

**GLACIER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**Town of Browning City Hall**  
**Tuesday, June 28, 2011**

The Board of Glacier County Commissioners met at a regular meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 28, 2011. Commissioners Michael DesRosier, Ron Rides At The Door and Tony Sitzmann, Glenda Hall, Clerk & Recorder were present. Commissioner Michael DesRosier called the meeting to order.

**Present throughout the day:** Bill Bandel, Road Supervisor; Sarah Converse, Sweetgrass Development; Verna Billedeaux; Sam Bird; Lockley Bremner, Town of Browning Mayor; Dustin Boggs, BVFD; Jerry McNeely, TOB Dog Catcher; Robert "Bob" New Breast;

**9:00 a.m. Meeting with Browning Volunteer Fire Department – Dustin Boggs**

The meeting with the Browning Volunteer Fire Department was moved to 1:30 pm today during the City/County Summit.

**9:00 a.m. Non-Agenda Discussion**

The Commissioners & Clerk & Recorder Hall discussed with John McGill of the Glacier Reporter the Driver Examiners schedule and the lack of hours that Glacier County receives to serve our population base. The Commission is disappointed and encouraged McGill to call the State's district representative Floyd Stiffler.

Commissioner Michael DesRosier presented information from DES on the Cut Bank Volunteer Fire Department. In an attempt to distribute the funding more equitably based on activity and record keeping, become formula based.

**10:00 a.m. Discussion/Approval: CDBG Application**

After much discussion Commissioner Tony Sitzmann motioned to rescind their original motion approving Blackfeet Advanced Technology for the CDBG application. Commissioner Ron Rides At The seconds the motion, the motion carried.

The Commission would like to see the CDBG application be used for the EMS/Health Department facility. Sarah Converse of Sweetgrass Development is working on this project. She needs the preliminary architectural report. In the facility there would be a room for inoculations with a sink and water which classifies it as an exam room. Converse doesn't believe that the project can be done for \$200k. The commissioners would like to save costs and use the architectural design of the new Sheriff Department office building. They would like to use half of the shell (design) and make it work or it may not get built.

Converse mentioned that she has the USDA grant application for the EMS building. Also the CEDS meeting is set up for July 20, 2011 with local government services available for assistance.

**10:30 a.m. Bid Approval: Courthouse Parking Lot/CTEP: Central Park Landscape**

The commission reviewed the bid information for both the Courthouse parking lot and CTEP Central Park Landscape projects. They are going to go with the low bid.

Commissioner Tony Sitzmann motioned to accept the bid from Paveco for the Courthouse Parking Lot project. Commissioner Ron Rides At The Door seconds the motion, the motion carried.

There was only one bid for the CTEP: Central Park Landscape project from True Grit Construction for approximately \$81k. Commissioner Tony Sitzmann motioned to approve True Grit Construction for the CTEP: Central Park Landscape project. Commissioner Ron Rides At The Door seconds the motion, the motion carried.

**11:00 a.m. Discussion: Office Moving Status**

County Attorney Carolyn Berkram has been out to the annex and she is concerned about how long it may take the Health Department/WIC to move into the other annex building. Berkram's current landlord has opted to not fix the air conditioning in the current office space. She would like to have a temporary office space for her secretary. She would only need her computer, printer and the internet. Berkram needs a secure storage area for the old case files.

Commissioner Rides At The Door contacted Lyle Salois, Maintenance Supervisor for an update on the office moves and the status of each. Salois is going to set up a temporary office space in the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) for three to four days. The county attorney needs to be out of the office by the day end of June 30<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner DesRosier will contact the Health Nurse and Maintenance Supervisor to coordinate the move before July 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### **11:15 a.m. Non-Agenda Item: 4-H Request**

Verna Billedeaux and Sam Bird from the 4-H approached the Commission for gravel for the 4-H barn at the stampede park. They need a couple of loads of pit run. Billedeaux asked if they could dump it and they can spread it where it needs to go. Bandel replied that the road department would be able to do a load a night, but no way can the road department spare an entire afternoon.

#### **11:30 a.m. Discussion/Approval: Office Furniture Purchase**

The sheriff department ordered furniture for their new office space for approximately \$19k. Commissioner Tony Sitzmann motioned to approve the office furniture purchase for the Sheriff's Department to come out of the Public Safety fund. Commissioner Ron Rides At The Door second the motion. No further discussion was needed, the motion carried.

#### **12:00 pm Lunch**

#### **1:30 p.m. City/County Summit**

Commissioner Defroster began the discussion about the activity of the Volunteer Fire Departments. The figures are somewhat lopsided in the proof that BVFD is by far the busiest. We need to put the figures to the call types. The target will be mid August for help in determining the budgets. They will be reviewing reports to help determine the miles of response, number of firemen responding, engines used, etc. This will help in developing a formula based on that information for a fair amount distributed to each volunteer fire department within Glacier County.

Bob New Breast reported that by September they should have clear water. They are looking at turning East Glacier Park on but it really is not necessary. The East Glacier Park Water & Sewer District needs to agree to everything to dissolve and turn everything over to IHS (Indian Health Services). They are reluctant because they don't feel they have been kept informed. The commissioners are going to talk to Bill Grant and see what he has to say.

Mayor Lockley Bremner introduced Jerry McNeely as the newly hired dog catcher for the county wide area. The Town of Browning is still working with all the entities involved continually to contribute so the position can remain funded.

Clerk & Recorder Hall gave an update on the Town of Browning's election and what if scenarios are so far as the process. Additional letters to the state for non-use of auto marks and putting mail ballot election together before the Town Council. All of this will be decided after Thursday, June 30, 2011 at 5 pm when we know how many candidates actually have filed for the open positions.

#### **2:00 p.m. Public Hearing: Solid Waste Fee Increase (2:00 – 3:00 pm)**

The Blackfeet Solid Waste increased their fee in October 2009 from \$11.20 per unit a month to \$13.80 per unit a month. As per the audit findings we are supposed to be holding an annual Public Hearing. Mr. Gerald Wagner is aware that he needs to get with Kate Salois, Glacier County Treasurer to identify which properties need to be increased. Other, non-tax paying users are already paying the increased fee.

There being no further business for the day, the meeting adjourned at 3:00 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.

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Michael J. DesRosier, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Glenda Hall, Clerk and Recorder

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