Glacier County Commissioners
Tuesday, September 1, 2026
Regular Meeting
Cut Bank, MT

The Glacier County Board of Commissioners met at a regularly scheduled meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 1, 2026. Commissioners Vernon "Napi" Billedeaux, Mary Jo Bremner & Sam Bird III were present. Mandi Bird Kennerly was taking minutes.

Present at the meeting: Chancy Kittson, Glacier County CFO; Ron A. Andersen, Glacier County Sanitarian; Jim Yeagley, Glacier County Planner; Sharee Yeagley, Public

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 Bird moved and Commissioner Bremner seconded to approve the agenda; motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

C. BUDGET HEARING (9:00 a.m.): FY2026-2027 Permissive Group Benefits Levy
Commissioner Billedeaux opens the public hearing on the FY2026-2027 Permissive Group Levy. Chancy Kittson, Glacier County CFO states that there will be $388,352.00 (8.77 mills) levied this year. Commissioner Billedeaux asks for public comment.

Public Comment
There was no public comment.

Commissioner Billedeaux closes the public hearing for the FY2026-2027 Permissive Group Benefits Levy.

D. BUDGET HEARING (9:00 a.m.): FY2026-2027 Permissive Sheriff's Retirement System Contribution Levy
Commissioner Billedeaux opens the public hearing on the FY2026-2027 Permissive Sheriff's Retirement System Contributions Levy. Chancy Kittson, Glacier County CFO states that there will be $42,700.00 (0.96 mills) levied this year. Commissioner Billedeaux asks for public comment.

Public Comment
There was no public comment.

Commissioner Billedeaux closes the public hearing for the FY2026-2027 Permissive Sheriff's Retirement System Contribution Levy.

E. BUDGET HEARING (9:00 a.m.): FY2026-2027 Approve and Adopt Budget
Commissioner Billedeaux opens the public hearing on the FY2026-2027 Approve and Adopt Budget. Chancy Kittson, Glacier County CFO states that there will be $8,240,103.00 budgeted for the county-wide (185.84 mills) levies this year and that there were minor changes due to the year-end closing entries, accounts payable & payroll costs from FY2025-2026. Commissioner Billedeaux asks for public comment.

Public Comment
There was no public comment.

Commissioner Billedeaux closes the public hearing for the FY2026-2027 Approve and Adopt Budget.

F. Discussion/Approval: Resolution No. 2026-13 FY2026-2027 Permissive Group Benefits Levy
Commissioner Billedeaux presents Resolution No. 2026-13 FY2026-2027 Permissive Group Benefits Levy for approval. Commissioner Billedeaux asks for public comment.

Public Comment
There was no public comment.

Commissioner Bremner moved and Commissioner Bird seconded to approve Resolution No. 2026-13 FY2026-2027 Permissive Group Benefits Levy; motion carried.

GLACIER COUNTY RESOLUTION
FY2026-2027 PERMISSIVE GROUP BENEFITS LEVY
RESOLUTION NO. 2026-13

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners, Glacier County, Montana, met in a public hearing on Tuesday, September 1, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. to explain the proposed permissive levy allowed under MCA 2-9-212 to pay for the increase in employer contributions for group benefits, and to take public comment on such proposed levy;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glacier County Board of Commissioners approve the permissive group benefits levy of 8.77 mills to be levied in fiscal year 2026-2027 in order to provide Glacier County with the necessary means to offer group benefits.

ADOPTED this 1st day of September, 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

G. Discussion/Approval: Resolution No. 2026-14 FY2026-2027 Public Safety Sheriff's Retirement System Contribution Permissive Levy
Commissioner Billedeaux presents Resolution No. 2026-14 FY2026-2027 Public Safety – Sheriff's Retirement System Contribution Permissive Levy for approval. Commissioner Billedeaux asks for public comment.

Public Comment
There was no public comment.

Commissioner Bird moved and Commissioner Bremner seconded to approve Resolution No. 2026-14 FY2026-2027 Public Safety Sheriff's Retirement System Contribution Permissive Levy; motion carried.

GLACIER COUNTY RESOLUTION
FY2026-2027 PUBLIC SAFETY - SHERIFF'S RETIREMENT SYSTEM CONTRIBUTION PERMISSIVE LEVY
RESOLUTION NO. 2026-14

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners, Glacier County, Montana, met in a public hearing on Tuesday, September 1, 2026 to explain the proposed permissive levy allowed under MCA 19-7-404 to pay for the 4.5% increase in employer contributions to the Sheriff's Retirement System (SRS), and to take public comment on such proposed levy;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glacier County Board of Commissioners approves the permissive levy of 0.96 mills to be levied in fiscal year 2026-2027 in order to provide Glacier County with the necessary means to pay for such increase.

ADOPTED this 1st day of September, 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

H. Discussion/Approval: Resolution No. 2026-15 FY2026-2027 Adopt and Approve Budget
Commissioner Billedeaux presents Resolution No. 2026-15 FY2026-2027 Adopt and Approve Budget for approval. Commissioner Billedeaux asks for public comment.

Public Comment
There was no public comment.

Commissioner Bremner moved and Commissioner Bird seconded to approve Resolution No. 2026-15 FY2026-2027 Adopt and Approve Budget; motion carried.

GLACIER COUNTY RESOLUTION
FY2026-2027 APPROVE AND ADOPT BUDGET
RESOLUTION NO. 2026-15

WHEREAS. Montana Code Annotated (MCA), 7-6-4024, requires that the Board of County Commissioners, Glacier County, Montana, approve and adopt by resolution the final budget by the later of the first Thursday after the first Tuesday in September or within 30 days of receiving certified taxable valuations from the Department of Revenue, and,

WHEREAS, the notice of public hearing on the preliminary budget was published in accordance with 7-1-2121, MCA and said budget was made available for public inspection, and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to 7-6-4024, MCA, the Board of County Commissioners, held a public hearing to answer questions and provide for public comment on said budget, and,

WHEREAS, all statements presented for or against said budget have been heard and duly considered before the presentation of this Resolution and its final adoption.

WHEREAS, pursuant to 7-6-4012, MCA, the Board of County Commissioners, may authorize adjustments to appropriations funded by fees throughout the budget period, and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to 7-6-4031, MCA, only officials specifically designated by the Board of County Commissioners may transfer appropriations between items within the same fund, and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glacier County Board of Commissioners approve and adopt the final budget for the fiscal year beginning the 1st day of July, 2026 and ending the 30th day of June, 2027.

ADOPTED this 1st day of September, 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

OTHER BUSINESS:

I. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

J. Next Meeting – Tuesday, September 8, 2026 – Browning

Commissioner Bird moved and Commissioner Bremner seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 a.m.; motion carried.