Glacier County Commissioners
Tuesday, February 24, 2026
Regular Meeting
Browning, MT

The Glacier County Board of Commissioners met at a regularly scheduled meeting at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, February 24, 2026. Commissioners Vernon "Napi" Billedeaux, Mary Jo Bremner and Sam Bird III were present. Mandi Bird Kennerly was taking minutes.

Present at the Meeting: Chancy Kittson, Glacier County CFO

Present via GoToMeeting: (1) Caller (Terryl Matt – Glacier County Attorney); GA; kimmet

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. Approval: Resolution No. 2026-05 FY2024-2025 Approve Budget Amendment – 2410 Glacier Park Lights – Chancy Kittson, Glacier County CFO/Glacier County Commissioners
Chancy Kittson, Glacier County CFO explains that this resolution is required for the year-end closing of FY2024-2025. The overspending was due to the cost of electricity in which the fund was overspent by $424.00. Therefore, we are required to advertise in the local newspaper for two weeks before the approval of the budget amendment for the previous fiscal year. The commissioners agree this is needed for the year-end close out of FY2024-2025.

Public Comment
There was no public comment.

Commissioner Bird moved and Commissioner Bremner seconded to approve Resolution No. 2026-05 FY2024-2025 Approve Budget Amendment – 2410 GLACIER PARK LIGTHTS in the amount of $424.00; motion carried.

GLACIER COUNTY RESOLUTION
FY2024-2025 APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENT – 2410 GLACIER PARK LIGHTS
Resolution No. 2026-05

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING SUMS OF MONEY TO DEFRAY EXPENDITURES IN EXCESS OF AMOUNTS BUDGETED FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2024 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2025, AND REVISING EXPENDITURE APPROPRIATIONS.

WHEREAS, the County Board of Commissioners is authorized by Section 7-6-4006, M.C.A. to amend its annual budget and to make transfers and supplemental appropriations of budget funds; and

WHEREAS, the County provided notice of a public hearing concerning this Resolution in accordance with Section 7-6-4021, M.C.A., by publishing in a newspaper of general circulation in accordance with 7-1-2121, M.C.A., and held such public hearing as required by state statute; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to amend its FY24-25 budget and approves an increase to budgeted appropriations to the Glacier Park Lights Fund #2410 in the amount of $424.00 as set forth in this Resolution in order to fund a needed unanticipated expenditure to provide lighting for Glacier Park Lights services as follows:
2410.460436.300 – Glacier Park Lights in the amount of $424.00.

WHEREAS, revenue to finance the unanticipated expenditure will be funded through a Transfer of Unbudgeted cash reserves of $424.00 from the General Fund.
WHEREAS, as a result, it is necessary to amend the original budget appropriations for the current year;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Glacier County Board of Commissioners hereby amend the original FY24-25 budget by increasing appropriations in the amount of $424.00 and directs the County Clerk & Recorder to allocate the increase to the following fund, function, and object code: 2410.460436.300.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above appropriation shall become effective on June 30, 2025.

ADOPTED this 24th day of February, 2026.

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. Approval: Resolution No. 2026-06 Appointing Special Deputy County Attorney – Terryl Matt, Glacier County Attorney/Glacier County Commissioners
Terryl Matt, Glacier County Attorney (via GoToMeeting) requests an approval to appoint the Montana Attorney General's Office as the Special Deputy County Attorney appointment for State of Montana vs Alfred Joseph Smith - Case DC-18-2026-0000008-IN. She explains that there will be no cost for the fees, but the county will be responsible for the witness fees and expenses associated with the case. Also, she mentions that Glacier County Deputy County

Attorney Joe Sherwood will remain as co-counsel for the county. The commissioners agree this will need to be approved.

Public Comment
There was no public comment.

Commissioner Bremner moved and Commissioner Bird seconded to approve the State of Montana Attorney General's Office appointment as the Special Deputy County Attorney for the State of Montana vs Alfred Joseph Smith case; motion carried.

GLACIER COUNTY RESOLUTION
APPOINTING SPECIAL DEPUTY COUNTY ATTORNEY
RESOLUTION NO. 2026-06

Whereas, the Glacier County Attorney has requested prosecutorial assistance in the case of *State v. Alfred Joseph Smith*, DC-18-2026-0000008-IN, and;

Whereas, it is desired and deemed appropriate that a special deputy county attorney be appointed to assist in the prosecution of the aforementioned case, and

Whereas, Mont. Code Ann. § 44-4-111 authorizes and contemplates that the training coordinator for county attorneys and the bureau chief of Prosecution Services Bureau (together with the deputies within said bureau) act as special counsel on request of the county attorney and upon the approval of the board of county commissioners, and

Whereas, Mont. Code Ann. § 2-15-501(6) authorizes the Attorney General to provide assistance to county attorneys in the discharge of his or her duties.

It Is Hereby Resolved:

That the attorneys assigned to the Prosecution Services Bureau of the Department of Justice are hereby appointed as special deputy county attorneys for Glacier County for the purpose of assisting in the prosecution of the aforementioned case and that any of said deputies can fulfill the functions set out in Mont. Code Ann. § 44-4-103.

It is Further Resolved:

That under the terms of this agreement, no fee will be charged for attorney time provided by the Bureau. Assistance in such cases is provided without an hourly fee. Witness fees and expenses, transcript costs, jury costs, and other normal costs associated with trial will be the County's responsibility as with all other prosecutions.

Dated this 24th day of February, 2026.

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

E. Approval: Prepare FY2026 & FY2027 Fiscal Year GASB 75 Valuation for Glacier County ($7,000.00) – Chancy Kittson, Glacier County

Chancy Kittson, Glacier County CFO is present to request the approval to contract One Digital to prepare the FY2026 & FY2027 Glacier County GASB 75 Valuation which is required for the Glacier County Audits in the amount of $7,000.00. He explains that GASB 75 is a governmental accounting standard for postemployment benefits other than pensions (OPEB) for state & local governments. The commissioners agree this is a need for the audits in FY2026 & FY2027.

Public Comment
There was no public comment.

Commissioner Bremner moved and Commissioner Bird seconded to approve the contract with One Digital to prepare the FY2026 & FY2027 GASB 75 Valuation in the amount of $7,000.00; motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

F. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

G. Next Meeting – Thursday, February 26, 2026 – Cut Bank

Commissioner Bird moved and Commissioner Bremner seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 a.m.; motion carried.