

Missoula Board of County Commissioners

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ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners Present:

Chair Strohmaier
Commissioner Slotnick
Commissioner Vero

Staff Present:

Violet Plummer, Administrative Assistant, Commissioners' Office
Shirley Faust, Missoula County Clerk of Court
Anne Hughes, Missoula County Chief Operating Officer
Anna Conley, Chief Deputy Civil Attorney, Attorney's Office
Shyra Scott, Recording Director, Clerk and Recorder's Office
Andrew Czorny, Missoula County Chief Financial Officer
Chris Lounsbury, Missoula County Chief Administrative Officer
D'Shane Barnett, Director, Health Department
Rob Taylor, Captain, Sheriff's Office
Tyler Gernant, Missoula County Clerk and Recorder/Treasurer
Jessie Buresh, Justice Court Administrator, Justice Court
Amanda Henthorne, Budget Analyst, Finance
Mel Fisher, Strategic Initiatives Manager, Communications and Projects
Kyla Lehnerz, Administrative Assistant, Commissioners' Office
Chet Crowser, Director, Community and Planning Services
Kim Myre, Seeley Lake Projects & Operations Coordinator, Public Works
Kayla Talbert, Grants Administrator, Grants
Laure Stevens, Senior Audit Technician, Auditor's Office
Jerry Marks, Department Head, Weed Extension
Shane Stack, Director, Public Works
Sarah Bell, Communications Coordinator, Communications
Jason Hauser, Director, Facilities and Grounds
Karen Harrison, Director, Human Resources

Jamar Galbreath, Equity Coordinator, Commissioners' Office
Lucy Clouse, Office Administrator, Attorney's Office
Shantelle Gaynor, Director, Community Justice Department
Michelle Denman, Deputy Financial Services Director, Finance
Nancy Rittel, Grants Administrator, Grants
Juniper Davis, Parks, Trails & Open Lands Program Manager, Community and Planning Services
Dave Wall, Missoula County Auditor
Emmie Bristow, Community Engagement Coordinator, Communications
Jason Emery, Missoula County Chief Information Officer
Debb Clark, Finance Manager, Public Works
Gary Elliot, Accountant, Sheriff's Department

1. **CALL TO ORDER** *[Time stamp – 00:00]*
2. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT** *[Time stamp – 00:18]*
Missoula County acknowledges that this event takes place in the aboriginal territories of the Salish and Kalispel people.
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** *[Time stamp – 00:30]*
4. **PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS** *[Time stamp – 00:57]*
5. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA** *[Time stamp – 01:59]*
[None]
6. **HEARINGS**
 - a. **Preliminary FY22 Budget Hearing** *[Time stamp – 02:10]*
Andrew Czorny, Missoula County Chief Financial Officer

[Final hearing at August 26, 2021 Public Meeting]
7. **OTHER BUSINESS** *[Time stamp – 37:47]*
[None]
8. **ADJOURN**
Chair Strohmaier – Called the meeting to adjourn at 2:38 p.m.

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[00:00:01] Welcome everyone to today's Wednesday, August 11th special meeting of the Missoula Board of County Commissioners, our one and only item on the agenda today is taking public comment on the fiscal year 2022 preliminary budget. But to begin with, we, as in all of these meetings, begin with a land acknowledgement recognizing that Missoula County and this event takes place in the Aboriginal territories of the Salish and Kalispell people. Will you please rise and join me in the Pledge of Allegiance? I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands one nation under God, indivisible with

[00:00:45] Liberty and justice for all

[00:00:48] And.

[00:00:55] Are there any public announcements that we need to make today before we roll into the main agenda? Well, I will just make an announcement if folks either online or here in this Sophie Moez room in the Missoula County courthouse have not yet done so. Get yourself out to the western Montana fair. We were out there this morning for a dedication ceremony of tribal nation flags, and the restored and rejuvenated fairgrounds. Looks fabulous, so please take advantage of it. It is your facility and it is free. You do not have to pay a dime to get in. Which means you will have more dimes in your pocket to purchase some of the delicious food out there.

[00:01:39] Wonderful lunch out there today. Vote all nations Indian tacos.

[00:01:45] It will stick to your ribs. Yes. Well, Commissioner Slotnick opted for the Greek hero. Those are good too. Ok. Any other public announcements? All right. Very good. Is there any public comment on items not on today's agenda? All right. So as I mentioned, we have one public hearing today, this is the public hearing which I will open on the preliminary FY 22 budget for Missoula County. Just a reminder to folks if after the staff presentation and after commissioner questions and comments when we have time for public comment either in person here in the SoFi Moez room or online. Please be succinct. Tell us who you are, your name for the record, and make your statements in three minutes or less. Optimally, if you're on line, I will indicate when it is your time to comment. Please raise your hand if you're joining us. Be a Microsoft Teams. Raise your hand electronically and we will call you in the order in which you raise your hand if you're on the phone. Please unmute yourself, star six and jump in at the appropriate time and we'll recognize you. So with that, we'll begin with a staff report from Missoula County CFO Andrew Cherny. Thank you, Commissioner.

