Glacier County Commissioners
Monday, August 17, 2026
Regular Meeting
Cut Bank, MT

The Glacier County Board of Commissioners met at a regularly scheduled meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, August 17, 2026. Commissioners Vernon "Napi" Billedeaux and Sam Bird III were present. Commissioner Mary Jo Bremner was absent. Kimberly Ankerpont taking minutes.

Present at the meeting: Lester R. Johnson III, Glacier County Superintendent of Schools; Billie Fey, Glacier County Treasurer Accounting Specialist; Judd Milender, Glacier County Office of Emergency Management Director; Lisa Terry & Grace Rooney, Glacier County MSU Extension Agents; Crystal R. Cole, Glacier County Election Administrator; Jake Gustafson, Leavitt Group Insurance Producer

Present via GoToMeeting: Chancy C Kittson; Crystal Cole; GA; Gail

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

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

NEW BUSINESS:

C. Discussion/Approval: Interdisciplinary Child Information and School Safety Team Rules for Glacier County (DRAFT) – Lester R. Johnson III, Glacier County Superintendent of Schools
Lester R. Johnson III, Glacier County Superintendent of Schools, presents the commissioners with the following packet of information:

- Interdisciplinary Child Information and School Safety Team Rules for Glacier County packet with MCA 52-2-211 (2023)
- Glacier County Interdisciplinary Child Information and School Safety Team Rules (unsigned)
- Interdisciplinary Team Information, Timeliness, and Resources; 10/22/2025 Minutes
- 10/22/2025 Minutes; 11/19/2025 Minutes (draft); 12/17/2026 Minutes; 1/21/2026 Minutes; 2/18/2026 Minutes; 3/18/2026 Minutes; 4/15/2026 Minutes; 5/20/2026 Minutes

He states that the purpose of the Team is to focus on helping children and all those in need then proceeds to give examples of the needs within Glacier County. Commissioner Billedeaux suggests multiple meeting areas and meetings with people throughout each month. Lester states that they meet monthly on the 3rd Wednesday of each month.

Public Comment
There was no public comment.

Commissioner Bird moved and Commissioner Billedeaux seconded to approve the Glacier County Interdisciplinary Child Information and School Saftey Team Rules; motion carried.

D. Discussion/Approval: Resolution No. 2026-11 A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A STANDING FRAMEWORK FOR THE IMPOSITION, MODIFICATION, AND RESCISSION OF RED FLAG, STAGE I, AND STAGE II COUNTY FIRE RESTRICTIONS – Judd Milender, Glacier County Office of Emergency Management Director/Glacier County Commissioners

Judd Milender, Glacier County Office of Emergency Management Director presents Resolution No. 2026-11 A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A STANDING FRAMEWORK FOR THE IMPOSITION, MODIFICATION, AND RESCISSION OF RED FLAG, STAGE I, AND STAGE II COUNTY FIRE RESTRICTIONS for commissioner approval. He also explains the fire restrictions and his discussions with the Blackfeet Tribe.

Public Comment
There was no public comment.

Commissioner Bird moved and Commissioner Billedeaux seconded to approve Resolution No. 2026-11 A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A STANDING FRAMEWORK FOR THE IMPOSITION, MODIFICATION, AND RESCISSION OF RED FLAG, STAGE I, AND STAGE II COUNTY FIRE RESTRICTIONS; motion carried.

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF GLACIER COUNTY, MONTANA

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-11

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A STANDING FRAMEWORK FOR THE IMPOSITION, MODIFICATION, AND RESCISSION OF RED FLAG, STAGE I, AND STAGE II COUNTY FIRE RESTRICTIONS

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Glacier County, Montana (the "Board"), is the governing body of Glacier County; and

WHEREAS, Montana Code Annotated § 7-33-2212 authorizes a board of county commissioners to designate qualifying lands as high fire hazard areas and, within those areas, to require persons, firms, or corporations to cease operations or activities or to adjust working hours to less critical periods of the day; and

WHEREAS, Montana Code Annotated § 7-33-2205 authorizes the county governing body, within applicable statutory limitations, to establish controlled burning seasons and permit requirements; and

WHEREAS, Montana Code Annotated § 7-33-2215 authorizes the Board to appoint a county firewarden, assigns coordination duties to that office, and permits the Board to establish additional duties it determines necessary; and

