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GIRDWOOD VALLEY SERVICE AREA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Jennifer Wingard & Kellie Okonek, Co-Chairs
Brian Burnett, Amanda Tuttle, Nick Crews

August 17, 2026 GBOS Budget Meeting #3 Minutes Draft

5 p.m. via Microsoft Teams & Girdwood Community Room

This hybrid meeting is taking place via Microsoft Teams & at the Girdwood Community Room, 250 Egloff Rd:

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Call to Order 5:00 p.m. Jennifer Wingard, Co-Chair

Land Acknowledgement: The Girdwood Board of Supervisors acknowledges the indigenous peoples of Alaska, whose land we reside on. The community of Girdwood, situated between the areas known to be Dena'ina and Alutiiq homeland, respects the people who were stewards of this land for generations. We commit to the continued stewardship of this land and are grateful to be part of a wider community that seeks to maintain a sustainable use of Girdwood Valley for present and future peoples.

Roll Call: Kellie Okonek (KO), Amanda Tuttle (AT), Nick Crews (NC), Jennifer Wingard (JW)
Quorum Confirmed; Brian Burnett is excused

No Disclosures

Agenda Revisions and Approval: Aug 17 2026 GBOS Work Session agenda approved KO/AT Assent
Agenda:

1. Review of GVSA and Municipal budgets – see packet
 - a. building permits pulled in the last 3 years – see packet
 - b. confirmation of total properties included in GVSA for tax purposes – see packet
2. Review of 2027 proposed budgets: See Meeting packet for current proposed budgets.
 - a. Fire Department Budget

IGCs reflect changes in 2026 after review by OMB requested by GBOS. Areas reduced were Office of Chief and Ops Management. New equipment will reduce shop charges in the future.
Budget reflects increase in labor for firefighter staff in summer.

b. Housing and Economic Stability Budget
No change from prior WS

c. Roads Budget
Increase of \$71,000 from last year.
Working on putting roads contract out to bid. This will be handled in 1Q revisions.

d. Parks and Recreation Budget
Increase of \$3,000 for labor (Summer parks caretaker positions).
2024 was the last increase for non-profit grant programs.

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e. Police Budget

May propose an increase in misc and towing expenses as RVs have been getting left here for service area to deal with, and they are expensive.

Police contract remains same cost, this is last year under this contract.

Discussion stemming from recent Blueberry Festival is increased enforcement during Blueberry Festival and communication with Alyeska Resort about need for resort help with parking and other issues related to guests of that event.

3. Other GVSA Funds: Undesignated Fund/Capital Budgets

GVSA projects are on prioritized list presented in packet.

Request for help with culvert fix at Seward Highway. This is outside of GVSA authority but GBOS could lobby state for help.

4. Status of MOA Budget requests for TIPS and Public Safety funds

Discussed more comprehensively at GBOS meeting at 7PM.

5. Confirm date for GVSA non-profit grant presentations after Sept GBOS meeting

GBOS to participate in poll to set the date for this required meeting for grantees.

Public Comment:

Nick Crews presents comparison of GVSA and other municipal budgets, which shows GVSA significantly higher and on a steep trajectory up. This is likely due to the lack of bonding to pay for capital improvements. Bonding is taxpayer approval for expenses outside of the tax cap. Girdwood has been saving for and paying off significant capital projects, including fish passage culverts, road work, fire dept vehicles, and currently large savings for bridge to replace the hand tram. The representation presented is not accurate as MOA taxpayers pay for these, but not within their mill rate tax cap.

Adjourn 6:32PM