

Missoula Board of County Commissioners

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES COVER SHEET



THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2023 – 2 PM

Hybrid meeting – Missoula County Courthouse Annex Sophie Moiese
Room/Microsoft Teams

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ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners Present:

Chair Josh Slotnick
Commissioner David Strohmaier
Commissioner Juanita Vero

Staff Present:

Violet Plummer, Administrative Assistant, Commissioners' Office
Garrick Harmel, Housing Specialist, Lands and Communities
Lauren Ryan, Planner, Planning, Development and Sustainability
John Hart, Civil Deputy Attorney, County Attorney's Office
Tim Worley, Senior Planner, Planning, Development and Sustainability
Chet Crowser, Missoula County Chief Lands and Communities Officer
Sarah Bell, Grants Administrator, Lands and Communities
Carey Powers, Communications Coordinator, Communications
Laurie Hire, Office Manager, Lands and Communities
Karen Harrison, Director, Human Resources
Elisha Buchholz, Equity Coordinator, Human Resources
Kayla Talbert, Grants Administrator, Lands and Communities
Emmie Bristow, Community Engagement Coordinator, Communications
Patricia Spotted Wolf, Administrative Support Specialist, Commissioners' Office
Allison Franz, Communications Manager, Communications
Sindie Kennedy, Grants Administrator, Lands and Communities
Annie Cathey, Administrative Assistant, Commissioners' Office
Erin Kautz, Grants Administrator, Lands and Communities
Dylan Jaicks, Civil Attorney, Attorney's Office
Vincent Pavlish, Civil Deputy Attorney, Attorney's Office
Mel Fisher, Strategic Initiatives Manager, Communications and Projects

1. **CALL TO ORDER** *[Time stamp – 00:00]*

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE [Time stamp – 00:09]

3. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT [Time stamp – 00:30]

Missoula County acknowledges that this event takes place in the aboriginal territories of the Salish and Kalispel people.

4. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. **Closed Captioning Available** [Time stamp – 00:42]

b. **Proclamation: Black History Month** [Time stamp – 01:21]

5. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA [Time stamp – 05:19]

[None]

6. CURRENT CLAIMS LIST [Time stamp – 05:26]

Claims received as of January 18, 2023 to January 24, 2023 by the Commissioners' Office total \$1,984,036.24.

7. HEARINGS

a. **Resolution – Clinton Community Council** [Time stamp – 05:51]

Chet Crowser, Missoula County Chief Lands and Communities Officer

Commissioner Strohmaier made the motion that [the Missoula Board of County Commissioners] adopt the resolution.

Commissioner Vero seconded.

[Motion passed 3-0.]

[Resolution 2023-016. Book: 1085 Page: 1198]

b. **Billington Family Transfer** [Time stamp – 019:38]

Lauren Ryan, Planner, Planning, Development and Sustainability

Commissioner Vero made the motion to approve the application by Lester and Alita Billington to utilize the aggregation exemption to aggregate and expunge a line and to utilize the family transfer to create and transfer one parcel to an immediate family member.

Commissioner Strohmaier seconded.

[Motion passed 3-0.]

[Letter 2023-023. Mailed to: Lester and Alita Billington.]

c. **Hollinger Family Transfer** [Time stamp – 25:43]

Emily Andrea, Planner, Planning, Development and Sustainability

[Postponed to April 6, 2023 Commissioners' Public Meeting]

d. **Resolution – Establishing Missoula County's Housing Innovation Fund** [Time stamp – 27:27]

Garrick Harmel, Housing Specialist, Lands and Communities

Commissioner Strohmaier made the motion that [the Missoula Board of County Commissioners] approve the resolution establishing Missoula County's Housing Innovation Fund to address housing needs in Missoula County.

Commissioner Vero seconded.

[Motion passed 3-0.]

[Resolution 2023-017. Book: 1085 Page: 1200]

8. **OTHER BUSINESS** *[Time stamp – 53:14]*
[None]

9. **ADJOURN**
Chair Slotnick – Called the meeting to adjourn at 2:53 p.m.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Sorry for the delay and welcome to our public meeting for Thursday, February 2nd.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Groundhog Day.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Yes, Groundhog Day. So, uh, let's all do the pledge. Thank you.

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Sophie Moiese Room

That leads to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands. One nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and justice for all.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Door County would like to acknowledge that this event takes place in the Aboriginal territories of the Salish and Kalispell people.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Do we have any public announcements?

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Sophie Moiese Room

Commissioner Slotnick, I'll just quickly say, Umm, if you're joining us for this meeting virtually today, I'm gonna put instructions up on the screen for how to turn on closed captioning.

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Sophie Moiese Room

If you're joining us in person, we'll have closed captioning on all the screens here in the sofa, moist room. And we also have assistive listening devices available. If you would like one of those, come see me, we ask that all speakers today, Please remember to speak slowly and clearly during the meeting, which helps with the accuracy of the closed captioning.

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Sophie Moiese Room

And if you have any questions or concerns, please come find me during the meeting. Thanks. Thank you, Violet. We do have a proclamation. Would either of you find colleagues like to Reed said proclamation.

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Sophie Moiese Room

OK, this is a proclamation of Missoula County and the City of Missoula.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Whereas in 1926 the Association for the Study of African American Life and History started a National *****

History Week, in the second week of February, intentionally chosen because it fell between the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln.

