

**GLACIER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**Babb Ambulance Barn, Babb**  
**Wednesday, July 27, 2011**

The Board of Glacier County Commissioners met at a regular meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 27, 2011. Commissioners Michael DesRosier, Ron Rides At The Door & Glenda Hall, Clerk & Recorder were present. Commissioner Michael DesRosier called the meeting to order. Commissioner Tony Sitzmann was absent; he's attending a meeting in Shelby.

**Present throughout the day:** Bill Bandel, Road Supervisor; Sam Whitford, Shirley Pendergrass, Greg Fullerton, Bill Fenner, and Jerry & Tracy Galbreath, Public;

**10:00 a.m. Discussion: Road Issue – Sam Whitford/Shirley Pendergrass**

Sam Whitford explained how he gets in and out of his place by four (4) different (separate) roads. There is more than one (1) land owner; the main land owner being the tribe. Commissioner Rides At The Door explained that he needs to go to the Tribe and get an easement. Road Supervisor Bill Bandel is trying to help the Tribe build up a road department because they have some equipment. He urged Whitford to contact Mark McGee or Don White from the Tribe.

Bill Fenner came in to see if the county is going to plow the South Shore Road. He understands that all entities are passing the buck. Bandel explained that BIA did the research and it is a Tribal road. Technically the county is illegally crossing private property to get to the West Shore Road to plow. All the entities are finally starting to work together on a more consistent basis that he is confident will resolve these issues. Greg Fullerton told Fenner to sign an easement to the county for the first section of the road and then he can work with the remaining land owners to get the rest of the signatures.

Commissioner DesRosier stated that as the county adds more road mileage we need to examine and keep an eye on the road budget. The road budget would need more funds for them to keep operating. We all need to keep in mind there is always options to create a special improvement district.

Those present again discussed the option of keeping equipment for plowing out in Babb. It certainly is an option; however the county still faces the same issue as before being the liability. It would have to be an employee (half time) to run the equipment. Glenda Hall, Clerk & Recorder is going to review the budget to see if this would appease the budget.

Both Fenner & Whitford would like the cemetery road repaired and maintained. They realize this request will go back to the easement issue, but they feel sure that the land started out as Thronson's. It has since changed hands, but they are sure that the cemetery plot was donated to Glacier County.

Mr. Fenner wants to ensure that the process in making a private road a county road is implemented with the proper steps spelled out so that others can use the same information when they have to go to the Blackfeet Tribal Business Council for other easements.

Fenner inquired about having the county's weed department spray out by his place. Bandel informed him that the weed department will be spraying but they follow the schedule. They start by Cut Bank and head west. Bandel also gave an update on different chemicals for spraying. Tordon requires a license to apply. The weed department uses milestone, it's safer and it is still 80% effective.

**10:30 a.m. Discussion: Babb Fire Department**

No discussion took place.

**11:00 a.m. Babb Community Issues**

Garbage is a major issue because the site they are using is a mess let alone a health hazard. The citizens of Babb asked the Commissioners to address this issue or remove the fee from their tax bills. Greg Fullerton requested that he get a private can or a multi-family dumpster that four to

five (4-5) households can share. Clerk & Recorder Hall explained the fee collection process and to protest a fee would protest the entire tax. She suggested having a meeting to solicit ideas on potential solutions.

The next issue for the Babb community is highway fencing. The community asked if MDT regulates the work with the fencing contracts and is it on all paving projects. Commissioner DesRosier replied that yes he believes the general policy is to catch and put the fence on all road projects. They are moving the fences on to the state right of way and they will maintain, most likely thru a contract.

**12:00 pm Lunch**

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