

**GLACIER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**EAST GLACIER WOMEN'S CLUB – EAST GLACIER PARK**  
**Wednesday, June 22, 2011**

The Board of Glacier County Commissioners met at a regular meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 22, 2011. Commissioners Michael DesRosier, Tony Sitzmann & Glenda Hall, Clerk & Recorder were present. Commissioner Michael DesRosier called the meeting to order. Commissioner Ron Rides At The Door was absent due to personal business.

**Present throughout the day:** Bill Bandel, Road Supervisor; Rick Gobert, BIA; Wallace J. Gladstone, NECI; John McGill, Press; Robert Mad Plume & Chancy Kittson, BIHA; Laura Conway & Don White, BTBC Transportation; Gerald Gilbert, BIA Transportation; John Ray, Public;

**9:00 a.m. Discussion: Multi-Jurisdictional Road Issues**

Commissioner Michael DesRosier explained that the county is here to get feedback from the community and its constituents on both road and street issues. The discussion picked up where it left off from the last meeting. The representatives from all jurisdictions are hoping to representatives from the community on the possibility of forming and financing a RID. The county has drafted a letter to the BTBC to request some of the millings for the Browning High School Pathway CTEP Project.

Don White reported that the Kiowa job will start August 1<sup>st</sup> and there is an estimated 14k cubic yards of millings available. The contractor will only haul so far. Gerald Gilbert added that what they can't haul to a stockpile, the BIA will haul. White was hoping to use the millings for the back two streets. A little history is back when the Fed's let the tribes count all roads on the reservation on their road inventory.

The funding source through housing requires a Certificate of Survey (COS) that may or may not get filed with the county explained Wally Gladstone. They don't have to, the ownership transfer by R-O-W. Chancy Kittson clarified that housing does not have any ownership to the two streets, but housing is willing to work with all entities involved.

Work on the TIP and the financial constraints, review the scope of work and the environmental assessments is how to get the process started. From there the multi-jurisdictions work to develop project costs and R-O-W and begin reconstruction. Road Supervisor Bill Bandel stated that once the project gets going there will still be a problem with the Tribe giving an R-O-W to the county. At some point we have to bite the bullet because there is an expense to research. A lot of the maps say county/public roads; he questioned the accuracy of these maps. Commissioner Sitzmann believes that the priority is the cut across road. The county could probably budget some funding and maybe have our Clerk & Recorder Glenda Hall have someone from her office do the research, maybe a couple of roads per year.

Robert Mad Plume wants all entities present to really look at the roads around the Browning & Heart Butte homing projects. They need to be graded and then in the winter help with keeping the streets opened and plowed. Chancy Kittson requested to see the map that shows the ownership and responsibility of the streets. Commissioner DesRosier replied that the map should show ownership, but also the priority level in case of a disaster and/or emergency situation. White added that the current priority is elders and those with serious medical conditions. C Kittson would like to see School District #9 present for these meetings as well; they play a big role in transportation.

White spoke of a grader that is broke down and needs a new blade. The tribe has a belly dump but no tractor to pull it. Gilbert stated on behalf of the BIA that they would try and help the tribe, but they really are not supposed to be taking their equipment off their system. They have a surplus of some things and they could be turned over to the tribe. We will help on one condition that they have a serious medical condition. Bandel also spoke of the county's stockpile and they could help the tribe too. The county doesn't care where it goes; it just needs to be coordinated through Mark McGee. The county can't haul for the tribe right now because we are short handed ourselves, but we could load for you. The loader has a scale and the county can give you tickets on a per load basis.

**10:00 a.m. Public Hearing: East Glacier Park Water & Sewer: District Special Assessment**

No citizens of East Glacier Park were present for the Public Hearing regarding the EGP Water & Sewer: District Special Assessment.

The commissioners spoke with John McGill about questions and options about the water and sewer district. He is going to do an article in the Glacier Reporter. In August when the Commissioners meet in East Glacier Park there will be a front page article urging those involved to be present.

**11:00 a.m. East Glacier Park Community Issues (11 am – 12 pm)**

John Ray came in to discuss with the commission the final steps in getting the welcome signs installed. Commissioners Michael DesRosier & Tony Sitzmann and Glenda Hall went with Ray on a tour to examine the sign sites.

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 Michael DesRosier. The motion passed by Board vote.

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Michael J. DesRosier, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Glenda Hall, Clerk and Recorder