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Sophie Moiese Room

And whereas in the following decades, mayors and cities across the United States began issuing yearly proclamations recognizing ***** history week and whereas following the civil rights movement and a growing awareness of black identity, in 1976, President Gerald Ford officially recognized Black History Month, using the public to seize the opportunity, urging the public to seize the opportunity to honor the two often neglected accomplishments of black Americans.

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Sophie Moiese Room

In every area of endeavor throughout our history. And whereas Missoula County, in the city of Missoula, recognized that Montana currently has the smallest percentage of people who identify as black or African American and United States reflecting the complexity of Montana's black history. And whereas Missoula County and the City of Missoula recognized Montana's black history, spanning from the first documented arrival of enslaved Africans in 1805 as part of the Lewis and Clark.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Expedition into the Aboriginal territories of the Salish and Kalise pay people and the publication of Montana's first black newspaper, the Colored Citizen in 1894, to the election of Geraldine Travis, the first American African American woman elected to the Montana Legislature in 1974 and the election of the state's first black mayor, Wilmot Collins, in 2017. And whereas in Missoula County, the percentage of our residents who identify as black or African American.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Is .6% highlighting the importance of the preservation of black history culture in our community? And whereas Montana's black history is reflected in Missoula through the bravery and valor displayed by the 25th Infantry Bicycle Corps, United States first unit of black soldiers formed in 1896 to test the combat viability of bicycles, including an over 1900 mile ride from Fort Missoula to St. Louis, MO.

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Sophie Moiese Room

And whereas other examples of Missoula's enduring black history can be found in the 1400 block of Phillips St, the site of the former Saint Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church, Missoula's first Black church, which stood from 1910 to 1946 and whose congregants built a community and pursued racial equity with neighbors regardless of race in the face of threats from the Ku Klux Klan and other white supremacist organizations.

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Sophie Moiese Room

And whereas Missoula County and the City of Missoula are proud to join the state of Montana and recognizing the accomplishments and contributions of black Americans who are part of the fabric of our nation here in Montana and throughout the history, throughout history and today, now, therefore, we, the board of County Commissioners of Missoula County and the Mayor of the City of Missoula do hereby proclaim the month of February 2023 as Black History Month dated this second day of February 2023.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Thanks a lot. Dave does make me proud that we're doing this in at a moment in American history when in other.

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Sophie Moiese Room

States and governmental locations in the active erasure of African American history is happening, and thinking of Florida, and of course it's removed from public schools anyway. Whoever put this together, Wordwise did a great job. And thank you for reading it.

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Sophie Moiese Room

OK. We are, do we have any public comment and items not on the agenda?

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Sophie Moiese Room

All right, our current claims list claims received as of January 18th, 2023 to January 24th, 2023 by the Commissioner's Office. Total one million 984.

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Sophie Moiese Room

\$1036.24 we have 4 resolutions.

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Sophie Moiese Room

I'm sorry. Three. Once postponed. Thank you, man. Yeah. Three. As as one of these family transfers has been postponed.

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Sophie Moiese Room

3 resolutions to the first one comes to us from our very own check Krauser.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Good afternoon, commissioners. I'm here to present to you for your consideration today a resolution for calling an election on the question of establishing a Community Council for the Clinton area. And I'll start by just recapping where we've been in some of those conversations and highlight the outreach and engagement we've had and then give you some more details for you to consider in this resolution today. So as a recap, in fall of 2021, some folks in Clinton initially contacted the county with the idea of a Clinton Community Council.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Which led to some follow up with staff in in kind of figuring out what that process would process would look like and then letting them know what they would need to do to move that idea forward. A key component of that was a petition they gathered in the local community. There were 83 signatures contained in that petition and that was received by the county in March of 2022. That petition essentially asked the Commissioners to move this concept of creating a Community Council forward, in particular getting that on a ballot.

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Sophie Moiese Room

For the community to consider an election.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Uh so late Spring, Summer 2022 county staff, including the County Commissioners office.

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Sophie Moiese Room

The lands and Communities Office, County Attorney's office and election pulled together an outline for formal process steps that would then advance that concept further, and then, on the 12th of this year, the BCC adopted a resolution of intent to to put the Community Council concept on the ballot and the requirement as part of that resolution of intent. Intent was that there would need to at least be 8 letters of interest from the community. That would both be willing to serve on an initial Council should that pass.

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Sophie Moiese Room

By the voters and then ultimately be willing to put their name on a future ballot to continue to serve as a council member.

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Sophie Moiese Room

The deadline for that was January 30th and the outreach that it was associated with that included Missoula Counties, News releases and social media channels that went out to the community, as well as notification on the Missoula County Voice page, there was an NBC Montana story that was picked up so it was in the local media there. And then we also pushed that out via the next door app, which is kind of a local kind of social media type app that reaches out to various communities. And then there were also some contact lists.

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Sophie Moiese Room

That were associated with various prior engagement projects, including the Clinton Community Center, conversations that have happened recently with the parks, trails and open lands.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Program and then there was a fair bit of direct contact with folks in the community and I know some sharing of that information in those kind of local channels as well.