WHEREAS, wildfire danger may increase rapidly, and a delay in implementing restrictions may expose life, property, natural resources, agriculture, critical infrastructure, and firefighting personnel to avoidable risk; and

WHEREAS, the Board intends by this Resolution to adopt in advance the specific Red Flag, Stage I, and Stage II restrictions contained in Exhibit A and to authorize the Glacier County Fire Warden, acting in the administrative capacity described herein, to determine and document when the conditions established by this Resolution require those previously adopted restrictions to take effect; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution is intended to preserve the Board's policymaking authority while providing a timely, documented, and coordinated method for implementing the restrictions adopted by the Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Glacier County, Montana, as follows:

SECTION 1. PURPOSE AND CONSTRUCTION

1.1. The Board adopts the Red Flag, Stage I, and Stage II fire restrictions stated in Exhibit A. The Fire Warden's issuance of an Activation Notice under this Resolution implements restrictions already adopted by the Board and does not authorize the Fire Warden to create a new prohibition, exemption, offense, fine, or penalty.

1.2. This Resolution must be construed consistently with Montana law. If a provision conflicts with controlling law, the controlling law governs, and the remaining provisions remain effective to the greatest extent permitted by law.

SECTION 2. JURISDICTION AND HIGH FIRE HAZARD DESIGNATION

2.1. For each period identified in a valid Activation Notice, the Board designates as a high fire hazard area, pursuant to MCA § 7-33-2212, all private land and other land within Glacier County that is not under the jurisdiction of a municipality or a state or federal government and over which Glacier County may lawfully exercise the authority invoked by this Resolution (the "County Restriction Area").

2.2. This Resolution does not purport to regulate incorporated municipalities; state or federal lands; or any other land, person, or activity beyond Glacier County's lawful jurisdiction. Nothing prevents a separate governmental entity from adopting coordinated restrictions under its own authority.

SECTION 3. DEFINITIONS

3.1. **"Activation Notice"** means a written notice signed by the Fire Warden that places Red Flag, Stage I, or Stage II restrictions into effect under this Resolution.

3.2. **"Board"** means the Board of County Commissioners of Glacier County, Montana.

3.3. **"Developed recreation site"** means an area improved or maintained for recreation and specifically designated by the responsible landowner or managing authority for the activity at issue.

3.4. **"Fire Warden"** means the person appointed by the Board as Glacier County Fire Warden under MCA § 7-33-2215, or a person formally designated by the Board to act in that capacity during an absence or vacancy.

3.5. **"Red Flag Restrictions"** means the lowest county restriction level adopted by this Resolution. A National Weather Service Red Flag Warning is a relevant activation consideration but does not, by itself, activate County restrictions without an Activation Notice.

3.6. **"Rescission Notice"** means a written notice signed by the Fire Warden that lowers or terminates restrictions under this Resolution.

3.7. **"Restriction period"** means the time beginning on the effective date and time stated in an Activation Notice and ending on the effective date and time stated in a superseding Activation Notice or Rescission Notice.

SECTION 4. CONDITIONS FOR ACTIVATION

4.1. The Fire Warden may issue an Activation Notice only after determining, from current and reasonably reliable information, that the applicable restriction level is necessary to reduce an elevated and material risk of wildfire ignition, rapid fire growth, damage, injury, or loss of life or property within the County Restriction Area.

4.2. The written determination must address the totality of relevant conditions and identify the principal information relied upon. Relevant considerations may include:

- National Fire Danger Rating System outputs or equivalent fire-danger ratings applicable to Glacier County;
- energy release component, burning index, fuel moisture, drought indicators, live or dead fuel conditions, and observed fire behavior;
- National Weather Service Red Flag Warnings, Fire Weather Watches, or forecasts of hot, dry, windy, or lightning-producing conditions;
- current or anticipated wildfire activity and the availability or commitment of local, state, tribal, and federal suppression resources;
- recommendations from local fire chiefs, the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, the U.S. Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the Blackfeet Nation, or other cooperating agencies;
- restrictions imposed or proposed by adjacent jurisdictions and land-management agencies; and
- any other documented condition directly bearing on wildfire ignition potential, expected fire behavior, public safety, or suppression capability.

