Glacier County Commissioners
Tuesday, September 3, 2024
Regular Meeting
Cut Bank, MT

The Glacier County Board of Commissioners met at a regularly scheduled meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 3, 2024. Commissioners Mary Jo Bremner, Vernon "Napi" Billedeaux and John B. Overcast were present. Mandi Bird Kennerly taking minutes.

Present at the meeting: Chancy Kittson, Glacier County CFO; Becky Kimmet, Glacier County Library Board; Laurie Elhard, Public; Judd Milender, Glacier County Office of Emergency Management Director

Present via GoToMeeting: (2) Callers; Big Sky; Elaine Mitchell; Gloria; Guest; JM

A. Roll Call
The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

B. Approval of Agenda
Commissioner Overcast motions to approve the agenda with no changes; Commissioner Billedeaux seconds the motion; motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

C. BUDGET HEARING (9:00 a.m.): FY2024-2025 Permissive Group Benefits Levy
Commissioner Bremner states that now we will open the public hearing on the FY2024-2025 Permissive Group Benefits Levy. She states that there will be 3.00 mills levied. Commissioner Bremner asks if there is any public comment.

Public Comment
Laurie Elhard, Public commented.

Commissioner Bremner closes the public hearing for the FY2024-2025 Permissive Group Benefits Levy.

D. BUDGET HEARING (9:00 a.m.): FY2024-2025 Permissive Sheriff's Retirement System Contribution Levy
Commissioner Bremner states that now we will open the public hearing on the FY2024-2025 Permissive Sheriff's Retirement System Contribution Levy. She states that there will be 0.73 mills levied. Commissioner Bremner asks if there is any public comment.

Public Comment
Laurie Elhard, Public commented.

Commissioner Bremner closes the public hearing for the FY2024-2025 Permissive Sheriff's Retirement System Contribution Levy.

E. BUDGET HEARING (9:00 a.m.): FY2024-2025 Approve and Adopt Budget

Commissioner Bremner states that now we will open the public hearing on the FY2024-2025 Approve and Adopt Budget and I will give the floor to Chancy Kittson, Glacier County CFO. Chancy explains that there will be a few changes to the preliminary budget presented today due to a change in the DNRC grant for the East Glacier VFD's award letter increasing this morning. The appropriation will increase to $13,944.00 with a match of $1,395.00 to Fund#2385. She asks if there is any public comment.

Public Comment
Laurie Elhard, Public commented.
Becky Kimmet, Public commented.

Commissioner Bremner closes the public hearing for the FY2024-2025 Approve and Adopt Budget.

F. Discussion/Approval: Resolution No. 2024-13 FY2024-2025 Permissive Group Benefits Levy

Commissioner Bremner presents Resolution No. 2024-13 FY2024-2025 Permissive Group Benefits Levy for approval. She asks if there is any public comment.

Public Comment
There was no public comment.

Commissioner Billedeaux motions to approve Resolution No. 2024-13 FY2024-2025 Permissive Group Benefits; Commissioner Overcast seconds the motion; motion carried.

GLACIER COUNTY RESOLUTION
FY2024-2025 PERMISSIVE GROUP BENEFITS LEVY
RESOLUTION NO. 2024-13

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners, Glacier County, Montana, met in a public hearing on Tuesday, September 3, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. to explain the proposed permissive levy allowed under MCA 2-9-212 to pay for the increase in employer contributions for group benefits, and to take public comment on such proposed levy;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glacier County Board of Commissioners approve the permissive group benefits levy of 3.00 mills to be levied in fiscal year 2024-2025 in order to provide Glacier County with the necessary means to offer group benefits.

ADOPTED this 3rd day of September, 2024.

BOARD OF GLACIER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

\s\ Mary Jo Bremner, Chair

\s\ Vernon "Napi" Billedeaux, Vice-Chair
\s\ John B. Overcast, Member
ATTEST:
\s\Mandi Bird Kennerly, Glacier County Clerk & Recorder

G. Discussion/Approval: Resolution No. 2024-14 FY2024-2025 Public Safety – Sheriff's Retirement System Contribution Permissive Levy

Commissioner Bremner presents Resolution No. 2024-14 FY2024-2025 Public Safety – Sheriff's Retirement System Contribution Permissive Levy for approval. She asks if there is any public comment.

Public Comment
There was no public comment.

Commissioner Overcast motions to approve Resolution No. 2024-14 FY2024-2025 Public Safety – Sheriff's Retirement System Contribution Levy; Commissioner Billedeaux seconds the motion; motion carried.

GLACIER COUNTY RESOLUTION
FY2024-2025 PUBLIC SAFETY - SHERIFF'S RETIREMENT SYSTEM CONTRIBUTION PERMISSIVE LEVY
RESOLUTION NO. 2024-14

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners, Glacier County, Montana, met in a public hearing on Tuesday, September 3, 2024 to explain the proposed permissive levy allowed under MCA 19-7-404 to pay for the 3% increase in employer contributions to the Sheriff's Retirement System (SRS), and to take public comment on such proposed levy;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glacier County Board of Commissioners approves the permissive levy of .73 mills to be levied in fiscal year 2024-2025 in order to provide Glacier County with the necessary means to pay for such increase.