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Sophie Moiese Room

So bringing us to today, as we approach that time frame to receive letters, we ended up with twelve of them, all total. Eleven of those will apply because one of those letters that was actually submitted by a Granite County resident. And the reason for that is that the Clinton School District spans the Missoula County Granite County boundary. And so that one was ineligible because they're not a resident of Missoula County. So counting the 11, the threshold was met for then us to come to you today for consideration of.

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Sophie Moiese Room

A resolution that would then place the question of a Community Council for the Clinton area on the ballot, and this would be on the special district election that would be held on May 2nd of this year.

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Sophie Moiese Room

If that's the direction the Commission elects to go today, then staff would be out in the community to hold a couple of question and answer or public meeting sorts of sessions just to try to make sure that folks are understanding of the process have any questions that they might have answered and just facilitate getting that Community council.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Kind of established, or at least informing folks on what they'd be voting on and understanding of what the function of a Council might look like.

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Sophie Moiese Room

If it then passed in the election, the Community Council would be created with the county commissioners appointing the initial five members. You'd use the letters of interest that were submitted to you following the resolution of intent to to essentially be the pool of folks that you would consider for appointment, and then we would, in accordance with the existing Community Council bylaws, stagger those terms so that you never had the entirety of that Council.

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Sophie Moiese Room

All up for reelection at one point in time and the bylaws as they're structured now would appoint 1 three-year term 22 year terms and one one year term for that initial council. And then as terms expires or members resigned, you would see those folks as well as any additional members of the community who might want to be on the Council.

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Sophie Moiese Room

But their names on the ballot in in subsequent election cycles to fill those vacancies.

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Sophie Moiese Room

And with that, I'll stand for questions. If I didn't get an answer to something you were thinking about, happy to answer that or or flesh out more of the details.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Guys think.

0:44:26.740 --> 0:44:28.870

Sophie Moiese Room

Again, do we have any public comment on this?

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Sophie Moiese Room

Yes. Yeah. Please. Please, welcome. It's good. Thank you.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Ohh.

0:44:46.360 --> 0:45:5.640

Sophie Moiese Room

Hi, Lisa Davey. I'm a Clinton uh resident and have been working with your office to turn in the petition and working

with locals to figure out how Community council could work for us. And so I'm just here in person today to say please put this on the ballot for us. I would like an opportunity to have everyone vote on it.

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Sophie Moiese Room

I'm season hallway. I'm also a local resident out Intera real estate agent and worked at the school for four years and I'm along with Lisa. I think it's important that we have local residents out there speaking for our local residents. And so if it's formed, that's what I hope to do.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Thank you.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Anybody else like to speak to this?

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Sophie Moiese Room

Oh yeah, we end up online.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Tracy.

0:45:47.780 --> 0:45:49.310

Sophie Moiese Room

I think you may be muted, Tracy.

0:46:4.340 --> 0:46:6.450

Sophie Moiese Room

Well, we can come back to you.

0:46:7.370 --> 0:46:8.80

Sophie Moiese Room

Yes, happening.

0:46:11.140 --> 0:46:15.130

Sophie Moiese Room

Uh, no. Maybe, maybe. Yeah, it's UM.

0:46:16.20 --> 0:46:21.470

Sophie Moiese Room

If Tracy is unable to mute herself, maybe she could put her comments in the chat. Good idea.

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Sophie Moiese Room

There is no chat but Tracy to unmute you'll you'll just have to hit the the button that looks like a microphone on your screen and that should allow us to hear you.

0:46:36.70 --> 0:46:37.520

Tracie McMillan

OK. Am I unmuted?

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Sophie Moiese Room

There you are. Yeah. Thanks.

0:46:39.220 --> 0:46:39.500

Tracie McMillan

OK.

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Tracie McMillan

Hi, my name's Tracy McMillan. The only thing I'd like to say about this is the whole community was not informed social media does not.

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Tracie McMillan

Let everybody know what's going on.

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Tracie McMillan

And as far as the Clinton Community Center members being notified, we were not.

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Tracie McMillan

We have been very active with the Community Center.

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Tracie McMillan

And none of us were notified.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Please, dear Tracy, this is Dave Stromer. I guess the question is, are you opposed or supportive of having the opportunity to vote on forming a Clinton Community Council?

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Tracie McMillan

I am opposed.

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Sophie Moiese Room

So you do not want to.

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Sophie Moiese Room

You do not want your fellow neighbors to have the chance to vote on forming a Community council.

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Sophie Moiese Room

OK.

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Tracie McMillan

No, because you're not including everybody in the vote.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Well, if you live in the Clinton area, you will have and a registered voter. You can vote on it in the May election.

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Tracie McMillan

Yes, I am. And no, not everybody in the school district is allowed to vote.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Well.

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Tracie McMillan

Just like he said, one petition was turned down because they're in Granite County, but they're in the school district.

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Sophie Moiese Room

OK, thank you. Only only Missoula County residents get to vote on matters that pertain to Missoula County. Thank you.

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Sophie Moiese Room

One, do you have anything to? No. And it looks like there's a Susan, Susan.

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Susan

Hi, my name's Susan Mace. Umm, I'm also a resident of Clinton. I live in Torah and we've been talking about.

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Susan

Uh, the possibility of forming a Community council for a number of years now with various delays for the pandemic and such. But I do think that.

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Susan

Uh, you know, for people who may not agree with a.

