

Glacier County Commissioners
Tuesday, November 5, 2019
Regular Meeting
Cut Bank, MT

The Glacier County Board of Commissioners met at a regular scheduled meeting at 9:00 am Tuesday, November 5, 2019. Commissioners Michael DesRosier, Tom McKay and John B. Overcast was present and Clerk & Recorder Mandi Bird Kennerly taking minutes.

Present at the Meeting: Kyla Presnell, Public; Tom Seifert, GC Sheriff Captain; LeAnne Kavanagh, Press; Mike Kittson, GC Human Resource

A. Roll Call

Meeting called to order @ 9:05 am

B. Approval of Agenda:

C. Reading of the Minutes: n/a

NEW BUSINESS

D. Discussion/Approval: Stonegarden Grant Purchase (Snowmobile Upgrade)-Tom Seifert & Vernon “Napi” Billedeaux, Glacier County Sheriff

Captain Tom Seifert stated that they have a Stonegarden grant, in which they have purchased several 4x4 vehicles in the past. The Feds have asked that they change up the purchase this year. He stated that last year they purchased ATV’s for rescue missions and border assists. This year he wrote into the grant to replace two aging snowmobiles. He explained that they have used them to deliver groceries and rescue missions for Search and Rescue. He stated that Blackfeet Fish and Game are the only ones in the area with good sleds for emergencies. Tom stated that they have one 2009 and a 2010 out dated sleds at this time. He also stated they have \$27,540 budgeted in the Stonegarden Grant 2918.420180.940 for the purchase. He went down last week and compared different bids for Skidoo and Polaris sleds, the quote from Paulsen Powersports for two snowmobiles was quoted at \$25,700.00 and from Sport City Cyclery was \$23,432.28. Tom stated that he spoke to the Sheriff and he would like to go with Skidoo’s from Paulsen Powersports, he stated they budgeted \$27,540 and they can get (2) snowmobiles for \$25,700 with extras. Commissioner DesRosier asks if this is what other Sheriff Departments use, and what the difference is in the machines. Tom explained that one is a trail sled and one is a mountain sled. He stated that they use mountain sleds, they always make sure safety and performance is key to their operation. Commissioner DesRosier asks if they have it in their budget to make this purchase. Tom replies “Yes, and we will get it submitted right away to get back the reimbursement”, as Stonegarden is a reimbursement grant. Tom also talks about equipment (helmets and gear). He wanted to get this equipment with the grant, but it is not allowable. He stated that he and Jason Sullivan have gear, but if it were other deputies they loan them their gear.

Commissioner Overcast motions to approve (2) Snowmobile Purchases from Paulsen Powersports for \$25,700.00 to be paid from fund 2918-420180-940 (Stonegarden Grant); Commissioner McKay seconded; motion carried.

Kyla Presnell stated if you tie calf trailer to the snowmobile, you don't have a hitch. Tom replied yes, because with the tracks a hitch isn't possible. But with trail sleds they do have that option, but it's not an option on mountain sleds. He stated the tie works for us and we haven't had any problems. Commissioner DesRosier asked Tom what they do with the old ones. Tom stated that the trade in value isn't great. They had to get approval from the state to do this, but they would like to trade them in for an enclosed trailer for the new sleds. He stated what he would like to do later on is sell the sleds and use the money for an enclosed trailer. They would also like to take the old ATV's advertise them like they did for the pickup that they sold and put a cab on the Argo.

Commissioner Overcast stated he will be out-of-state November 12-15, 2019.

OTHER BUSINESS

E. Public Comment

Kyla Presnell asked if they rescheduled the Stahly meeting for CIP, Commissioner DesRosier stated no they haven't yet but they will ask Robie Culver to reschedule.

Kyla also asked if the tribe stated when they will do the survey for St. Michaels Cemetery. Commissioner McKay stated no, he thinks it will be on hold this winter, Rick Ollinger will do the work in the spring. He also stated that he contacted Vernie Mad Plume and he is in the loop.

Kyla stated that the commissioners said before that the departments would hand in CIP wish lists, has that been done, Commissioner DesRosier replied no.

Kyla also asked if they followed up with Mrs. Greco to meet with her and the board, Commissioner DesRosier replied no we haven't yet. Kyla stated that the reason she asked is because of past meetings there was a lack of communication. She also stated that with Stahly involved now and looking at addition to the library, she would just like to see the communication gap be resolved. Commissioner DesRosier stated yes, he understands and there is a communication mess. He stated that they do need to look to see if there would be savings to move it. He thinks the study with the planning grant will get us a better picture. Kyla stated that looking from the outside Mrs. Greco and the board is feeling like they are out in the cold. I think if you initiate the community and talk with them that you will have a better outlook for everyone.

F. Next Meeting-Tuesday, November 12, 2019-Browning

Meeting adjourned @ 10:47 am