

Glacier County Commissioners
Tuesday, September 5, 2023
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 5, 2023. Commissioners Vernon “Napi” Billedeaux, & John B. Overcast were present. Commissioner Mary Jo Bremner was absent (knee surgery). Mandi Bird Kennerly taking minutes.

Present at the meeting: Chancy Kittson, Glacier County CFO; Elaine Mitchell, Public; Michael Kittson, Glacier County Human Resources Director

Present via GoToMeeting: Robie Culver; Gloria; kimmet; Snoop

A. Roll Call

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

B. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Overcast motions to approve the agenda with no changes; Commissioner Billedeaux seconds the motion; motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

C. BUDGET HEARING (9:00 a.m.): FY2023-2024 Permissive Group Benefits Levy

Commissioner Billedeaux states that now we will open the public hearing on the FY2023-2024 Permissive Group Benefits Levy. Chancy Kittson, Glacier County CFO explains this is a levy that allows the counties to fund increases in group benefits for medical and the formula is provided by the State. This year the mills for the permissive group benefits levy is 2.20, equivalent to \$72,153.00. Commissioner Billedeaux asks if there is any public comment.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Billedeaux closes the Budget Hearing for the FY2023-2024 Permissive Group Benefits Levy.

D. BUDGET HEARING (9:00 a.m.): FY2023-2024 Permissive Sheriff’s Retirement System Contribution Levy

Commissioner Billedeaux states that now we will open the public hearing on the FY2023-2024 Permissive Sheriff’s Retirement System Contribution Levy. Chancy Kittson, Glacier County CFO explains that this is a permissive levy that allows the county to levy for the Sheriff’s Retirement System Contribution. Last year the mills were 0.93 and this year they are 0.87, equivalent of \$28,362.00. Commissioner Billedeaux asks if there is any public comment.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Billedeaux closes the Budget Hearing on the FY2023-2024 Permissive Sheriff's Retirement System Contribution Levy.

E. BUDGET HEARING (9:00 a.m.): FY2023-2024 Approve and Adopt Budget

Commissioner Billedeaux states that now we will open the public hearing on the FY2023-2024 Approve and Adopt Budget. Chancy Kittson, Glacier County CFO explains that this is our final budget for FY2023-2024 with a few changes to the fire departments. Commissioner Billedeaux asks if there is any public comment.

Public Comment:

Michael Kittson, Glacier County Human Resources Director comments.

Commissioner Billedeaux closes the Budget Hearing on the FY2023-2024 Approve and Adopt Budget.

F. Discussion/Approval: Resolution No. 2023-13 FY2023-2024 Permissive Group Benefits Levy

Commissioner Billedeaux presents Resolution No. 2023-13 FY2023-2024 Permissive Group Benefits Levy for approval. He asks for public comment.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Overcast motions to approve Resolution No. 2023-13 FY2023-2024 Permissive Group Benefits Levy; Commissioner Billedeaux seconds the motion; motion carried.

**GLACIER COUNTY RESOLUTION
FY2023-2024 PERMISSIVE GROUP BENEFITS LEVY
RESOLUTION NO. 2023-13**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners, Glacier County, Montana, met in a public hearing on Tuesday, September 5, 2023 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 2.20 mills to be levied in fiscal year 2023-2024 in order to provide Glacier County with the necessary means to offer group benefits.

ADOPTED this 5th day of September, 2023.

ATTEST:

**BOARD OF GLACIER COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS:**

/s/ Mandi Bird Kennerly, Clerk & Recorder

/s/ Vernon Billedeaux, Vice-Chair

/s/ John B. Overcast, Member

G. Discussion/Approval: Resolution No. 2023-14 FY2023-2024 Public Safety – Sheriff’s Retirement System Contribution Permissive Levy

Commissioner Billedeaux presents Resolution No. 2023-14 FY2023-2024 Public Safety – Sheriff’s Retirement System Contribution Permissive Levy for approval. He asks for public comment.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Overcast motions to approve Resolution No. 2023-14 FY2023-2024 Public Safety – Sheriff’s Retirement System Contribution Permissive Levy; Commissioner Billedeaux seconds the motion; motion carried.

**GLACIER COUNTY RESOLUTION
FY2023-2024 PUBLIC SAFETY - SHERIFF’S RETIREMENT SYSTEM
CONTRIBUTION PERMISSIVE LEVY
RESOLUTION NO. 2023-14**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners, Glacier County, Montana, met in a public hearing on Tuesday, September 5, 2023 to explain the proposed permissive levy allowed under MCA 19-7-404 to pay for the 3% 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 approve the permissive levy of .87 mills to be levied in fiscal year 2023-2024 in order to provide Glacier County with the necessary means to pay for such increase.

ADOPTED this 5th day of September, 2023.

ATTEST:

**BOARD OF GLACIER COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS:**

/s/ Mandi Bird Kennerly, Clerk & Recorder

/s/ Vernon Billedeaux, Vice-Chair

/s/ John B. Overcast, Member

H. Discussion/Approval: Resolution No. 2023-15 FY2023-2024 Adopt and Approve Budget

Commissioner Billedeaux presents Resolution No. 2023-15 FY2023-2024 Adopt and Approve Budget for approval. He asks for public comment.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Overcast motions to approve Resolution No. 2023-15 FY2023-2024 Adopt and Approve Budget; Commissioner Billedeaux seconds the motion; motion carried.

**GLACIER COUNTY RESOLUTION
FY2023-2024 APPROVE AND ADOPT BUDGET
RESOLUTION NO. 2023-15**

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, 2023 and ending the 30th day of June, 2024.

ADOPTED this 5th day of September, 2023.

ATTEST:

/s/ Mandi Bird Kennerly, Clerk & Recorder

**BOARD OF GLACIER COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS:**

/s/ Vernon Billedeaux, Vice-Chair

/s/ John B. Overcast, Member

I. Discussion/Approval: (11:00 a.m.) Glacier County CCIP Update – Robie Culver, Stahly Engineering Grant Specialist/Glacier County Commissioners

Robie Culver, Stahly Engineering Grant Specialist gives an update on the Glacier County Comprehensive Capital Improvement Plan. She states that the commissioners will need to get their scoring done on the projects that have been presented. When that is finished the next

step will be to have two public hearings for the public. Then an approval can happen after the hearings have been advertised for two weeks and the public hearings have been held. The commissioners discuss the timeline and there is a discussion on a few of the projects. No decisions were made.

OTHER BUSINESS:

J. Public Comment

Elaine Mitchell, Public commented.

K. Next Meeting – Tuesday, September 12, 2023 – Browning

Commissioner Overcast motions to adjourn the meeting at 10:27 a.m.; Commissioner Billedeaux seconds the motion; motion carried.