0:48:40.710 --> 0:49:5.360

Susan

Community Council for our area. I would just invite them to vote no when it's on the ballot, but I do think that we should actually put it on the ballot so that all of the people who are registered voters in Missoula County can vote and contribute their opinions that way about whether we have a Community Council I myself am in favor of a Community council.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Thanks Susan.

0:49:8.370 --> 0:49:9.70

Susan

Thanks.

0:49:14.440 --> 0:49:19.670

Sophie Moiese Room

Want to make sure that anybody else who has something to say? Ohh, looks like we have another one now, Mary.

0:49:21.340 --> 0:49:36.930

Mary Milodragovich

Good afternoon. My name is Mary Miller Dragovich and I am also a resident of Clinton and just wanted to voice my support for the vote and my appreciation for the consideration of this measure. I think it goes a long ways towards our community having.

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Mary Milodragovich

A say over how we how we grow because we know we will grow and appreciate the the chance to have this on the ballot and recommend that it be added to the ballot.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Thank you.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Oh, here comes somebody.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Please do say your name. Travis. Uh. My name is Travis Mattier. I'm an independent journalist and I live in Missoula, but I would be I would be in in support of a Clinton Community Council when I was looking into how a 80 year old woman was beat to death in Clinton. The only place I could really go to was a local bar to get local information from local residents about what may be happening. And since I'm really interested in Missoula County Sheriff's Office capacity and handling stuff in this big, big county of ours, it would be great for me as an independent journalist to have another alternative.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Like a City Council Community council kind of set up, because then maybe the residents can have more chances to get information from these big institutions that have, you know, authority over investigating things like murder in their community. Thank you. Thank you.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Anybody else out there would like to speak to this?

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Sophie Moiese Room

You guys have any comments, anything you'd like to say?

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Sophie Moiese Room

As I I think it's I I'm in support of this and I know that I I feel like for a number of years we haven't been able to

have good representation or dialogue from the Clinton Tura area. So I'm excited that there was interest shown in the in the letters of the the 11 or 12 letters and so.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Ohm.

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Sophie Moiese Room

I'd like to give it a go. Yeah, I'm delighted to give the residents of the Clinton Terraria the opportunity in a democratic fashion to vote on whether or not they want to form a Community council. And so for folks who don't know, community councils are advisory bodies to the board of County Commissioners, and it really provides the beat on the ground out in the community as far as.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Knowing the hopes and goals and desires of individual communities, so I'm delighted to see a critical mass of folks step up and be willing to participate, and I look forward to supporting this and I'll make the motion that we adopt the resolution great. I got to throw my little comment. Go ahead. I just want to reiterate this. So this isn't us saying we have a dog in the fight that we demand there be such community counselor, not what we're doing is leaving it up to the good folks of Clinton to make that decision.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Which feels really good. It's U to you all who live in Clinton. If this is something you want, vote for it. If this is something you don't want, don't vote for it. If we were acting only in our own interests, we wouldn't have yet another Community Council because it takes a lot of work, even though the benefit is fantastic, that we get to hear what's going on on the ground. So.

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Sophie Moiese Room

With that, I hope that it happens. So I second day's motion. All right. All in favor? Aye, aye, aye.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Thanks and thanks chat and crew for doing all the work to get that bring us this far.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Vote in May go vote.

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Sophie Moiese Room

OK. The next hearings on the Billington family transfer and Lauren Ryan will present.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Thank you, commissioners. For the record, Lauren Ryan with the.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Planning office the request in front of you today is for the Billington family transfer. The request comes from Lester and Alita Billington, who's represented by Toby DuMont with PCI.

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Sophie Moiese Room

The request is to utilize utilize the family transfer exemption to create and transfer 1 parcel to their son.

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Sophie Moiese Room

In addition, it will also be to expunge a boundary created by a deed through an aggregation.

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Sophie Moiese Room

The properties located in the Y off of El Toro Lane just east of Hwy 93.

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Sophie Moiese Room

The tract is approximately 5 acres in size and is zoned rural residential.

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Sophie Moiese Room

And agriculture. It also falls within the 2019 Mozilla area land use element, which designates the property as rural, residential and agriculture, which trends recommends a density of 1 unit per 10 acres and one unit per two acres. And the proposal today meets both the zoning requirements and the land use density recommendation.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Here's a closer view. At the property, there's one existing single family residence on the property, along with an outbuilding.

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Sophie Moiese Room

The existing tractive record is a little over 5 acres lot 4A1, which was created through an occasional sale back in 1979.

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Sophie Moiese Room

So the request today would create one additional parcel and would be transferred to their son Jake Billington and then also aggregate a boundary line created by a deed.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Here's the proposal. So lot BA little over 3 acres would remain an ownership by the applicant and a lot a right at 2 acres would be transferred to their son.

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Sophie Moiese Room

And this is the old boundary created by that deed that would be expunged by the aggregation request.

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Sophie Moiese Room

So with the request, the staff reviewed the rebuttable presumptions and general evasion criteria in the Subdivision regulations and are found in the staff analysis. There was one of the criteria that was triggered, which was if the proposed division is on a tract that was previously created through use of a family transfer exemption, mortgage security exemption or occasional sale exemption, or has received preliminary plat approval. And as mentioned that that track was really originally created through an occasional sale in 1979.

