

**Glacier County Commissioners  
Tuesday, November 26, 2019  
Regular Meeting  
Browning, MT**

The Glacier County Board of Commissioners met at a regular scheduled meeting at 9:00 am Tuesday, November 26, 2019. Commissioners Michael DesRosier, Tom McKay & John Overcast was present and Melanie Heavy Runner taking minutes.

**Present at the Meeting:** Denise Mason, East Glacier School Business Manager; Kar Sheppard, East Glacier School Principle/Superintendent; John Schmidt, Public; John McGill, Press; Terryl Matt Glacier County Attorney.

**A. Roll Call**

Meeting called to order @ 9:11 am

**B. Approval of Agenda:**

**C. Reading of the Minutes: n/a**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**D. Discussion/Approval: Agreement with School District #9/Presented by Glacier County Attorney's Office-Michael DesRosier, GC Commissioner**

Glacier County Attorney presented the Commissioners with a copy of agreement with School District #9, there was a lot of discussion on the agreement. She stated that not one Commissioner is opposing to give them their money, the Treasurer is wanting to give them their money it is a lot of work for Glacier County. County Attorney stated that the date has changed from February 1, 2019 to January 15, 2019. She also stated that as long as the Treasurer and CFO was in agreement. Commissioner DesRosier stated that the statue states at the end of the fiscal year. County Attorney Terryl Matt stated that as far as coincide with the fiscal year July 1, 2019 this agreement does not. She stated that this was done before with Glacier County and the Cut Bank Schools. She also stated that it was not conforming to her, we still have to follow the law and not entity or judge can wave the statue.

County Attorney Terryl Matt stated that the language in the agreement is MCA 20-9-235 (4) (iv), Indemnify and defend to hold county harmless should be any litigation based on non-compliance. She also presented proposed motion to reschedule hearing, she stated that it is a joint motion but they have not filed it yet. Commissioner DesRosier stated that the other part of the statue stated that it is strictly between the Treasurer and the School, he asked if the Commissioners had to sign. County Attorney stated that they are signing as Glacier County, and that they have to sign on this one since they are being sued and Treasurer has to have his own representation.

Commissioner Overcast motions to approve and sign the agreement presented by the County Attorney on the School District agreement; Commissioner McKay seconds the motion; motion carried.

Denise Mason, East Glacier School Business Manager stated that their school funding is based on accreditation and clean financial record. She stated that they have had clean audits until this year. County Attorney Terryl Matt asked Denise if she had documentation on this. Denise stated that it is written up in audit findings if she wanted to take a look. County Attorney asked if she was talking about the tribal fee land. County Attorney stated even if the county transfers fund it is still going to be an issue. Commissioner DesRosier stated recommendation is to put into trust, if settle to trust will fix a lot of their problems. There was discussion back and forth on this issue. County Attorney Terryl Matt asked if the County has ever not paid a bill, Denise replied no warrants were always passed. County Attorney Terryl Matt stated that the goal of the School Board and the Commissioners is they both want the same thing.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **E. Public Comment**

John Schmidt stated that he was here to see if there was any updates to Glacier Acres (Heart Butte Cutoff Road). Commissioner DesRosier stated that he has not updates, they are still working on it they did give permission to Road Supervisor to go ahead and start plowing. County Attorney Terryl Matt stated that there is a couple of pieces missing one is the estimated cost and the other is the right of way. She would like these to be complete if her office has to sign off on it. Commissioner Overcast stated that they want to do it but need budget line item before. He also stated that the concern John “Snoop” Evans had was that he won’t have a grader up there all of the time will have to plow with a front end loader. County Attorney Terryl Matt stated that her office can look at the two issues, she asked John Schmidt for their contact information. She also stated that the only one she spoke to was Pat Compton, John replied yes she was doing the paperwork. County Attorney Terryl Matt asked how they currently get out. John replied, Jim Knot has a tractor with a blade, Mike Wikstrom also bought a tractor and others have equipment. He also stated that they try to pay these guys. He stated that the last snow storm everyone’s equipment broke down. John stated that they are thankful for these individuals if it wasn’t for them they would be stuck for a longtime. He also stated that he thinks maybe a snow fence along the road will help.

### **F. Next Meeting-Wednesday, November 27, 2019**

Commissioner Overcast motions to adjourn @ 10:23 am; Commissioner DesRosier second; motion carried.