the motion was then carried.

10:30 a.m. Discussion/Approval: Interoperability of Montana

Kevin Bruski, Executive Director for Interoperability of Montana presented maps detailing the interoperability of Montana including the different coverage areas. Bruski's concern is the sustainability of the project. Commissioner DesRosier asked if MACo (Montana Association of County's) supported the efforts. Bruski replied yes along with law enforcement agencies. Bruski asked the commissioners to contact our Senators to show them their support. One other area of concern for Bruski is funding. In order to keep the system up and running Bruski is asking the commissioners around the state for each county to make a financial commitment of \$3,000. Commissioner DesRosier, Rides At The Door & Sitzmann concur and would like Glacier County to make that commitment of \$3,000. He will check with Glenda Hall, Clerk & Recorder regarding the budget and it will be on an upcoming agenda for approval.

11:00 a.m. Discussion: Legislative Issues

The commission didn't discuss any legislative issues at this time. The Interoperability of Montana discussion took longer than expected with the time it took to review the different coverage area maps for the state.

11:30 a.m. Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Ron Rides At The Door motioned to approve the minutes from 12/28/10, 1/4/11, 1/6/11 & 1/10/11. Commissioner Michael DesRosier seconds the motion, the motion then carried with no further discussion.

12:00 pm Lunch

1:30 p.m. Discussion/Approval: Courthouse Parking Lot

Commissioners DesRosier and Rides At The Door reviewed an invoice for surveying the courthouse parking lot. Commissioner Ron Rides At The Door motioned to approve the Stahly Engineering & Associates invoice of \$5,250 for surveying the courthouse parking lot to be paid out of P.I.L.T. Commissioner Michael DesRosier seconds the motion. There was no further discussion, the motion then carried.

2:00 p.m. Discussion: MATL Power Line in Glacier County – Larry Salois

Larry Salois a citizen of Glacier County came in to let the commissioners know his stance regarding the MATL Power Line Project in Glacier County. Salois stated that he has never opposed the MATL project, he welcomes it to a point; however he's in a position to protect the heritage of the land. It is very unfortunate that it worked out the way it did. MATL would like to put the power lines thru land that once was originally part of the Blackfeet Reservation. Salois gave a brief history of the land. Salois' main concern is preserving the land for future generations. He shared his pictures that MATL provided to him with the commissioners. Salois will not sign a lease with MATL until his request for certain changes are made. There has been environmental impact studies done that could have and should have been amended within thirty days. DEQ has stated to Salois that the study can be re-opened in order to come to a definite explanation as to why the plans won't be amended. Commissioner Rides At The Door stated that this project would impact Glacier County historically and archeologically with the current proposed boundaries. Salois will keep the commissioners updated on the progress of the project and his requests. He thanked the commissioners for their time.

2:50 p.m. Non-Agenda Item: County Attorney

Carolyn Berkram, County Attorney introduced Leslie Berkram whom is attending legal aid classes thru University of Great Falls. L. Berkram will be job shadowing in the county attorney's office.

3:00 p.m. Audit Exit Conference

Olness & Associates were traveling at the time of the audit exit conference. The audit exit conference was rescheduled to January 25th at 9 a.m.

There being no further business for the day, the meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m. with a motion by Commissioner Ron Rides At The Door and a second by Commissioner Michael DesRosier. The motion passed by Board vote.

BOARD OF GLACIER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Michael J. DesRosier, Chairman

ATTEST:

Glenda Hall, Clerk and Recorder