

Glacier County Commissioners
Wednesday, June 24, 2020
Regular Meeting
East Glacier, MT

The Glacier County Board of Commissioners met at a regular scheduled meeting at 10:00 am Wednesday, June 24, 2020. Commissioners Michael DesRosier, Tom McKay & John Overcast was present and Melanie Heavy Runner taking minutes.

Present at the Meeting: Judy Moats, Public; Roberta L Rink; Public; Christine Roberts, Public; Colleen Erickson, Public; Ursula Mattson, Public; Tana Stein, Public; John McGill, Press

A. Roll Call

Meeting called to order @ 10:00 a.m.

B. Approval of Agenda:

C. Reading of the Minutes: N/A

NEW BUSINESS

D. Discussion: East Glacier Park Community Issues

Commissioner DesRosier stated that they are required to have public meetings and that they need to have one on the road issue. Ursula Mattson stated that they were talking with Mike Wikstrom about feedback signs. She stated the price on them are \$17,000 per sign and you have to do your own maintenance. Commissioner DesRosier stated that they have looked at them also and the cost was around \$14,000.

Tana Stein stated that for the pedestrian's safety from the grocery store they need no parking on the street, another concern is when turning from the underpass you have to inch out into HWY 2 just see if there are any vehicles coming. Commissioner DesRosier stated that it would take a lot, need to get permission from the Rail Road. He also stated that a lot of the issues has to do with the State, there was talk about making a one way by the grocery store.

Tana also stated that there are 64 hospitality business waiting to open up, they are unsure if they should just shut down, she asked if there is any news on opening up.

Commissioner McKay stated that in Browning you have to put a plan in place for social distancing, then if the tribe is satisfied then you can open.

Commissioner McKay stated that he wanted to commend the Women's Club for everything they do. He stated that maybe they could consider giving more to library he was unaware that they were only giving \$120.00.

E. Discussion/Approval East Glacier Women’s Club Historical Building-East Glacier Women’s Club Board

Judy Moats stated that the building is 100 years old today. December of last year they got historical proof, she gave some history of the building. She stated the building was donated to Glacier County who then deeded it to them. Judy gives a rundown of what the building is used for one is County Extension Library. Which they receive a stipend \$120 a month from the County, the books their get moved every 5-6 weeks. She also explains that the building is built on volunteers and this year their taxes came to light. They have applied for nonprofit status 4-5 years ago with the HDR6933 form to reclassify and it never happened, now they are being taxed as commercial property. She stated that once they get the nonprofit status with filed document then that will take care of taxes. Judy informed the Commissioners that the building is in need of a new roof which they put a bid out and the materials will be purchased from Browning Lumber. She explains that the only other source of income they get is from rent they receive. She stated in 2018 they rented 188 times, 2019 they rented 244 times and from February thru June 2020 they did not rent at all so the only income they received was from Glacier County. The building is in need of new windows which is going to cost \$5,000.00 which they are doing fundraising for, they have put up cans at the different businesses so far, they have collected \$400.00 from them.

Judy advised the Commissioners that they are asking for forgiveness on their taxes, the found out that after March another tax bill will be out. Commissioner DesRosier stated that they could do a letter of support to the Assessor’s Office and talk with the Treasurer about it. He also stated that if it was a mistake, we could they could take action. He advised them they would have to work with the state they can only forgive for certain reasons. Commissioner DesRosier stated that they would have to bring it to the County Attorney so they cannot give an answer today.

Commissioner DesRosier gave them some ideas of fundraising. He also stated that they will make sure the stipend to them was included in the next budget and they would work with the CFO on that.

OTHER BUSINESS

F. Public Comment

G. Next Meeting-Thursday, June 25, 2020-Cut Bank (gotomtg)

Commissioner Overcast motions to adjourn @ 11:03 a.m.; Commissioner McKay seconds the motion; motion carried.