

Glacier County Commissioners
Friday, March 8, 2024
Special Meeting
Cut Bank, MT

The Glacier County Board of Commissioners met at a special meeting scheduled at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, March 8, 2024. Commissioners Mary Jo Bremner, Vernon “Napi” Billedeaux & John B. Overcast were present. Mandi Bird Kennerly taking minutes.

Present at the meeting: Michael Kittson, Glacier County Human Resources Director; Crystal R. Cole, Glacier County Election Administrator

Present via GoToMeeting: No GoToMeeting attendees.

A. Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

B. Approval of Agenda

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

NEW BUSINESS:

C. Discussion/Approval: Resolution No. 2024-03 CALLING FOR AN ELECTION ON THE QUESTION OF CONDUCTING A LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW AND ESTABLISHING A STUDY COMMISSION TO DO SO – Glacier County Commissioners

Commissioner Bremner presents Resolution No. 2024-03 CALLING FOR AN ELECTION ON THE QUESTION OF CONDUCTING A LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW AND ESTABLISHING A STUDY COMMISSION TO DO SO. She states that Terryl Matt, Glacier County Attorney revised the resolution late last night, but it is now ready for approval so that it can go on the ballot. This happens after the census is completed every 10 years.

Commissioner Billedeaux motions to approve Resolution No. 2024-03 CALLING FOR AN ELECTION ON THE QUESTION OF CONDUCTING A LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW AND ESTABLISHING A STUDY COMMISSIONER TO DO SO; Commissioner Overcast seconds the motion; motion carried.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2024-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF GLACIER COUNTY MONTANA, CALLING FOR AN ELECTION ON THE QUESTION OF CONDUCTING A LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW AND ESTABLISHING A STUDY COMMISSION TO DO SO. *WHEREAS*, Article XI, Section 9, of the Constitution of the State of Montana requires that each unit of local government shall conduct an

election once every ten years to determine whether the local government will undertake a local government review procedure; and

WHEREAS, 7-3-173(2) M.C.A. requires that the governing body shall call for an election, to be held on the primary election date, on the question of conducting a local government review and establishing a study commission; and

WHEREAS, the last such local government review occurred in 2014 or was voted on and did pass on June 3, 2014, and therefore the question must be posed the electorate, in conformance with law, and

WHEREAS, the Glacier County Commission is the governing body of the County of Glacier and desires that the question of local government review, and if answered in the affirmative, its concomitant question of establishing the necessary study commission, should be presented to Glacier County voters on the 2024 primary ballot, and

WHEREAS, if passed by the voters, Glacier County establish such local government study commission, consisting of five nonpartisan study commissioners, who must be duly elected pursuant to law in the 2024 general election.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The County of Glacier hereby calls for an election on the question of conducting a local government review and electing a study commission to be held at the primary election on June 4, 2024.
2. If the voters decide in favor of conducting a local government review, a study commission comprised of five (5) members shall be elected at the general election of November 5, 2024.
3. Pursuant to 7-3-175, M.C.A. the question of conducting a local government review shall be submitted to the electors in substantially the following form:

Vote for one:

FOR the review of the government of Glacier County and the establishment and funding, not to exceed \$45,000.00 of a local government study commission consisting of five (5) members to examine the government of Glacier County and submit recommendations on the government.

AGAINST the review of the government of Glacier County and the establishment and funding, not to exceed \$45,000.00 of a local government study commission consisting of

five (5) members to examine the government of Glacier County and submit recommendations on the government.

Passed and adopted by the County Commissioners of the County of Glacier, Montana meeting at regular session held on the 8th day of March, 2024.

BOARD OF GLACIER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

\s\ Mary Jo Bremner, Chair

\s\ Vernon “Napi” Billedeaux, Vice-Chair

\s\ John B. Overcast, Member

ATTEST:

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

OTHER BUSINESS:

D. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

E. Next Meeting – Tuesday, March 12, 2024 – Browning

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