ADOPTED this 3rd day of September, 2024.

BOARD OF GLACIER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

\s\ Mary Jo Bremner, Chair
\s\ Vernon "Napi" Billedeaux, Vice-Chair
\s\ John B. Overcast, Member
ATTEST:
\s\Mandi Bird Kennerly, Glacier County Clerk & Recorder

H. Discussion/Approval: Resolution No. 2024-15 FY2024-2025 Adopt and Approve Budget

Commissioner Bremner presents Resolution No. 2024-15 FY2024-2025 Adopt and Approve Budget for approval. She asks if there is any public comment.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Billedeaux motions to approve Resolution No. 2024-15 FY2024-2025 Adopt and Approve Budget; Commissioner Overcast seconds the motion; motion carried.

GLACIER COUNTY RESOLUTION
FY2024-2025 APPROVE AND ADOPT BUDGET
RESOLUTION NO. 2024-15

WHEREAS. Montana Code Annotated (MCA), 7-6-4024, requires that the Board of County Commissioners, Glacier County, Montana, approve and adopt by resolution the final budget by the later of the first Thursday after the first Tuesday in September or within 30 days of receiving certified taxable valuations from the Department of Revenue, and,

WHEREAS, the notice of public hearing on the preliminary budget was published in accordance with 7-1-2121, MCA and said budget was made available for public inspection, and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to 7-6-4024, MCA, the Board of County Commissioners, held a public hearing to answer questions and provide for public comment on said budget, and,

WHEREAS, all statements presented for or against said budget have been heard and duly considered before the presentation of this Resolution and its final adoption.

WHEREAS, pursuant to 7-6-4012, MCA, the Board of County Commissioners, may authorize adjustments to appropriations funded by fees throughout the budget period, and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to 7-6-4031, MCA, only officials specifically designated by the Board of County Commissioners may transfer appropriations between items within the same fund, and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glacier County Board of Commissioners approve and adopt the final budget for the fiscal year beginning the 1st day of July, 2024 and ending the 30th day of June, 2025.

ADOPTED this 3rd day of September, 2024.

BOARD OF GLACIER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

\s\ Mary Jo Bremner, Chair
\s\ Vernon "Napi" Billedeaux, Vice-Chair
\s\ John B. Overcast, Member
ATTEST:
\s\Mandi Bird Kennerly, Glacier County Clerk & Recorder

I. Discussion/Approval: Resolution No. 2024-16 Stage I Fire Restrictions Rescinded – Judd Milender, Glacier County Office of Emergency Management Director/Glacier County Commissioners

Judd Milender, Glacier County Office of Emergency Management Director presents Resolution No. 2024-16 Stage I Fire Restrictions Rescinded for commissioner approval. He talked about Toole/Pondera/Flathead counties lifting their restrictions and he did discuss with Browning/Cut Bank VFD & Blackfeet Fire Cache, and they were in agreement to rescind. He also states that we can always go back into Stage I if it's needed.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Billedeaux motions to approve Resolution No. 2024-16 Stage I Fire Restrictions Rescinded; Commissioner Overcast seconds the motion; motion carried.

GLACIER COUNTY RESOLUTION
STAGE I FIRE RESTRICTIONS RESCINDED
Resolution No. 2024-16

WHEREAS, continued high temperatures and low precipitation conditions have decreased in severity in Glacier County during the latter part of August 2024, resulting in a decrease of dry fuel conditions and improved soil moisture conditions, subsequently contributing to a lower risk of wildland fire danger; and

WHEREAS, moderate to lower temperatures are forecasted to persist into the month of September; and

WHEREAS the Glacier County Board of Commissioners declares that all the private land not under the jurisdiction of the municipalities, state or federal agencies are no longer a high fire hazard area; and

WHEREAS, the Glacier County Office of Emergency Management has been in close counsel with Federal, State, and Local Fire Professional Partners and recommends Glacier County Stage I Restrictions be rescinded.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Glacier County Board of Commissioners that the county Stage I Fire Restrictions are rescinded for all lands in Glacier County due to a lower risk of wildland fire danger.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this resolution becomes effective immediately and shall remain in effect until such time as it may be amended or rescinded by the Glacier County Board of Commissioners.

Adopted this 3rd day of September, 2024 as moved by Commissioner Billedeaux, seconded by Commissioner Overcast, and passed by a 3/0 vote of the Board. Effective on passage and approval.

BOARD OF GLACIER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

\s\ Mary Jo Bremner, Chair
\s\ Vernon "Napi" Billedeaux, Vice-Chair
\s\ John B. Overcast, Member
ATTEST:
\s\Mandi Bird Kennerly, Glacier County Clerk & Recorder

OTHER BUSINESS:

J. Public Comment
There was no public comment.

K. Next Meeting – Tuesday, September 10, 2024 – Browning
Commissioner Billedeaux motions to adjourn the meeting at 9:38 a.m.; Commissioner Overcast seconds the motion; motion carried.