4.3. Red Flag Restrictions may be activated when weather, fuel, or fire-danger conditions create a heightened short-term risk of wildfire ignition for which restrictions on fireworks, open flames, and controlled burning are reasonably necessary. Stage I may be activated when the documented conditions show a substantial increase in fire danger for which the Stage I

restrictions in Exhibit A are reasonably necessary. Stage II may be activated when the documented conditions show severe or extreme fire danger, significant resource limitations, active or expected critical fire behavior, or another combination of circumstances for which the more protective Stage II restrictions in Exhibit A are reasonably necessary.

4.4. Before issuing an Activation Notice, the Fire Warden shall, when practicable, consult the presiding officer of the Board, affected local fire chiefs, and appropriate state, federal, and tribal partners. Inability to complete a consultation because immediate action is reasonably necessary does not prevent activation, but the Fire Warden shall document the consultation attempted and complete it as soon as practicable.

SECTION 5. ACTIVATION NOTICE

5.1. An Activation Notice must substantially follow Exhibit B and must state: (a) the stage activated; (b) the effective date and time; (c) the County Restriction Area; (d) the factual findings supporting activation; (e) the restrictions and exemptions that apply by reference to Exhibit A; and (f) contact information for public questions.

5.2. The Fire Warden shall sign the Activation Notice and promptly transmit it to the Clerk and Recorder for filing with the records of the Board. The Fire Warden shall also provide the notice to the Board and distribute it through reasonably available public-information channels.

5.3. Restrictions become effective on the date and time specified in the filed Activation Notice. Whenever practicable, the effective time should allow reasonable public notice.

5.4. The Fire Warden may not alter the substance of Exhibit A through an Activation Notice. A restriction or exemption not contained in Exhibit A requires action by the Board.

SECTION 6. MODIFICATION, RESCISSION, AND REVIEW

6.1. The Fire Warden shall monitor conditions throughout a restriction period and shall issue a superseding Activation Notice or a Rescission Notice when the applicable criteria no longer support the current stage.

6.2. A Rescission Notice must substantially follow Exhibit C, state the effective date and time, summarize the changed conditions, be filed with the Clerk and Recorder, and be distributed in the same general manner as an Activation Notice.

6.3. The Fire Warden shall present each Activation Notice and Rescission Notice to the Board at its next regular public meeting for review and entry into the minutes. The Board may affirm, modify prospectively, supersede, or rescind the restrictions by resolution or other lawful Board action.

6.4. The Board shall review this standing framework at least annually, preferably before July 1, and may amend or rescind it at any time.

SECTION 7. EXEMPTIONS, PERMITS, AND ACCESS

7.1. Only the exemptions expressly stated in Exhibit A or required by controlling law apply. An exemption does not relieve any person or entity from exercising reasonable care or from liability or responsibility for a fire caused by that person's or entity's activity.

7.2. A permit or written authorization may be issued only by the Fire Warden or his/her designee or entity having lawful authority to authorize the otherwise restricted activity. Any permit must identify the activity, location, duration, and required precautions.

7.3. Ingress and egress must be administered consistently with MCA § 7-33-2212(4), including protections for residents, official business, and employment that does not present a fire hazard, except when a significant risk to human health or safety lawfully justifies a greater limitation.

SECTION 8. ENFORCEMENT

8.1. The Sheriff and authorized peace officers may enforce or support enforcement of this Resolution only within the authority granted to them by law.

8.2. A person who violates a restriction is subject only to a citation, criminal penalty, civil remedy, suppression-cost recovery, or other consequence expressly authorized by applicable law. Nothing in this Resolution creates an offense or penalty beyond that authorized by Montana law.

8.3. Nothing in this Resolution limits recovery of wildfire suppression costs, damages, or other amounts when recovery is authorized by MCA § 7-33-2205(3), MCA § 50-63-103, or other applicable law.

SECTION 9. EMERGENCY AND DISASTER AUTHORITY RESERVED

9.1. This Resolution does not limit the separate authority of the principal executive officer, the Board, an incident commander, or another authorized official under Title 10, chapter 3, MCA, including authority arising from a properly issued local emergency proclamation or disaster declaration.