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Sophie Moiese Room

The proposal is sent to the agencies for comment and we did not receive any comments of concern from the various agencies, so staff is recommending approval of the family transfer and also of the aggregation exemption and so with that, I will ask that the applicant come forward to answer questions related to the family transfer.

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Sophie Moiese Room

And if I could just have you state your name for the record.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Umm, so first did you buy the property with the intent of dividing it? No, we did not. My name is Aleta Billington. Ohh OK great. Thank you. Sorry.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Do you or your transferees intend to transfer the property within the next year?

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Sophie Moiese Room

No. Have you talked to anyone at the county about going through subdivision review?

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Sophie Moiese Room

No, huh. And will the property be developed?

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Sophie Moiese Room

Just a single family residence for him. Great and well, the recipient of the property be residing on the property.

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Sophie Moiese Room

My name's Jake Billington and yeah, so we'll be residing there.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Great. Thank you.

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Sophie Moiese Room

And so with that, that concludes my staff report and happy to answer any questions.

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Sophie Moiese Room

As I have any questions.

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Sophie Moiese Room

I do not. This is remarkably straightforward, straightforward. They refreshingly straightforward. I can't say I was responsible for that, but nice job billing tips.

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Sophie Moiese Room

I'd move to approve the application by Lester and Eliza Billington. Public comment. Sorry. Thank you. Jumping the gun. Yeah, thank you. Crack that.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Anybody like to speak to this? Any public comment on the Billington family transfer?

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Sophie Moiese Room

All right. I guess we can have a motion.

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Sophie Moiese Room

OK, I will. I will move to approve the application by Lester and lead a Billington to utilize the aggregation exemption and to aggregate and expunge ALOT and to utilize a family transfer exemption to create a transfer 1 parcel to immediate family member. Exactly right. All in favor. Aye aye.

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Sophie Moiese Room

I.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Thank you.

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Sophie Moiese Room

All done. Thank you.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Alright. Thanks. So our last hearing for the day is on establishing Missoula counties Housing Innovation Fund and we have our very own Carrick.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Take your time. We're at. We're going at record pace really quickly. Commissioner Slotnick, just because it was noticed on the agenda. I just wanted it in the record that the Hollinger family transfer is is postponed. Thank you.

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Sophie Moiese Room

I'll, I'll let Lauren speak to that really quick. I apologize. I also jumped up quickly and didn't address the the next one. So yeah, we are working with the applicant to set a later date. I would imagine one of the March public hearings will be when that will be coming back to you. Thanks. Thanks.

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Sophie Moiese Room

I'm just realizing now that there is an R in Garry's last name.

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Sophie Moiese Room

That sounds so much like Matt Hymel. I've been calling you Garrett Hammel for over a year.

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Sophie Moiese Room

I yeah.

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Sophie Moiese Room

I'm not wearing my glasses and it's much larger on the screen now.

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Sophie Moiese Room

It's OK, I will enter to Garrick Hammel. I will answer to pretty much anything except for Gary. So you're. You're totally safe with me, so.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Good afternoon.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Sorry me, sorry.

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Sophie Moiese Room

My name is Garrett Carmel and I am Missoula County's housing specialist. I'm here to give some context and an overview of the Housing Innovation Fund, which is on your agenda for consideration today.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Housing affordability is an issue affecting our entire community, as housing is no longer affordable to many Missoula County residents.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Missoula County's housing needs are multifaceted and require multiple strategies to address.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Breaking Ground Missoula County's housing action plan contains recommendations and strategies for addressing these needs.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Establishing the Housing Innovation Fund is the first action item from that plan.

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Sophie Moiese Room

\$750,000 in funding coming from the sale of lots in the Missoula Development Park.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Would cede this fund.

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Sophie Moiese Room

The Housing Innovation Fund or like to say the HIF.

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Sophie Moiese Room

We'll be nimble and flexible to address evolving community needs. It will increase opportunities along the housing spectrum by creating innovative programs. It will leverage additional funding to support created programs.

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Sophie Moiese Room

And it will focus on a range of housing priorities for a house come households at or below 200% of area median income, which is approximately \$160,400 for a family of four.

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Sophie Moiese Room

So if you think of housing as a spectrum, this is a visual image that shows area median income. So I'm going to take just a few seconds to go over this because there's a lot of kind of going on here.

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Sophie Moiese Room

If you look to the left, you can see. So this is a range of incomes. If you look to the left, those are all of the incomes that are eligible for federal funds. If you move up the spectrum, you're seeing items that are addressed or incomes that are addressed by local housing policy. And at the end of the spectrum, you're seeing where along the spectrum is provided by current market conditions.

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Sophie Moiese Room

And so this is an is a great framework for us to evaluate and go back to, to think about how we're making decisions or how we're thinking about programs.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Umm, because Missoula County needs housing at every portion of the spectrum, the Housing Innovation Fund is intended to be flexible and encompass programs for a broad range of incomes along this spectrum. And just for example, to be able to afford a home that is the median sale price, a family of four with down payment assistance, we need to make 170% of area median income. That's roughly \$140,000.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Given the unusual market dynamics, flexibility will be important as market and housing conditions change for the creation of future programs.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Speaking of future programs, there are priorities that could be developed in the future. Programs under the Housing Innovation Fund.

