Glacier County Commissioners
Thursday, January 29, 2026
Regular Meeting
Cut Bank, MT

The Glacier County Board of Commissioners met at a regularly scheduled meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 29, 2026. Commissioners Vernon "Napi" Billedeaux, Mary Jo Bremner & Sam Bird III were present. Mandi Bird Kennerly taking minutes.

Present at the meeting: Rick Geiger, Cut Bank Airport Authority; Elaine Mitchell & Laurie Elhard, Public; Whitney Bugni, City of Cut Bank Attorney; Michael Kittson, Glacier County Human Resources Director; Don Wilson, Glacier County Treasurer; Jake Gustafson, Leavitt Group Insurance Producer; Terryl Matt, Glacier County Attorney; Tom Seifert, Glacier County Sheriff; William "Bill" Gobert, Glacier County Undersheriff; Curtis Harper, City of Cut Bank Mayor

Present via GoToMeeting: (2) Callers; Chancy; GCRD; Gloria; Lyndie Kraft

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. 2026-03 Cut Bank Regional Airport Mill Levy Election – Rick Geiger, Cut Bank Airport Regional Airport Authority/Glacier County Commissioners
Rick Geiger, Cut Bank Airport Authority is present to ask the commissioners to consider approving Resolution No. 2026-03. The resolution will allow the airport to go out to the voters of Glacier County for an increase in funding in the amount of $90,000.00 per year. The funds will be used for the operation & maintenance of the airport. The commissioners agree that this is necessary for the airport and the commissioners will be allowing it to be on the ballot and the voters of Glacier County will decide if it will be approved.

Public Comment
Mandi Bird Kennerly, Public commented.

There will be no decisions made today. Terryl Matt, Glacier County Attorney, will look over the language in the resolution and this will be added to a future agenda for approval.

Commissioner Bremner moved and Commissioner Bird seconded to table this item to a later date; motion carried.

D. Discussion/Approval: Northern Pines Care Center Update (Nursing Home) – Michael Kittson, Glacier County Human Resources Director

Michael Kittson, Glacier County Human Resources Director states that Northern Pines Rehabilitation & Nursing who lease the Glacier Care Center from Glacier County gave formal notification in January that they will not be renewing their lease which ends on June 30, 2026. They did give a timely notification to end the lease. So, we've reached out to other potential parties to see if they would be interested in a new lease starting July 1, 2026 with Glacier County. They do have three interested parties and will be doing a walk-through with them and have preliminary discussions to see if it will be something they provide for our Glacier Care Center in the coming weeks. There is continued discussion on other services the staff of the care center provide such to others within the county: jail meals/logan health-cut bank meals/workforce issues, but no decisions were made.

Public Comment
Tom Seifert, Glacier County Undersheriff commented.
Don Wilson, Glacier County Treasurer commented.
Curtis Harper, City of Cut Bank Mayor commented.
Terryl Matt, Glacier County Attorney commented.

E. Discussion/Approval: City of Cut Bank Mayor Curtis Harper – Michael Kittson, Glacier County Human Resources Director

Commissioner Billedeaux introduces Curtis Harper, City of Cut Bank Mayor. Curtis Harper, City of Cut Bank Mayor states that he is the newly elected mayor for the City of Cut Bank and would like to continue to have a good working relationship with the Glacier County Commissioners. The commissioners and Curtis have a lengthy discussion. No decisions were made.

Public Comment
Terryl Matt, Glacier County Attorney commented.
Jake Gustafson, Leavitt Group Insurance Producer commented.

OTHER BUSINESS:

F. Public Comment

Elaine Mitchell, Public commented.

G. Review/Sign: Payroll/Claims

Dated for January 29, 2026

CLAIMS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT

FUND	*ACCOUNT*	*AMOUNT*
1000	General Fund	$ 33,285.83
2110	Road Fund	$ 23,091.45
2140	Weed Control	$ 38.65
2180	County District Court	$ 455.85
2220	Library	$ 204.39
2250	City-County Planning	$ 1,250.00
2260	Emergency Disaster (DES)	$ 253.36
2300	Public Safety (Law)	$ 16,323.54
2341	CB RRL FIRE DEPT	$ 2,914.44
2360	Museum	$ 405.90

2752	Library Memorial Fund - From 7052	$ 50.00
2850	911 Emergency (Sheriff)	$ 128.19
2916	Cops Grant	$ 78,798.58
2918	Sheriff Law Enforcement Grant (Stonegarden)	$ 18,665.53
2921	SVOR Reimbursement Grant	$ 72,300.00
2960	Health Grants - Emergency Prep	$ 77.30
2971	Women Infants & Children (WIC)	$ 38.65
7302	West End Cemetery	$ 1,213.84
	TOTAL CLAIMS	**$ 249,495.50**
	PAYROLL	**$ 267,808.11**
	TOTAL PAYROLL & CLAIMS	**$ 517,303.61**

H. Approval of Minutes: 1/6, 1/13, 1/15 & 1/27/2026

Commissioner Bremner moved and Commissioner Bird seconded to approve the 1/6, 1/13, 1/15 & 1/27/2026 minutes; motion carried.

I. Next Meeting – Tuesday, February 3, 2026 – Cut Bank

Commissioner Bird moved and Commissioner Bremner seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:52 a.m.; motion carried.