9.2. Restrictions involving closure of wildland areas, control of ingress or egress, or evacuation must comply with MCA §§ 7-33-2212, 10-3-402, 10-3-404, and 10-3-406, as applicable.

SECTION 10. ADMINISTRATION

10.1. The County shall maintain filed Activation Notices, Rescission Notices, supporting findings, maps, and material communications as public records in accordance with applicable law.

10.2. The Fire Warden shall coordinate restriction information with recognized protection agencies when appropriate.

SECTION 11. SEVERABILITY

11.1. If a court of competent jurisdiction determines that any provision or application of this Resolution is invalid, the determination does not affect the remaining provisions or applications that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application.

SECTION 12. EFFECTIVE DATE

12.1. This Resolution is effective upon adoption and remains in effect until amended or rescinded by the Board. No Red Flag, Stage I, or Stage II restriction is active solely because this Resolution has been adopted; a restriction level becomes active only through a valid Activation Notice issued under this Resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Glacier County, Montana, this 17th day of August, 2026.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
GLACIER COUNTY, MONTANA

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

Votes: ___2___ for ___0___ against ___1___ absent ___0___ abstaining

EXHIBIT A
RED FLAG, STAGE I, AND STAGE II FIRE RESTRICTIONS

A. GENERAL APPLICATION

During an activated restriction period, the applicable prohibitions below apply throughout the County Restriction Area. Stage I includes all Red Flag Restrictions and the additional Stage I restrictions. Stage II includes all Red Flag and Stage I restrictions and the additional Stage II restrictions. If controlling law requires a narrower application in a particular circumstance, the controlling law governs.

B. RED FLAG RESTRICTIONS

1. **PROHIBITED:** Using, discharging, or igniting fireworks, exploding targets, incendiary ammunition, tracer ammunition, or another pyrotechnic or incendiary device, except pursuant to a lawful written permit or authorization that specifically allows the activity.
2. **PROHIBITED:** Building, maintaining, attending, or using an open flame outdoors, including a campfire, recreational fire, warming fire, debris fire, burn barrel, bonfire, or similar open-flame fire, except as otherwise allowed by an exemption below.
3. **PROHIBITED:** Conducting a controlled burn, prescribed burn, agricultural burn, debris burn, slash burn, land-clearing burn, or any other open burn, including a burn for which a permit was previously issued, unless the applicable Activation Notice or a subsequent written authorization from the proper issuing authority expressly allows the burn to proceed.

C. STAGE I ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS

1. **PROHIBITED:** Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, within a developed recreation site, or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable material.
2. **PROHIBITED:** Operating a chainsaw or other internal-combustion-powered equipment for felling, bucking, skidding, firewood gathering, or similar vegetation work without a spark arresting device.
3. **PROHIBITED:** Operating a chainsaw or other internal-combustion-powered equipment for felling, bucking, skidding, firewood gathering, or similar vegetation work between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 a.m. local time. A 30-minute fire patrol must be maintained in the work area after the activity ends.
4. **PROHIBITED:** Outdoor welding or operating an acetylene torch or another torch with an open flame between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 a.m. local time. A 30-minute fire patrol must be maintained in the work area after the activity ends.
5. **PROHIBITED:** Using commercial explosives as authorized by permit or law for business or governmental operations between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. local time. A 30-minute fire patrol must be maintained in the work area after the activity ends.

D. STAGE II ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS

1. **PROHIBITED:** Operating a chainsaw or other internal-combustion-powered equipment for felling, bucking, skidding, firewood gathering, or similar vegetation work without a spark arresting device.
2. **PROHIBITED:** Outdoor welding or operating an acetylene torch or another torch with an open flame.
3. **PROHIBITED:** Using explosives.
4. **PROHIBITED:** Operating or using a motorized vehicle off a road or trail designated for motorized use, except as allowed by an exemption below.

E. EXEMPTIONS

1. A person possessing a lawful written permit or authorization that specifically authorizes the otherwise prohibited activity and who complies with all conditions of that permit or authorization.
2. Use of a device solely fueled by liquid petroleum or liquefied petroleum gas that can be turned on and off, when used in an area barren or cleared of overhead and surrounding flammable material for at least three feet.
3. An authorized federal, state, tribal, or local officer, firefighter, emergency responder, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force performing an official duty.

