Glacier County Commissioners
Thursday, December 18, 2025
Regular Meeting
Cut Bank, MT

The Glacier County Board of Commissioners met at a regularly scheduled meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 18, 2025. Commissioners Vernon "Napi" Billedeaux, Mary Jo Bremner and Sam Bird III were present. Kimberly Ankerpont was taking minutes.

Present at the meeting: Michael Kittson, Glacier County Human Resources Director; Don Wilson, Glacier County Treasurer; Judd Milender, Glacier County Office of Emergency Management Director

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 Bremner moved and Commissioner Bird seconded to approve the agenda with the addition of Resolution No. 2025-21Glacier County Emergency Proclamation and the Cash Reports; motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

C. No New Business

D. Addition to the Agenda -Approval: Resolution No. 2025-21 Glacier County Emergency Proclamation – Judd Milender, Glacier County Office of Emergency Management Director
Judd Milender, Glacier County Office of Emergency Management Director presents a letter to the commissioners, the Glacier County Principal Executive Officer's Determination and Declaration of Local Emergency that was signed on December 17, 2025 at the start of the event, and Resolution No. 2025-21 Glacier County Emergency Proclamation for approval. He states that due to the damaging winds with gusts up to 101 mph it was necessary to start the emergency process and it will last from 48 to 72 hours.

Public Comment
Michael Kittson, Glacier County Human Resources Director commented.

Commissioner Bremner moved and Commissioner Bird seconded to approve Resolution No. 2025-21 Glacier County Emergency Proclamation; motion carried.

GLACIER COUNTY, MONTANA

EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PROCLAIMING A LOCAL EMERGENCY RESULTING FROM EXTREME WINDS, WIDESPREAD POWER OUTAGES, AND HAZARDOUS WINTER CONDITIONS

Resolution No. 2025-21

WHEREAS, Section 10-3-103(8), MCA defines "emergency" as the imminent threat of a disaster causing immediate peril to life or property that timely action can avert or minimize;

WHEREAS, Section 10-3-103(4), MCA defines "disaster" to include, among other natural causes, windstorms and snowstorms;

WHEREAS, Section 10-3-103(11), MCA defines the "principal executive officer" of a county as the presiding officer of the county commissioners;

WHEREAS, Section 10-3-402, MCA provides that a local emergency proclamation may be issued only by the principal executive officer and may be issued by order or resolution whenever the principal executive officer determines there is an emergency;

WHEREAS, Section 10-3-404, MCA requires that an order or resolution declaring a local emergency indicate the nature of the emergency, the area threatened, and the conditions that brought about the proclamation; and provides that the proclamation activates applicable parts of the local or interjurisdictional disaster and emergency plan and program and authorizes the furnishing of aid and assistance in accordance with such plans and programs;

WHEREAS, Section 10-3-406, MCA authorizes the principal executive officer, upon declaration and issuance of an order, to direct and compel evacuations when necessary and to control ingress and egress to and from an emergency area and the movement of persons within the area;

WHEREAS, on December 17, 2025, the Principal Executive Officer issued a written Determination and Declaration of Local Emergency due to extreme winds, widespread power outages, and hazardous winter conditions within Glacier County;

WHEREAS, Glacier County has committed available resources and taken actions to protect life and property, and local resources may be inadequate to cope with the situation without additional assistance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Glacier County, State of Montana, that:

1. Ratification and Proclamation.

The Board hereby ratifies and affirms the Principal Executive Officer's Determination and Declaration of Local Emergency issued on December 17, 2025. By this resolution, a local emergency proclamation is issued and continued for Glacier County.

2. Nature of the Emergency.
The nature of the emergency is the imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property resulting from extreme wind conditions, widespread power outages and associated infrastructure impacts, blowing snow, hazardous road conditions, and emergency actions required to avert danger or minimize impacts.

3. Area Threatened.
The area threatened includes all areas within Glacier County, Montana.

4. Conditions Bringing Emergency About.
Conditions bringing about this proclamation include sustained high winds with reported gusts as high as 101 miles per hour beginning at approximately 0800 hours on December 17, 2025; widespread electrical outages and disruption of essential services; downed power lines and trees; and, along the western edge of the County, blowing snow and hazardous travel conditions.

5. Activation and Requests for Assistance.
This proclamation activates applicable parts of the Glacier County emergency operations plan and authorizes the furnishing and receipt of aid and assistance in accordance with county plans, mutual aid agreements, and applicable law. County departments are authorized to support response and recovery operations and to coordinate with municipal, tribal, state, federal, volunteer, and private-sector partners.

6. Incident Commander and Delegation of Authority.
The Board designates and confirms Judd Milender, Director of Emergency Management for Glacier County, as the Glacier County Incident Commander for this incident and adopts Exhibit A (Delegation of Authority) attached hereto. The Incident Commander is authorized to direct and coordinate operational response and recovery activities consistent with Exhibit A, county policy, and applicable law.

7. Emergency Financing.
Pursuant to 10-3-405, MCA, the Board may consider estimating emergency expenditures and levying an emergency millage, if necessary, by separate action and unanimous vote as provided by law. No expenditure of revenue from any emergency millage may be made without approval of the appropriate levying body.