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Sophie Moiese Room

The public and Commissioners will have a chance to weigh in on these priorities in future programs, including land acquisition, down payment assistance programs, preservation of existing affordable housing infrastructure, support and support for new development.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Thank you for your consideration of this resolution and I'm happy to answer any questions.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Thanks a lot, Derrick.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Before we.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Ask questions with anybody like to speak to this.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Please do, Sir.

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Sophie Moiese Room

In there. Hi, my name's David Olson.

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Sophie Moiese Room

I have some concerns about this initiative for the housing program, not because I'm opposed to giving local residents within the county a hand up. I just want to make sure it's not a handout.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Right. So if you go back to your slides to the, to the spectrum you were talking about there?

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Sophie Moiese Room

Sorry. Give me a second. Yeah, no worries. So one of the concerns that I have and as it comes up is the lower spectrum. So I'm assuming that all these figures are based on a family of four.

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Sophie Moiese Room

So a family of four who's making? So are we talking about?

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Sophie Moiese Room

Housing acquisition and we talking about rent.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Talking about both talking about both.

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Sophie Moiese Room

So I would understand that the.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Umm.

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Sophie Moiese Room

The the rental piece to that what I have discovered though, and I read it a few days ago, that 80% of Americans making over \$100,000 are living paycheck to paycheck. So they are living beyond their means. And my concern is that it's going to be pat taxpayer dollars going into this housing program and it's just going to put somebody in a home that they don't that they might want, but they don't necessarily need.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Right. So the idea is to not set up people who are already, you know, hard position and set them up for failure. So on the lower spectrum, a family of four making \$24,500, they don't need a house. They need job skills, right? So they can improve their careers so that they can better themselves and maybe get up in a higher bracket. Someone on that end, I would say, is more of a rent rental issue than a than buying a home.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Umm.

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Sophie Moiese Room

I also have concerns with because I know the city has its own programs for housing. Is this primarily gonna be focused outside of city limits, or are we talking within the city limits countywide? Or how is this going to work?

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Sophie Moiese Room

As far as that goes, I mean, are we going to limit this to a county only program or is it going to include the city of Missoula? My understanding is primarily outside of city limits. That's without drawing a hard line because there may be an issue where that doesn't apply. We want to be.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Reasonable to look at reality and the context on the ground, right, boy, acknowledging as you are. Apply. Pointing out, Sir, that the city has a program. There isn't something outside of city limits. So that's primarily our focus. OK, so those are those are my main concerns and this is just been over the past couple days. I saw that this was coming up on the agenda.

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Sophie Moiese Room

So.

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Sophie Moiese Room

You know, ensuring that you know your lower income, a family of four make. Well, I alone make \$24,500 all by myself, not including anybody else.

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Sophie Moiese Room

You know, at least that much and it in my career time to get into a house that I wanted.

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Sophie Moiese Room

As opposed to a house that I needed, it took me till I was 30.

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Sophie Moiese Room

You know.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Having I agree that there needs to be a multi a spectrum of houses that are created that that ran run the gamut of you know, a house that's \$130,000 all the way up to 1/4 of a million or or higher. I think that is needed within the Community. But I think if you have somebody who is on the lower end of the spectrum, there needs to be more put to it. You know, here's here's a rental home and here's some assistance in in gaining more job skills.

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Sophie Moiese Room

You know, bringing in higher pay so that they can move into the home that they want.

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Sophie Moiese Room

As opposed to the home that they need.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Umm.

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Sophie Moiese Room

And like I just want to rewrite that I.

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Sophie Moiese Room

I don't understand where the touch points are, where the community where the taxpayers as to the programs that that would be coming up to this to to fund something like this.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Umm, I just wanna make sure that it is a hand up and not a handout.

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Sophie Moiese Room

I'm so.

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Sophie Moiese Room

I think that establishing a fund at this point.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Is putting the cart before the horse.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Umm, I think that there needs to be some discussions about programs that would be coming.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Along with the fund and then that would be something that.

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Sophie Moiese Room

The community and the Commissioners would vote on that time, so I would be against this at this point. I'd like to see more development of programs first.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Great. Thanks for your comments.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Anybody else like to speak to this?

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Sophie Moiese Room

Hi Travis Merican, a resident of Missoula. I'm just two suggestions. Umm I think if it the past few months with the crisis mill levies any indicator, there's a lot of public skepticism about how local resources are used. And so anything that can be done to show that recipients of funds might be vetted for the use of other programs, even other financial programs in the past so that funds can be targeted to where they might do the best and then anything that can be done to look and put pressure on policies that add to a revolving door. So I worked with Paula Center for seven years. I've seen the revolving door, I've seen the Housing Authority policies.

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Sophie Moiese Room

That disallow guests or visitors to stay at a housing unit for longer than maybe, you know, certain amount of time. There are realities on the ground on how this the support plays out that will oftentimes if people aren't ready for housing, we'll put them back on the streets and that gets more costly the more you're just running people through these programs without doing more front end vetting in terms of who's going to most benefit from the program so that the public has more confidence and trust that service providers are using limited resources, the best way they can.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Thank you. Thanks.

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Sophie Moiese Room

To two other people type into word. You're while. You're welcome to. We got plenty of time.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Cheswick Reserve Missoula resident, I'm just curious if we're going to get any idea on the needs assessment. So how much of this 750,000 do we anticipate going to that 200% income potentially against that \$25,000 side of the spectrum, really like the whole spectrum there because we do need upward mobility to create more space at the bottom for people to move into. But I do see personally quite a bit more need on that left side. So I'm curious if we have any sort of idea on how that 750,000 is going to be spent across that spectrum and that's that's the only question I have.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Thanks.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Can I just go forward? So at at this point what we're doing is creating this fund?

