

YELLOWSTONE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Resolution No. 26- 52

A RESOLUTION REORGANIZING GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS (GIS) SERVICES WITHIN YELLOWSTONE COUNTY GOVERNMENT

WHEREAS, Yellowstone County currently operates Geographic Information Systems (GIS) as an internal service fund; and

WHEREAS, GIS provides critical services not only to Yellowstone County departments, but also serves as an essential resource for the City of Billings, the City of Laurel, and county planning functions; and

WHEREAS, GIS also provides mapping products and services to external entities for a nominal fee; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners recognizes that GIS functions are integral to public safety, emergency response, and coordinated planning efforts across jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that GIS operations would be more efficiently and effectively administered within the General Fund, with management and oversight provided by the County's Department of Emergency Services (DES); and

WHEREAS, the proposed reorganization will improve coordination, transparency, and long-term sustainability of GIS services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Yellowstone County, Montana, that:

1. Beginning in Fiscal Year 2027, Geographic Information Systems (GIS) shall no longer operate as an internal service fund and shall instead be incorporated into the County's General Fund for budgeting purposes; and
2. Management and administrative oversight of GIS shall be assigned to the County's Department of Emergency Services (DES); and
3. GIS shall continue to provide services to Yellowstone County departments, the City of Billings, the City of Laurel, county planning functions, and external entities as appropriate.

Passed and Adopted on the 5th day of May 2026.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
YELLOWSTONE COUNTY, MONTANA.

Mark Morse, Chair

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