

Glacier County Commissioners
Wednesday May 29, 2019
Regular Meeting
East Glacier Park, MT

The Glacier County Board of Commissioners met at a regular meeting scheduled meeting at 10:00 am on Wednesday May 29, 2019. Commissioners Michael DesRosier, Tom McKay and John B. Overcast was present. Melanie Heavy Runner taking minutes.

Present at the Meeting: Kar Sheppard, EGP School; Mike Wikstrom, Public; Mike Kittson, GC Human Resource; Lanaina Upham, GC DES; John McGill, Press; Brian Gallup, Public.

10:03 am meeting called to order

A. Roll Call

B. Approval of Agenda: Add Lanaina Upham-DES Issues

C. Reading of the Minutes:

NEW BUSINESS

D. Discussion: East Glacier Park Community Issues

Kar Sheppard stated that one of her issues is the stop sign on the corner of Montana and Washington Ave. The sign blew off this winter and needs to be replaced. Her second issue is the street in front of the school which needs to be graded. Commissioner DesRosier stated that they will get with the Roads Supervisor and see what they have going up there, but should be able to get this done. Commissioner DesRosier also stated that the Road Department was doing some work with Two Medicine Water Company on the Fire Hydrants. Mike Wikstrom gave a little update on the project which he stated there were six hydrants installed and 5 more that are still not operational but did state that they are getting there.

Kar Sheppard also talked about the alley between the School and Dancing Bears. She stated that a while back Bill Stewart and they went before the commissioners to close the alley between Dancing Bears and the School. The agreement was the alley was supposed to be split north to south. When the school found out about the auction of the Dancing Bears it shows that the alley was split east to west instead. Kar asked the commissioner s on how they go about fixing this. Brian Gallup stated that in the agreement is was stated that the alley could be blocked but nothing could be built on it. Commissioner DesRosier stated they we do have a surveyor right now and maybe we could talk to him. He also stated the there is a specific chapter on abandoning and that we would have to talk to the county attorney. Commissioner DesRosier suggested they draw up something to show the surveyor to see what we need to do to get this changed and then from there go to the County Attorney to get the survey accurate and record right the process of taking alley back and give to East Glacier School. Commissioner DesRosier wanted it noted that they will look into this and follow up. Maybe contact Tom Russett and see what he thinks.

Mike Wikstrom wanted to update the commissioners on the easement for Glacier Meadows, they have one signature holding them up. Commissioner DesRosier stated that he does not think that this signature can close the road, need to run it by the County Attorney. Mike Wikstorm stated that Patricia Compton prepared and got the signatures, asking the county to take care of 1.5 miles. Commissioner DesRosier stated that he thought they could do it when they get the signatures turned in. Commissioner McKay stated that it needs to be approved publicly. Commissioner DesRosier stated also that they will have to run it in the paper and have public hearings.

E. Discussion/Approval: DES Issues-Lanaina Upham

Commissioner DesRosier stated that they received a request form the State wanting Lanaina in Oklahoma, with her skills they want us to give her up for a little while. Lanaina stated that EMAC works side by side with the state and Montana has the contract. Out of all 56 counties she is the only DES qualified. Commissioner DesRosier stated they want the wages as County Employee. They county will pay for the wages and travel but will be reimbursed 100%. He also stated that she will be gone 15-20 days at the most. GC Human Resource Mike Kittson stated that he would like something set up if we were to have an incident while she was gone. Would like her to delegate someone within the county to act in her capacity and if need that we could pull her at any time. He also stated that he would recommend the Sheriff he knows, have Lanaina coordinate with him. Commissioner McKay motioned to allow Lanaina Upham, DES Coordinator to pursue to go to work with State and Fema for 15-20 days. Commissioner Overcast seconded but with the stipulation that we get her back. Motion carried.

Commissioner DesRosier stated that she needs to follow up with the State, call from GC Human Resource Mike Kittson office and bring in the CFO to ask questions. GC Human Resources Mike Kittson stated that they need to question the reimbursable and get everything cleared up before she leave. He also stated that he would get Don Wilson in the loop.

Commissioner DesRosier also spoke of the Emergency Declaration with the tribe and Lanaina worked with them. GC Human Resource Mike Kittson stated that he reached out to Lanaina when the flooding started and she was already on top of things and on the phone.

Commissioner Overcast motioned to adjourn @ 10:56 am; Commissioner DesRosier seconded.

OTHER BUSINESS

F. Public Comment

G. Next meeting-Thursday May 30, 2019