4. Emergency repair, maintenance, or operation of public utilities, railroads, telecommunications systems, roads, water systems, and other critical infrastructure when reasonably necessary and conducted with appropriate fire-suppression equipment and precautions.

5. Agricultural activities other than open burning, provided appropriate fire-extinguishing or suppression equipment is immediately available and the activity is conducted with reasonable fire precautions.

6. Construction, maintenance, and groundskeeping activities on private property, provided appropriate fire-extinguishing or suppression equipment is immediately available and the activity is conducted with reasonable fire precautions.

7. Operating a generator equipped with an approved spark-arresting device in an enclosed vehicle or building, or in an area barren or cleared of overhead and surrounding flammable material for at least three feet.

8. Motor-vehicle use by a landowner, resident, lessee, employee, contractor, utility worker, or invitee when reasonably necessary to access a residence, business, agricultural operation, worksite, or private property, provided the use is conducted with reasonable fire precautions and is not otherwise prohibited by law.

9. An activity within a specifically designated area where the responsible governmental or land-management authority has posted written authorization for that activity.

10. Any additional activity that controlling law requires be allowed or exempted.

F. CONDITIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL EXEMPTIONS

1. An exemption does not relieve a person or entity from liability or responsibility for a fire caused by the exempted activity.

2. Persons conducting an exempted activity shall use reasonable precautions appropriate to current fire conditions.

3. A permit or exemption issued by one government or land-management agency does not authorize an activity on land outside that entity's jurisdiction.

4. Nothing in these exemptions authorizes open burning when a permit is required but has not been obtained, or when open burning is closed or suspended under other applicable authority.

EXHIBIT B
FORM OF FIRE RESTRICTION ACTIVATION NOTICE

GLACIER COUNTY, MONTANA

NOTICE NUMBER:	_____
RESTRICTION LEVEL:	☐ Red Flag ☐ Stage I ☐ Stage II

EFFECTIVE DATE AND TIME:	_____
AREA:	The County Restriction Area defined by Glacier County Resolution No. _____.

FINDINGS

Pursuant to Glacier County Resolution No. _____, I find that current conditions support activation of the restriction level identified above. The principal facts and information supporting this determination are:

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RESTRICTIONS AND EXEMPTIONS

The restrictions and exemptions adopted in Exhibit A to Glacier County Resolution No. _____ are incorporated into this Notice. This Notice does not modify their substance.

CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION

Board Presiding Officer:

_____

Glacier County Attorney:

_____

Local Fire Chiefs / Rural Fire Council:

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Cooperating Agency Partners:

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PUBLIC INFORMATION

County contact / telephone / website: _____

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Glacier County Fire Warden

Date and time signed:

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Filed with Clerk and Recorder on:

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EXHIBIT C
FORM OF FIRE RESTRICTION RESCISSION OR REDUCTION NOTICE

GLACIER COUNTY, MONTANA

NOTICE NUMBER:	_____
ACTION:	☐ Rescind all ☐ Reduce to Red Flag ☐ Reduce to Stage I
EFFECTIVE DATE AND TIME:	_____
PRIOR NOTICE SUPERSEDED:	_____

FINDINGS

Pursuant to Glacier County Resolution No. _____, I find that changed conditions support the action identified above. The principal facts and information supporting this determination are:

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EFFECT OF NOTICE

At the effective date and time stated above, the prior restriction level is rescinded or reduced as indicated. A reduction to Red Flag leaves the Red Flag Restrictions in effect. A reduction to Stage I leaves the Red Flag and Stage I restrictions and applicable exemptions in Exhibit A to Glacier County Resolution No. _____ in effect.

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Glacier County Fire Warden

Date and time signed: _____

Filed with Clerk and Recorder on: _____

E. Discussion/Approval: Resolution No. 2026-12 RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AN ANNUAL STIPEND FOR THE GLACIER COUNTY FIRE WARDEN – Judd Milender, Glacier County Office of Emergency Management Director/Glacier County Commissioners

Judd Milender, Glacier County Office of Emergency Management Director presents Resolution No. 2026-12 A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AN ANNUAL STIPEND FOR THE GLACIER COUNTY FIRE WARDEN for commissioner approval. He explains that he wanted to work the position for a year to see what it entailed before having a need for a stipend, but states that the previous fire wardens before him were paid a $4,000.00 stipend

for the title of Glacier County Fire Warden. Also there is money in the account to cover the stipend of $4,000.00 and is asking for approval.