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Sophie Moiese Room

Next step is creating some programs and they will have plenty of conversation about those programs too. So right now this is a space to put this money and say we're gonna spend this money on housing. The specific programs have not yet been identified, and in Garrick Spectrum, if you look over for me, it's on the left on the eligible for federal funds.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Keywords are federal funds, right? So we're gonna be spending our money much more here and addressed by local policy. That's us. And funds opposed to the high end there provided by current market. That's not to say we're not gonna bleed into the current market or bleed into the eligible for federal. But our focus is on that missing middle, not on the very bottom and not on the very top. And we have not yet designed the programs, but to do really appreciate your input.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Do you want to also say something about? Sorry, uh, where the money is coming from? Yes. Thank you very much and mentioned taxpayers. This is not from money people paid in property taxes this year or last year. This is coming

from sales of land out at the development park and I don't know when we bought that, but it was not in this century.
If I understand it right and.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Because time going by, we were able to generate money from that more money than I think was imagined at the outset, though I would have to look that up.

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Sophie Moiese Room

So we're putting this money aside to work on housing. That doesn't mean that all this money will be spent. It means we're starting with this. Some of this money can be used in a revolving loan fund. Some of it could be leveraged to get further investment from the private sector. We have not yet determined that, but we are keenly aware of its finiteness and that it's really small given the needs and housing. So we are going to be very careful with how we spend it looking very much at a return on investment. What's the biggest bang for the buck we can get with this money because it's not coming back.

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Sophie Moiese Room

So and details forthcoming over the next few months.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Please do. Yeah, just a tad bit more commentary and maybe this goes to your point, Mr Olson. Also hope it's not lost on us the importance of.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Having a clear idea of programming wise what these dollars will go towards, so I I totally understand the concern that are we just getting is the tail wagging the dog or is the car getting ahead of the the horse or whatever stock animal we're talking here?

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Sophie Moiese Room

And I would say no, we don't have all of the details programmatically figured out, but what I can say is that the first step in this whole process was a housing plan for Missoula County, which until a couple of years ago, we did not have. So if folks are here in the room or online, please do check out breaking ground. Missoula Counties housing plan, which outlines the whole array of options.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Programmatic and otherwise, that a fun like this could be put towards. So this really is a step that was called for in that plan. We're taking that step and we will have more to share in the weeks and months and years to come.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Thanks. Have a Allison.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Online.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Our communications director.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Ohh, you're muted Allison.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Yeah, we can't hear you in here, Allison.

1:15:11.810 --> 1:15:13.30

Sophie Moiese Room

Thanks, Brandy.

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Brandi Atanasoff

Yeah. Can you go over? I don't know if I'm. I'm sorry. I'm picking my child up from school. I listen to the whole thing. Can you pick? Can you go over? How you're going to replenish the funds in that account? Because it looked like there was some talk about sale of Community property and and you did a cover that you were gonna get some federal funds. But in the future, how will this what will be built at within our community to replenish the funds of this program?

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Sophie Moiese Room

Well, Brandy, we don't have any specific plans to sell any property to replenish this funds. We're looking at this as a start. So that means some of this could be a revolving loan fund where we put money out and we expect it back. Some of it we can use to leverage private investment. Some of it may be grants or some we could replenish this from sources we don't know about yet. We are just creating this space to put this money and creating an intent to formalizing an intent that we're going to work on housing with this chunk of money.

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Sophie Moiese Room

And like I was just saying, we're keenly aware that it's finite and we will do our darndest to get the biggest return on investment.

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Sophie Moiese Room

More details to come to.

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Brandi Atanasoff

Thank you. Thank you.

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Sophie Moiese Room

You got. Thank you, Kevin.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Having him. There you go, OK.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Kevin may be muted.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Kevin, to unmute, you'll just have to hit the microphone button on your screen and then we should be able to hear you.

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Kevin D. (Guest)

OK. Am I there?

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Sophie Moiese Room

OK. Yes.

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Kevin D. (Guest)

Thank you. Thanks for having me and allowing public comment. Kevin Davis, a longtime Missoulian host of a weekly reserve St Public Working Group meeting where two of the three commissioners met with us this week. So thank you for that.

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Kevin D. (Guest)

We touched on on this week's meeting about this housing fund. It was new to me, new to a lot of the public, and I agree with the public comment so far, especially the first commenter. I think it was Mr Olson that said hold off on this, please. I I think we need to hold off until we actually see where this funding would go, how it would be used, what partners would be utilized. We often talk at our meetings, how does this Community measure success?

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Kevin D. (Guest)

And how it's something like this be used? This is a large sum of taxpayer funds and a lot of us have questions about the track record so far with how public funds are being used for housing and homelessness. So I would just

encourage the Commissioners to postpone this until the public has more engagement opportunities on this topic, understands it better and is more confident with with how old will be utilized. Thank you.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Thanks Kevin.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Buddy. Else, Allison.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Be back.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Houston might have to walk over.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Right.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Anybody else that Mister Olson, the woman behind you would like to speak?

