Glacier County Commissioners
Thursday, May 21, 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, May 21, 2026. Commissioners Vernon "Napi" Billedeaux, Mary Jo Bremner & Sam Bird III were present. Mandi Bird Kennerly taking minutes.

Present at the meeting: Mike Wikstrom, East Glacier VFD Chief; Jake Gustafson, Leavitt Group Insurance Producer; Billie Fey, Glacier County Treasurer Accounting Specialist; Crystal R. Cole, Glacier County Election Administrator; Shannon Pepion, Glacier County Maintenance Supervisor; Ron A. Andersen, Glacier County Sanitarian; Mandi Bird Kennerly, Glacier County Clerk & Recorder

Present via GoToMeeting: Guest; Kiersta Sullivan, Front Range CASA/GAL, Inc Executive Director

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: FY2027 Front Range C.A.S.A. Funding Request $10,000.00 – Kiersta Sullivan, Front Range CASA/GAL, Inc. Executive Director/Glacier County Commissioners
Kiersta Sullivan, Front Range CASA/GAL, Inc. Executive Director is present to request the approval of the FY2027 Front Range C.A.S.A. Funding Request in the amount of $10,000.00. She explains that the funding is to train the advocates for abused & neglected children within the court systems in Glacier, Pondera, Teton & Toole Counties and that they are a non-profit organization that relies on the outside dollars to operate. She also explains that they can have anywhere from 80-100 cases, but they currently only have 18 open cases & 9 of them are in Glacier County. The commissioners agree this is a need.

Public Comment
There was no public comment.

Commissioner Bird moved and Commissioner Bremner seconded to approve the FY2027 Front Range C.A.S.A. Funding Request in the amount of $10,000.00; motion carried.

D. Discussion/Approval: April 2026 Cash Report – Billie Fey, Glacier County Treasurer Accounting Specialist

Billie Fey, Glacier County Treasurer Accounting Specialist presents the April 2026 Cash Report to the commissioners.

Public Comment
There was no public comment.

Commissioner Bremner moved and Commissioner Bird seconded to accept the April 2026 Cash Report as presented; motion carried.

E. Discussion/Approval: FY2027 East Glacier DNRC Application & EGVFD Updates – Mike Wikstrom, East Glacier VFD
Mike Wikstrom, East Glacier VFD Chief is present to get approval from the commissioners to apply for the FY2027 DNRC Grant. He explains that the grant is strictly for wildland firefighting supplies. He also explains that the EGVFD has been trying to educate people in and around East Glacier to protect their properties as it is not always a timely response to get to them in time. The commissioners are in agreement that this is a need for the EGVFD.

Public Comment
There was no public comment.

Commissioner Bremner moved and Commissioner Bird seconded to allow the East Glacier VFD to apply for the FY2027 DNRC Grant Funds; motion carried.

F. Approval: (2) Election Systems & Software, LLC Claims in excess of $5,000.00 ($10,182.83-Maintenance & 9,722.06-Ballots) – Crystal R. Cole, Glacier County Election Administrator
Crystal R. Cole, Glacier County Elections Administrator presents (2) claims to Election Systems & Software, LLC that exceed the $5,000.00 threshold and will need approval. The first claim is for $9,722.06 & the second claim is for $10,182.83.

Public Comment
There was no public comment.

Commissioner Bremner moved and Commissioner Bird seconded to approve the (2) claims to Election Systems & Software, LLC ($9,722.06 & $10,182.83); motion carried.

G. Approval: Glacier County Jail 5-year Planned Service Agreement Renewal (Johnson Controls/Sprinkler System) – Shannon Pepion, Glacier County Maintenance Supervisor
Shannon Pepion, Glacier County Maintenance Supervisor presents the Glacier County Jail 5-year Planned Service Agreement Renewal for approval. He states that it is $594.01 per year and increases each year in which this is a maintenance agreement for fire suppression in the jail.

Public Comment
There was no public comment.

Commissioner Bird moved and Commissioner Bremner seconded to approve the Glacier County 5-year Planned Service Agreement Renewal with Johnson Controls for the jail sprinkler system; motion carried.

H. Approval: Glacier Electric Cooperative, Inc./Glacier County Right-Of-Way Easement – Glacier County Commissioners

Mandi Bird Kennerly, Glacier County Clerk & Recorder presents the Glacier Electric Cooperative, Inc. Right-of-Way Easement to the commissioners for approval. She explains that it's a small piece of land that Glacier County owns on the other side of Hook's Hideaway in Babb & it will allow Glacier Electric to go across the Glacier County land with power so that Buck Lunak can have power on his land. The commissioners agree to sign the right-of-way easement.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Bremner moved and Commissioner Bird seconded to sign the Right-of-Way Easement for Glacier Electric/Glacier County; motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

I. Public Comment

Ron A. Andersen, Glacier County Sanitarian commented.

J. Review/Sign: Payroll/Claims

Dated for May 21, 2026

CLAIMS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT

FUND	*ACCOUNT*	*AMOUNT*
1000	General Fund	$ 97,753.37
2110	Road Fund	$ 22,911.60
2140	Weed Control	$ 38.64
2180	County District Court	$ 4,542.30
2220	Library	$ 394.81
2250	City-County Planning	$ 1,250.00
2260	Emergency Disaster (DES)	$ 1,660.42
2300	Public Safety (Law)	$ 23,808.71
2341	CB RRL FIRE DEPT	$ 783.06
2385	Cut Bank Rural Fire Department	$ 12,579.65
2390	Sheriff's Drug FRF	$ 70,000.00
2863	Glacier County Transit	$ 511.41
2918	Sheriff Law Enforcement Grant (Stonegarden)	$ 1,398.63
2960	Health Grants - Emergency Prep	$ 77.28
2968	Chronic Disease Prevention Grant	$ 5,719.34
2971	Women Infants & Children (WIC)	$ 38.64
2976	Immunization Grant	$ 86.33
2991	American Rescue Plan Act	$ 2,660.00
4091	Library Depreciation Reserve Fund	$ 3,900.00

7302	West End Cemetery	$ 2,170.46
	TOTAL CLAIMS	**$ 252,284.65**
	PREMIUM PAYMENT 5/11/2026	**$ 267,186.56**
	PAYROLL	**$ 269,559.85**
	TOTAL PAYROLL & CLAIMS	**$ 521,844.50**

K. Approval of Minutes: 5/5, 5/7, 5/12 & 5/18/2026

Commissioner Bird moved and Commissioner Bremner seconded to approve the minutes 5/5, 5/7, 5/12 & 5/18/2026; motion carried.

L. Next Meeting – Tuesday, May 26, 2026 – Browning

Commissioner Bird moved and Commissioner Bremner seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:12 a.m.; motion carried.