Glacier County Commissioners
Tuesday, July 8, 2025
Regular Meeting
Browning, MT

The Glacier County Board of Commissioners met at a regularly scheduled meeting at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, July 8, 2025. Commissioners Vernon "Napi" Billedeaux, Mary Jo Bremner and Sam Bird III were present. Mandi Bird Kennerly was taking minutes.

Present at the Meeting: Becky & Marvin Kimmet, Public; Rodney "Minnow" Gervais (Chairman), Shelly Hall (Vice-Chair) & Iliff Scott Kipp, Sr., Blackfeet Tribal Business Council; Derek Kline, Blackfeet Tribal Attorney; Michael Kittson, Glacier County Human Resources Director; Terryl Matt, Glacier County Attorney

Present via GoToMeeting: There were no attendees

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

B. Approval of Agenda
Commissioner Bird moved and Commissioner Bremner seconded to approve the agenda; motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

C. Discussion/Approval: Resolution No. 2025-15 Recognizing the 1987 Settlement Agreement with the Blackfeet Tribe and Respectfully Requesting Abatement of Taxes by the Montana Department of Revenue – Glacier County Commissioners
Commissioner Billedeaux presents Resolution No. 2025-15 Recognizing the 1987 Settlement Agreement with the Blackfeet Tribe and Respectfully Requesting Abatement of Taxes by the Montana Department of Revenue for approval.

Public Comment
There was no public comment.

Commissioner Bremner moved and Commissioner Bird seconded to approve Resolution No. 2025-15 Recognizing the 1987 Settlement Agreement with the Blackfeet Tribe and Respectfully Requesting Abatement of Taxes by the Montana Department of Revenue; motion carried.

GLACIER COUNTY, MONTANA
RESOLUTION NO. 2025-15

RECOGNIZING THE 1987 SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE BLACKFEET TRIBE AND RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING ABATEMENT OF TAXES BY THE MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

WHEREAS, the Blackfeet Tribe, the State of Montana, Montana Department of Revenue, Glacier County, and Pondera County entered into a Settlement Agreement dated January 21, 1987, in Civil Action No. CV-86-023-GF, resolving all claims regarding the imposition of

property taxes on real property owned by the Tribe within the exterior boundaries of the Blackfeet Indian Reservation; and

WHEREAS, the Settlement Agreement provides that property solely owned by the Blackfeet Tribe within the Reservation shall not be subject to property taxes, unless expressly authorized by Congress; and

WHEREAS, Congress has not enacted any law after the date of said agreement expressly authorizing such taxation; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Glacier County Commissioners finds it appropriate and necessary to ensure that the tax records maintained by the Montana Department of Revenue fully reflect the Tribe's rights under the Settlement Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Glacier County Commissioners, by copy of this resolution, affirms the validity of the January 21, 1987 Settlement Agreement in Civil Action No. CV-86-023-GF, which is attached hereto and made part of this Resolution by this reference; and respectfully requests the Department of Revenue of the State of Montana to review tax parcels solely owned by the Blackfeet Tribe within the exterior boundaries of the Blackfeet Reservation, and to abate all taxes, interest, and penalties assessed on such parcels in conflict with the 1987 Settlement Agreement, and to designate those parcels as tax exempt in accordance with the agreement.

Adopted this 8th *day of* July, 2025, upon motion by Commissioner Bremner, seconded by Commissioner Bird, and passed unanimously.

BOARD OF GLACIER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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

D. Discussion/Approval: Glacier County Transit FY2026 Budget Review – Glacier County Commissioners/David Irvin, Northern Transit Interlocal Director
Commissioner Bremner moved and Commissioner Bird seconded to table this item to Thursday, July 17, 2025 in Cut Bank; motion carried.

E. Discussion/Approval: Montana Department of Labor (Job Service) Renew Rental Agreement – Michael Kittson, Glacier County Human Resources Director/Glacier County Commissioners
Michael Kittson, Glacier County Human Resources Director is present to discuss the Montana Department of Labor (Job Service) Renewal Rental Agreement with the commissioners. He states that this is the space that is rented at the Glacier County Annex and that there will not be an increase in the new rental agreement. He also states that they can table the item and/or he would like permission to proceed with the renewal process. There was no decision made.

Public Comment
There was no public comment.

OTHER BUSINESS:

F. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

G. Next Meeting – Thursday, July 17, 2025 – Cut Bank

Commissioner Bird moved and Commissioner Bremner seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:42 a.m.; motion carried.