8. Filing and Dissemination.
Copies of this resolution, the Principal Executive Officer's written declaration, and Exhibit A shall be filed promptly with the Division of Disaster and Emergency Services and the agency

charged with recording the official records of the political subdivision, and shall be disseminated promptly by means calculated to bring its contents to the attention of the general public.

9. Effective Date.
This resolution is effective immediately upon passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 18th day of December, 2025.

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

Votes: 3 for ___ against ___ absent __ abstaining
Resolutions revoked, amended, replaced, extended, or renewed: None
Relevant state statutes: 10-3-103; 10-3-402; 10-3-404; 10-3-405; 10-3-406, MCA.

EXHIBIT A
DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY
(Incident Command)

Incident Name: High Wind and Widespread Power Outage - December 2025
Effective: Upon adoption of this resolution (ratifying the PEO proclamation of Dec 17, 2025)

By this Delegation of Authority, the undersigned Principal Executive Officer (PEO) for Glacier County, Montana delegates operational incident command authority for the above incident to Judd Milender, Director of Emergency Management (Incident Commander), to direct and coordinate Glacier County's incident management operations under the National Incident Management System (NIMS) and the Incident Command System (ICS).

Delegated Operational Authority

- Establish incident objectives, priorities, and operational periods; develop and approve the Incident Action Plan (IAP).
- Activate, staff, and manage the Glacier County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and county incident management organization; assign and supervise incident command and general staff positions as needed.
- Direct and coordinate county response and recovery operations; integrate municipal, tribal, state, federal, private-sector, and volunteer partners as appropriate.

- Request and coordinate mutual aid and assistance consistent with county plans, existing agreements, and applicable law; execute resource requests and mission/tasking forms on behalf of Glacier County.
- Approve operational protective actions (e.g., sheltering, warming centers, road closures recommendations) and coordinate public information through the Public Information Officer (PIO) in alignment with the PEO's policy direction.
- Coordinate emergency procurement and contracting actions consistent with Glacier County purchasing policies and any emergency procurement authorities or waivers lawfully authorized by the governing body/PEO; ensure full documentation for reimbursement.
- Direct damage assessments, debris management coordination, and restoration priorities for essential services in coordination with responsible departments and utilities.

Limitations and Reserved Authorities

- This delegation does not supersede statutory powers reserved to the PEO or the Board of County Commissioners. The PEO retains ultimate policy authority, including issuance of any evacuation order or movement restriction under 10-3-406, MCA, and any declaration/termination actions under 10-3-402 through 10-3-404, MCA.
- Any emergency mill levy under 10-3-405, MCA, requires separate action by the appropriate levying body and must be adopted by unanimous vote as provided by law.
- All expenditures shall comply with county policy, budget law, and applicable procurement requirements; the Incident Commander shall maintain complete incident financial records and submit regular cost summaries to the PEO/Board.

Duration

This Delegation is effective as of the date/time above and remains in effect until terminated in writing by the PEO or upon termination of the local emergency proclamation.

Acknowledgement

The Incident Commander accepts this delegation and agrees to carry out the above responsibilities.

/s/Vernon "Napi" Billedeaux
Principal Executive Officer
Chairman, Board of County Commissioners

Date/Time: 12/18/2025

Date/Time: 12/18/2025 0924

/s/ Judd Milender
Incident Commander
Director of Emergency Management

E. Addition to the Agenda – Discussion: Cash Reports – Don Wilson, Glacier County Treasurer

Don Wilson, Glacier County Treasurer

OTHER BUSINESS:

F. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

G. Review/Sign: Payroll/Claims

Dated for December 18, 2025

CLAIMS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT

FUND	*ACCOUNT*	*AMOUNT*
1000	General Fund	$ 28,840.98
2110	Road Fund	$ 48,710.32
2140	Weed Control	$ 73.40
2150	Predatory Animal	$ 39.50
2180	County District Court	$ 318.88
2220	Library	$ 600.76
2230	Ambulance	$ 74.99
2250	City-County Planning	$ 1,250.00
2260	Emergency Disaster (DES)	$ 549.24
2300	Public Safety (Law)	$ 25,982.46
2341	CB RRL FIRE DEPT	$ 43.98
2342	Del Bonita VFD	$ 51.16
2343	East Glacier VFD	$ 6,172.38
2360	Museum	$ 1,384.19
2390	Sheriff's Drug FRF	$ 248.99
2410	Glacier Park Lights	$ 535.48
2752	Library Memorial Fund - From 7052	$ 835.53
2918	Sheriff Law Enforcement Grant (Stonegarden)	$ 962.24
2976	Immunization Grant	$ 83.81
2991	American Rescue Plan Act	$ 16,206.00
7302	West End Cemetery	$ 2,466.85
	TOTAL CLAIMS	**$ 135,431.14**
	PAYROLL	**$ 265,803.64**
	TOTAL PAYROLL & CLAIMS	**$ 401,234.78**

H. Next Meeting – Tuesday, December 23, 2025 – Browning

Commissioner Bird moved Commissioner Bremner seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:06 a.m.; motion carried.