Public Comment
There was no public comment.

Commissioner Bird moved and Commissioner Billedeaux seconded to approve Resolution No. 2026-12 RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AN ANNUAL STIPEND FOR THE GLACIER COUNTY FIRE WARDEN in the amount of $4,000.00; motion carried.

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF GLACIER COUNTY, MONTANA

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-12

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AN ANNUAL STIPEND
FOR THE GLACIER COUNTY FIRE WARDEN

WHEREAS, pursuant to Mont. Code Ann. § 7-33-2215, the Glacier County Board of Commissioners may appoint a County Fire Warden; and

WHEREAS, the County Fire Warden is required to possess knowledge of local, state, and federal wildland fire policies and wildland fire suppression practices; and

WHEREAS, the County Fire Warden serves as a liaison among local, Tribal, state, and federal agencies and coordinates wildland fire training, prevention, detection, suppression, investigation, and mitigation activities; and

WHEREAS, the position requires year-round planning, interagency coordination, specialized knowledge, and availability during periods of elevated fire danger and active wildland fire incidents; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners recognizes that these duties represent additional responsibilities beyond those ordinarily assigned to the individual who may be appointed to serve as the Glacier County Fire Warden; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that an annual stipend of Four Thousand Dollars ($4,000.00) constitutes reasonable compensation for the additional duties and responsibilities associated with the position;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Glacier County, Montana, as follows:

1. Annual Stipend.
The duly appointed Glacier County Fire Warden shall receive a gross annual stipend of Four

Thousand Dollars ($4,000.00) for each County fiscal year in which the individual serves in that position.

2. Additional Compensation.
   The stipend shall be in addition to any regular salary or other compensation the appointed individual receives for employment in another position with Glacier County.

3. Payment.
   The stipend shall be paid in full, yearly after July 1st through the County's regular payroll system and shall be subject to all applicable taxes, withholdings, reporting requirements, and County payroll policies.

4. Partial-Year Service.
   If an individual serves as County Fire Warden for less than a complete fiscal year, the stipend shall be prorated according to the portion of the fiscal year served.

5. Budget and Funding.
   Payment of the stipend is subject to appropriation in the County's annual budget and shall be charged to the fund and account designated by the Glacier County Chief Financial Officer.

6. Appointment and Duties.
   This Resolution establishes compensation for the position and does not independently appoint any individual as County Fire Warden. Appointment to the position shall remain subject to separate action by the Board. The appointed Fire Warden shall perform the duties established by Mont. Code Ann. § 7-33-2215 and any additional duties assigned by the Board of County Commissioners.

7. Continuing Effect.
   The annual stipend shall continue from fiscal year to fiscal year, subject to annual appropriation, unless modified or discontinued by subsequent action of the Board of County Commissioners.

8. Administrative Authority.
   The Glacier County HR Director, Chief Financial Officer, and other appropriate County personnel are authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to implement this Resolution.

9. Effective Date.
   This Resolution shall become effective July 1, 2026.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 17th day of August, 2026.

BOARD OF GLACIER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

\s\ Vernon "Napi" Billedeaux, Chair
\s\ Sam Bird III, Member

ATTEST:
\s\Mandi Bird Kennerly, Glacier County Clerk & Recorder

F. Discussion/Approval: Glacier County MSU Extension Update – Lisa Terry, Glacier County MSU Extension Agent

Lisa Terry, Glacier County MSU Extension Agent introduces Grace Rooney who is the new Glacier County MSU Extension Agent who has replaced Kari Lewis. She gives them an update on the following:

- Family and Consumer Science
  - Developed My Wellbeing Presentation for Blackfeet Inclusive Heatlh Program - Browning
  - Canning Class – Heart Butte
  - Understanding Diabetes Educational Session
  - Memory Cafe Program – Cut Bank Senior Center
  - Co-hosted DPHHS team on wellness in aging initiative
  - Taught ServSafe Workshops
  - Conducted the SAIL (Staying Active and Independent for Life)
  - Served as a Judge representing MSU Extension at the Montana State Fair
  - Serving as the statewide contact for Master Food Preservation
  - Served on the committee responsible for updating the Master Food Preservation Manual
  - Received the National Mid-Career Achievement Award from Epsilon Sigma Phi
- 4-H and Youth Development
  - Taught YAM (Youth Aware of Mental Health) – Cut Bank High Schools reaching 120 students
  - Initiated a new pilot program called Coping Skills 101 for Junior High Students – will be taught this fall to 6^{th} – 8^{th} graders
  - Taught a Kitchen Science class for the state 4-H Rec Lab
  - Partnered with a teen on a grant for a Moon Garden in Glacier, Toole, Liberty and Pondera Counties
  - Taught nutrition education and family literacy nights – Babb Schools
  - Became certified in Teen Mental Health First Aid
  - Taught Nutrition Education program – Cut Bank First Grade (115 students)
  - Taught Beef Education – Zenith Colony
  - Taught a series pastry & baking workshops – Browning Middle School (125 students)
  - Co-facilitated sewing workshops for youth, teaching practical skills and promoting creativity, confidence, and self-sufficiency.
- Community Vitality
  - Co-hosted FAM (Food, Art & Music Feast)

    - Facilitated/taught three REAL COLORS workshops – BCC/Cut Bank School Teachers/Chester Search & Rescue and Sheriff office members
- Agriculture
    - Grace completed approximately 30 nitrate tests for local producers, primarily testing grain hay. She also submitted six forage samples for comprehensive nutrient analysis, nitrate testing, and related analyses, providing producers with valuable information to support livestock management and feed decisions.
- Office Updates
    - Continued utilizing the FCS space in the Glacier County Satellite Office in Browning to expand Extension programming and strengthen relationships and partnerships within the Blackfeet community
    - Hosted an MSU Extension intern who provided valuable assistance with office coverage, 4-H camp, the Marias Fair, nitrate testing, and other Extension activities. Which resulted in a $5,500 savings to the county budget
    - Converted the storage room that had previously been used as an office back into an office for Grace. Creating a more functional office layout between FCS and Agriculture Agents and also to interact/assist the visitors
    - Replaced outdated signage with new, professionally designed signage created by MSU Extension Communications office. The Communications Office provided the signs at no cost to our office, representing a significant in-kind contribution and helping create a more professional appearance
    - Continued efforts to declutter/reorganize office spaces

Public Comment
There was no public comment.

No decisions were made.

G. Discussion/Approval: Community Outreach – Crystal R. Cole, Glacier County Election Administrator

Crystal R. Cole, Glacier County Election Administrator is present to give the commissioners an update on the upcoming 2026 Federal General Election and the ideas she was given at the 2026 Clerk & Recorder/Election Administrator Convention in Anaconda. She talks about the following:

- ✓ Absentee Voting vs Poll Voting – Teach & Educate the difference between the two to make it more clear to the voters
- ✓ Community Outreach – Schools, Businesses, etc….
- ✓ Set up Booths at Events around Glacier County – educate & explain the process of holding ballots/counting

Public Comment
There was no public comment.

No decisions were made.

H. Discussion/Approval: Role of Glacier County Election Administrator for the 2026 Federal General Election (11/3/2026) – Crystal R. Cole, Glacier County Election Administrator

Crystal R. Cole, Glacier County Elections Administrator is present to inform the commissioners that she is on the 2026 Federal General Election Ballot and that she will be doing limited duties for transparency in the process. She states that her team will be taking care of the election process except for Election Day on Tuesday, November 3, 2026 she will be assisting the Browning Satellite Office with registrations. Commissioners Billedeaux & Bird agree.

Public Comment
There was no public comment.

No decisions were made.

I. Discussion/Approval: June 2026 & July 2026 Cash Report – Bille Fey, Glacier County Treasurer Accounting Specialist

Billie Fey, Glacier County Treasurer Accounting Specialist presents the June 2026 & July 2026 Cash Reports to the commissioners.

Public Comment
There was no public comment.

Commissioner Bird moved and Commissioner Billedeaux seconded to accept the June 2026 & July 2026 Cash Report as presented; motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

J. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

K. Next Meeting – Tuesday, August 25, 2026 – Browning

Commissioner Bird moved and Commissioner Billedeaux seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:47 a.m.; motion carried.