GLASSY MOUNTAIN FIRE SERVICE AREA

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Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting
August 17, 2026 – Meeting Held at Headquarters and via Microsoft Teams

Commissioners in attendance: James White, Patrick Frye, Patrick Walker, Sandra Smith, Steven Castleberry, Shawn McDonald
Commissioners absent: Richard Donnelly
Staff in attendance: Chief Kevin Crosby**,** Kelley Murphy, Chaplain Mark Shaver, BC Ed Timblin, Lt Allen Pruitt, Ed Scott, Abigail Pennica, Nick Adams, Jason Smith
Public in attendance: NONE

I. **Call to Order** – Comm. White called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm and all in attendance pledged allegiance to the American Flag.

II. **Invocation** given by Chaplain Shaver

III. **Consent Items:**

- **Minutes:** No Comment.
- **Financial:** Comm. Frye gave a summary of the presented financial report. No questions or additional comments.
- **Operational Report:** In addition to Chief Crosby's formal reports, the following updates were given:
  i. Minor repairs have been completed on Engine 36A. Chief Crosby requested that the board allow the apparatus to be sold. With the recent purchase of the 2024 Spartan, it is now serving as a reserve engine.
  ii. The Knox medical vaults have been installed in QRVs and at the station and are now in service.
  iii. Two newly revised operations policies have been published for personnel and are included in the month's agenda packet for the commission to review. The policies are related to Physical Training requirements and the newly implemented Controlled Substances security measures.
  iv. Chief Crosby noted that a copy of a new monthly report has been created specifically for the Cliffs at Glassy, which subcontracts with us to staff Station 37.
  v. A Variance waiver has been requested by a homeowner who is subdividing 10 acres on Chestnut Mountain. An agreement has not currently been reached that would allow for adequate fire protection for potential homeowners. The owner has requested a meeting with the Chief, Board Chair, and Councilman Joe Dill.
- **Approval:** Comm. Frye made a motion to approve the Consent Items. Comm. Walker seconded. All Approved.

IV. **New Business**

- **Dual Purpose Wildland Gear** – Chief Crosby presented a proposal to purchase dual purpose wildland gear for all full-time personnel. The gear would reduce heat stress and be less restrictive to personnel. It would also help preserve more costly structural gear. Funding for additional gear for part-time and volunteer personnel would be sought through a grant. Comm. Walker made a motion to approve the purchase. Comm. Frye seconded. All approved.

V. **Committee Reports:**

- **Personnel Committee –** No report.

- **Finance Committee –**Meeting to be schedule before presenting preliminary budget in September.
- **Policy and Procedures –** No Report.
- **Communications Committee –** No Report.
- **Strategic Planning Committee –** Will schedule to meet in October.

VI. **Public Commentary:** None

VII. **No Executive Session**

VIII. **Commissioner Commentary:** Comm. Walker reminded the board that he would not be able to attend a 4:30 meeting in September or October due to prior obligations. Comm. White suggested moving back the meeting time. Comm. Walker will provide a schedule of months a delayed meeting time would be necessary.

IX. **Meeting adjourned at 5:05 PM**

Respectfully Submitted:

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James White, Board Chairman Kelley Murphy, Admin Manager

The Commission's next scheduled regular meeting will be Monday, September 21, 2026, at Headquarters and via Microsoft Teams, beginning at 5:00 PM.

The GMFSA publishes the agenda for this meeting on its HQ Bulletin Board outside the main public entrance, on the GMFSA's web site, and on the Greenville County Administrative Bulletin board at the University Center location.