

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ADMINISTRATIVE PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

**MISSOULA COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 199 WEST PINE STREET, ADMIN ROOM 206
March 2, 2023**

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ATTENDANCE

Present: Josh Slotnick, David Strohmaier, Juanita Vero, Emmie Bristow, Annie Cathey, Melissa Fisher, Allison Franz, Kyla Lehnerz, Violet Plummer, Chris Lounsbury, Anne Hughes, Andrew Czorny, Jason Emery, Bradley Seaman

Other Attendees: Erik Dickson, Elisha Buchholz, MCAT

I. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Commissioner Strohmaier stated that Treasurer County voted unanimously to join the Big Sky Passenger rail authority, becoming county number 20 which means that we have more than 1/3 of the counties in the state of Montana participating.

Commissioner Vero said they are excited to hear that Toni Hatton is Rural School Teacher of the Year for the state of Montana 2023.

Commissioner Slotnick wanted to be really clear that he and his wife are proud partners in Clark Fork Organics, the farm that is associated with Corner Farm Village, a land decision that came up in the recent past. We are involved with what a lot of farms and ranches have to do in the way of succession planning this is how we are moving on to the next generation. We are also being involved in some land preservation. I wanted to talk for just a minute of how we came into this land and what we did next. We have been farming this land for close to 15 years and in business as farming for 30 years. Our landlord was a very kind person and we have a great relationship with her. I told her if there was ever a time where she wanted to sell to let us know. I got a call on a Friday morning in the fall of 2019 from her saying she wanted to sell the property and saying what the asking price was. We agreed and said that we would head to the bank. She stated that she needed to check with her realtor and wanted to put it out on the market but I want you guys to have it. On the next Sunday around 4:00 p.m. we received a call from the realtor and the cost had gone up just about \$200,000 in a bidding battle. We were giving that opportunity to meet that price by 6:00 p.m. that night. I went through my phone and found a business partner that was willing to chime in on this. During that 48 hours I did not look at what the zoning was and did not realize that it was two parcels and not just one. Our entire goal at that time was to keep our business in tact, there was no real thought to the future but just to make sure there was a future for the the business. After buying the land, we learned all kinds of interesting and good things about it. Due to all of this and needing to think about exiting strategy, all of this zoning variance and boundary line relocation came to be. Last October I filled out a conflict of interest form outlining that Corner Farm Village was going to go through the boundary line relocation process and potentially a zoning variance with DOR was approved. I also told you guys about it. I told our attorneys about it. I told the Senior Planning Staff about it. I didn't go into any weedy details, I just wanted to let everyone know that I was involved. The reason I did not go into details of this was because I didn't want to prejudice your decisions on this project. I also told everyone that I was not going to be any part of the meetings. I didn't even want my presence to prejudice these decisions. I put all of my effort into this, not only to make sure that we obey the law, but I didn't mess with the process. This project was going to have to stand on its own or fall on it's own. I think that it went really well. I wish I would have put in the same effort externally with letting the whole world know that this was happening. It would have been better if I would have done that. I just wanted to say that out loud.

Commissioner Strohmaier stated that it is important to note that this project went through both the planning and zoning commission that evaluated your proposal and Juanita and I subjected this to the same identical level of scrutiny as every other land use proposal like this and that includes applying the very same review criteria and insuring that those criteria are met. Also, to note that on the substance of the proposal no one voiced any concerns or opposition to what was presented to us.

Commissioner Slotnick said that due to what happened, this would give us the opportunity in the future to ways to improve this process and make sure that the conflict of interest documents are more readily available. Maybe upload my conflict of interest document that I filled out and place it out for the public to see on our Voice page on our website.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

Presenter: Lisa Beczkiewicz
Moved: Juanita Vero
Second: David Strohmaier
Vote: Yes 3, No 0, Abstained 0
Additional Info: Consent agenda item passed as written

1. Request board approve chair to sign contractor agreement between the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) and the Missoula City-County Health Department (MCCHD) to strengthen capacity in prevention of suicide, overdose, Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) for local health departments. Compensation to MCCHD in the amount of \$55,000.