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Sophie Moiese Room

Hello there. My name is Jordan Fields. I'm speaking in favor of the housing innovation plan currently.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Uh, well, previously my family was living in a household that had seven people living in it.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Which is just an impossible living situation.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Thankfully, though, we had the assistance of the Missoula Emergency Rental Assistance Program, which allowed at least some of the family to move out into an apartment where they'll actually be able to gain some amount of social mobility.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Umm, I think that opportunity should be available to as many people as possible. So as long as that gets done, I'm fully in favor of this. Thank you. Thank you.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Mr Olson.

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Sophie Moiese Room

So.

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Sophie Moiese Room

One other thing I I I I appreciate that it's not coming out of property taxes and things like that, and you're looking at, you know, selling some parcels, but it's still.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Taxpayer dollars that's going to this and I I appreciate.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Ohh what no Jordan right?

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Sophie Moiese Room

What Jordan just said, and I completely agree, I think as part of this program though again the lower spectrum income.

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Sophie Moiese Room

You've got 7 people living in a house.

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Sophie Moiese Room

There needs to be coupled some type of a skill training. I don't know what's available in Missoula or within the county for that, but I think it's important to say that we don't just want to give money to people to put them to leave them in the same position that they were in. We want to improve. So any type of of skill training that could be loaded into these programs once this fund is is more, I believe, more vetted by the community.

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Sophie Moiese Room

I think that I I believe that Community would bite off on it more if we say, hey, not only are we gonna put these people in houses and give them more social viability, but we're going to also improve their lives and give them a a trade or skill set or apprenticeship or something along those lines. And I see it over and over in Missoula County where where this is a big thing that's missed. I I don't see any programs and I don't know.

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Sophie Moiese Room

For sure, if there is, you know it seems to be more of when it comes to housing and homelessness, homelessness, it seems to be more of a a handout as opposed to a handout.

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Sophie Moiese Room

That's that's what I see. And I think it's important to incorporate the total picture of of these people's lives who are experiencing us.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Thanks, Mr Olsen. Thank you.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Allison.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Uh, let me know what she wanted to say, which was just that after the hearing today, there will be a page on missoulacountyboys.com about this and the public can provide comments and ideas on what the fund should go to. So I just wanted to say that since she was having audio issues, that's really good. Thanks, pilot. So there will be more opportunities to speak on this too.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Brett, do you have any questions?

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Sophie Moiese Room

You guys have anything else you want to add?

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Sophie Moiese Room

Please.

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Sophie Moiese Room

OK, I will go ahead and move that. We approve the resolution establishing Missoula County's Housing Innovation Fund to address housing needs in Missoula County. And may I speak to the motion briefly. So yeah, thanks for everyone coming out today, providing their input and comment.

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Sophie Moiese Room

One thing I've heard loud and clear is to try to be not try, but actually be fully transparent in how this this fund will be used, how this entire program is deployed in Missoula County, and I think we can, we can rise to the occasion to make sure. And I think generally speaking Missoula County does a pretty good job of trying to.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Connect the dots for folks as far as what our programs mean for Missoula County residents and taxpayers in this case, I would encourage folks to please take a look at our housing plan for Missoula County breaking ground.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Today it has been preceded by a multi year process and and that includes.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Developing a housing plan, the first ever from Missoula County, involves bringing on staff that are dedicated to housing and figuring out how to crack the nut of housing in Missoula County.

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Sophie Moiese Room

And I think this is a foundational step. It provides the financial tools. It's not an inconsequential amount of money, but it really is not a huge amount of money for the needs here in Missoula County, particularly outside of the city limits. And we do not want to be duplicative of what is already happening in the city. We're cognizant of that. Even though Missoula, the city of Missoula is in Missoula County, the needs of folks outside of the city limits are not being addressed by Missoula County.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Or the city of Missoula's Housing fund. Hats off to our very own, Josh Slotnick, Commissioner Slotnick, who has played a huge role behind the scenes in thinking through how this fund might be established and some of the programming that I think will eventually be rolling out here soon enough. So with that, that's my long winded motion and a few comments. Thanks a lot, Dave. I wanna reiterate one thing Dave pointed at, this did not come from thin air. This came out of breaking ground that happened.

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Sophie Moiese Room

More two years ago now. Ohh, first of its kind in Missoula County, a long term housing plan on how we address this very real crisis. One of the pieces that came out of that was hiring a staff person, who Carrick, who made this happen. So we are following a policy that we set up. We also went through a Community needs assessment process that we do annually. And housing was overwhelmingly identified by urban and rural residents as something that had to be dealt with top, top tier of concern. So.

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Sophie Moiese Room

There's a lot of background behind this and a lot more to do.

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Sophie Moiese Room

I will second day's motion, but I also really appreciate what Travis and Dave and Kevin.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Your your comments and concerns and and I think.

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Sophie Moiese Room

This is part of this process is to sharpen these tools and to explore what is going to work with this amount of money. And then and yeah, this is proof of concept. This is our opportunity to give it a shot and I and I know that Community is going to hold us accountable. So and we appreciate that. Please do remain engaged.

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Sophie Moiese Room

So we have a motion. We have a second. All in favor? Aye. Thanks. Everybody tried to get started. Thank you.

Thank you, Greg.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Thanks.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Do we have any other business?

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Sophie Moiese Room
That I believe we're done. Thanks.