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Glacier County Board of Commissioners
Thursday, April 2, 2020; Meeting Starts Promptly at 9:00 AM
Court House- Commissioners Chambers
512 East Main St., Cut Bank MT, 59427
Meeting Agenda

- A. Roll Call
- B. Approval of Agenda
- C. Reading of the Minutes:
- D. Review/Sign: Payroll/Claims (9:00-10:00 a.m.)

NEW BUSINESS:

- E. Discussion/Approval: Resolution #2020-14 2020 JUNE PRIMARY MAIL BALLOT ELECTION – Mandi Bird Kennerly, Glacier County Clerk & Recorder/Election Administrator

OTHER BUSINESS:

- F. Public Comment
- G. Next Meeting – Tuesday, April 7, 2020 – Cut Bank

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**GLACIER COUNTY RESOLUTION
2020 JUNE PRIMARY MAIL BALLOT ELECTION
Resolution No. 2020-14**

**A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE JUNE 2, 2020 PRIMARY
ELECTION TO BE CONDUCTED BY MAIL BALLOT**

This Resolution was introduced by _____; moved by Commissioner _____ and seconded by Commissioner _____. This Resolution was adopted _____.

WHEREAS, due to the global outbreak of COVID-19 Novel Coronavirus, on March 25, 2020, Governor Bullock of the State of Montana issued a directive implementing Executive Orders 2-2020 and 3-2020, permitting counties to conduct the June 2, 2020 primary under the mail ballot provisions of Title 13 Chapter 19, and suspending Section §13-19-104(3)(a), MCA, this purpose only; and

WHEREAS, Governor Bullock's directive recognizes that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has urged states to "encourage voters to use voting methods that minimize direct contact with other people and reduce crowd size at polling stations"; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the Glacier County Board of Commissioners passed Resolution No. 2020-11 proclaiming a Health Emergency in Glacier County, Montana; and

WHEREAS, conducting a polling place election poses an enhanced risk to public health and human safety due to the COVID-19 pandemic by promoting community transmission of the virus and endangering voters, poll workers, and non-voters alike; and

WHEREAS, §13-19-202, MCA, allows a governing body to request that the election administrator conduct an election by use of mail ballots; and

WHEREAS, the mail ballot provisions of Title 13, Chapter 19, MCA, still allow for in-person voting if the June 2 primary is conducted by the use of mail ballots and, consequently, Governor Bullock's March 25, 2020 directive includes measures required for safe registration and voting, such as the adoption and enforcement of social distancing policies at polling locations; and

WHEREAS, for a county choosing to conduct the June 2 primary by mail ballot election, Governor Bullock's March 25, 2020 directive requires the county to expand opportunities for early voting by: (1) making ballots available at the election administrator's office or other designated location from May 4, 2020 until the end of the election; (2) allowing voters to apply for, receive, and mark a ballot in-person in a manner consistent with § 13-13-222, MCA; (3) sending mail ballots 25 days before the end of the election, on May 8, 2020, consistent with the timeline for absentee ballots at § 13-13-205, MCA; and (4) including a prominent notice with instructions sent to voters with mail ballots that a postage stamp is not necessary to return the ballot by mail; and

WHEREAS, Governor Bullock's March 25, 2020, directive also requires that a county conducting the June 2 primary by mail ballot election submit a written plan to the Secretary of

State under §§ 13-19-201, MCA, et seq. by April 2, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Glacier County finds that conducting the June 2 primary by mail ballot election is necessary to protect the health, safety, and general welfare of the citizens of Glacier County.

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved as follows:

1. The Board of County Commissioners of Glacier County, Montana, hereby requests that the Glacier County Clerk and Recorder, as election administrator for Glacier County, conduct the June 2, 2020 primary election by mail ballot.
2. The June 2 primary mail ballot election shall be held consistent with Governor Bullock's March 25, 2020 directive, including the requirements that the election administrator:
 - A. Make ballots available at his office or other designated location from May 4, 2020 until the end of the election;
 - B. Allow voters to apply for, receive, and mark a ballot in-person in a manner consistent with § 13-13-222, MCA;
 - C. Send mail ballots 25 days before the end of the election, on May 8, 2020, consistent with the timeline for absentee ballots at § 13-13-205, MCA;
 - D. Include a prominent notice with instructions sent to voters with mail ballots that a postage stamp is not necessary to return the ballot by mail; and
 - E. Submit a written plan to the Secretary of State under § 13-19-201, MCA, et seq. by April 2, 2020.
3. The election administrator shall establish, implement, and enforce the safe registration and voting measures identified in Governor Bullock's March 25, 2020 directive for all in-person voting for the June 2 primary election.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2020.

ATTEST:

**BOARD OF GLACIER COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS:**

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