Electronically sent to Julie Mohr, Missoula City-County Health Department.

III. ACTION ITEMS

1. Request board approve resolutions canceling 2023 Special District Elections and elect candidates by acclamation:

- 1. 2023 East Missoula Rural Fire District Resolution**
- 2. 2023 Evaro Community Council Resolution**
- 3. 2023 Frenchtown Irrigation District Resolution**
- 4. 2023 Frenchtown Rural Fire District Resolution**
- 5. 2023 Greenough-Potomac Rural Fire District Resolution**
- 6. 2023 Lolo Community Council Resolution**
- 7. 2023 Missoula Irrigation District Resolution**
- 8. 2023 Missoula Rural Fire District Resolution**
- 9. 2023 Seeley Lake Community Council Resolution**
- 10. 2023 Seeley-Swan Hospital District Resolution**
- 11. 2023 Swan Valley Community Council Resolution**
- 12. 2023 Swan Valley Fire District Resolution**
- 13. 2023 West Valley Community Council Resolution**
- 14. 2023 Big Flat Irrigation District Resolution**
- 15. 2023 Bonner-Milltown Community Council Resolution**
- 16. 2023 Clinton Irrigation District Resolution**
- 17. 2023 Clinton Rural Fire District Resolution**
- 18. 2023 East Missoula Community Council Resolution**

Presenter: Bradley Seaman
Moved: David Strohmaier
Second: Juanita Vero
Motion: Motion passed as written
Vote: Yes 3, No 0, Abstained 0

Additional Info:

Contract/Project Begin Date:

Contract/Project End Date:

Electronically sent to Bradley Seaman. Resolutions filed with Clerk and Recorder/Treasurer's Office:

Resolution 2023-018 E. Msla Fire: Book 1086 Page 932

Resolution 2023-019 Evaro CC: Book 1086 Page 933

Resolution 2023-020 Frenchtown Irrigation: Book 1086 Page 935

Resolution 2023-021 Frenchtown Fire: Book 1086 Page 928
Resolution 2023-022 Greenough-Potomac Fire: Book 1086 Page 929
Resolution 2023-023 Lolo CC: Book 1086 Page 930
Resolution 2023-024 Msla Irrigation: Book 1086 Page 931
Resolution 2023-025 Msla Fire: Book 1086 Page 934
Resolution 2023-026 Seeley CC: Book 1086 Page 936
Resolution 2023-027 Seeley-Swan Hospital: Book 1086 Page 937
Resolution 2023-028 Swan Valley CC: Book 1086 Page 944
Resolution 2023-029 Swan Valley Fire: Book 1086 Page 945
Resolution 2023-030 W. Valley CC: Book 1086 Page 946
Resolution 2023-031 Big Flat Irrigation: Book 1086 Page 947
Resolution 2023-032 Bonner-Milltown CC: Book 1086 Page 948
Resolution 2023-033 Clinton Irrigation: Book 1086 Page 938
Resolution 2023-034 Clinton Fire: Book 1086 Page 939
Resolution 2023-035 E. Msla CC: Book 1086 Page 941

2. Request board approve professional services agreement with Montana Maintenance in the amount of \$32,472 for a three-year contract to provide seasonal park maintenance for Lolo RSID #8901.

Presenter:

Erik Dickson

Moved:

Juanita Vero

Second:

David Strohmaier

Motion:

Motion passed as written

Vote:

Yes 3, No 0, Abstained 0

Additional Info:

Contract/Project Begin Date:

5/1/2023

Contract/Project End Date:

9/30/2025

Agreement filed with Clerk and Recorder/Treasurer's Office: Book 1086 Page 949. Electronically sent to Erik Dickson, Public Works.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

None

V. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Legislative Update

Working on Senate Bills - Election / Subdivision Diversion / Medicaid Expansion

VI. UPCOMING EVENTS AND INVITATIONS

None

VII. SIGNING OF ITEMS APPROVED AT PUBLIC MEETING

None

VIII. OTHER COMMENTS/INSTRUCTIONS

None