[00:03:13] Talking about the hearing agenda today, we're going to start with a budget presentation, talk about the overall budget. The budget requests, the tax impacts will go to public comment and then meetings. We'll talk about those. You can email NBCC or to make your comments online or you. And you can go to the website to pick up all the information, all the budget requests and schedules there. We have a public meeting on August 26th. We will continue the public hearing too, and then we'll finish the the budget adopted on September 9th. This year's budget, and we have one hundred and seventy one million dollars in total revenues, \$59 million of that is property taxes. Ninety two million is other revenues. Total mature came up slightly this year, four point thirty five million and transfers in fifteen point two. Terms of other revenues, those consist of federal, state and city payments, grants, reimbursements, contractual agreements and the license and permits category dog licenses from animal control, building, electrical, plumbing and plumbing permits for charges for services. That includes document recording with the Clerk and Recorder Subdivision, review for community and planning services and medical services at the Missoula County Health Department and the Partnership Health Center. Total revenues this year, one hundred and

seventy \$4 million. That oh, I'm sorry, total expenditures, there's 62 million in operations, six point five million capital debt service, eight million transfers, out 14 million and always the largest piece of the pie personnel at eighty two million five hundred and forty three thousand sixty dollars. Personnel, of course, includes wages and benefits. Operations includes well, this year included quite an increase in cleaning of buildings, maintaining our facilities, purchasing asphalt computer and software was a big chunk this year and the capital outlay category. We're repairing our buildings and grounds. We're acquiring dump trucks and graders and election tabulators. Doing a comparison from last year to this year in the revenue category and the other revenue on twenty twenty one, we had eighty three point three in twenty twenty two. We came up to ninety two point one. Debt proceeds last year we had the fairgrounds, I believe special district thirteen point two million.

[00:06:22] Andrew, do you pull the microphone up just a little bit? Thank you.

[00:06:27] Did that, Andrew? How did we end up with zero in twenty twenty two?

[00:06:31] We have national debt in this year. Settlement shares I mentioned were about about \$200000, property taxes, you know, five total 171 versus 170 expenditures personnel foreign with the largest driver 82 million versus seventy four million operations 62 versus fifty six capital outlay. We're down a little bit this year, six point five to 12 and debt service. We've decreased a little bit because of the increase in our mail value. I go to. I am not included in the preliminary budget. Are the COVID 19 expenses, and they were dramatic over this last year. We've battled the virus to the tune of fourteen point one eighty four million dollars for testing vaccination, contact tracing, temporary employees. Another COVID mitigation measures reimbursements as part of the state and federal programs mitigated in need for local tax dollars, and that's expected income to continue. But we also expect the well. It's generally expected that the pandemic will continue and perhaps increases the winter months. Come on. So we're putting our some of that money aside for that. The ARPA program federal COVID recovery program is not included. Expenditures were being covered by revenues received. We'll have a separate meeting and presentation on the ARPA spending plans. We'll be using cash savings from prior years, we plan to use two point seven million in cash savings from prior years for one time items.

[00:08:27] The difference is the difference between the one hundred and seventy three point eight million expenditures in the one hundred and seventy one seventy one. Get my little. When you hear about personal costs, eighty five percent of the. I want to talk a little bit about the base budget increases. Eighty five percent. Missoula County employees are covered by collective bargaining units, negotiated contract increases, impact wage rates. Three percent increase to health insurance costs for our eight hundred and fifty three full time equivalent employees. And we finally reached a goal of paying a minimum starting wage of \$15 per hour for all permanent employees. Quite an accomplishment for the county. Wage increases to stay competitive with area employers. Retain current employees and assist recruitment efforts across all departments. Operations, contractual agreements with service providers at increased rates, increase the cost of goods, building construction materials and equipment as anybody in Missoula County knows right now. Capital projects, care and upkeep of the building and resources, buildings, parks, roads, building, roads and bridges. The. Completion of the new Election Center, safety improvements, installation of a security desk in the courthouse rotunda for some of the bigger items. Pause for some comments or questions.

[00:10:10] I don't have any questions at this time. And I think maybe we'll just say the public comment for the once you wrap up the presentation.

[00:10:19] Yeah, I'm glad we've been through this a bunch so ready for the public whenever it's their turn.

[00:10:23] Ok, OK. Go ahead, Andrew. Thank you.

[00:10:28] Would request the department submitted over budget requests for additional personnel, operations and capital funding this year, it was an all time record. Commissioners have already declined to fund two point six million new spending. Remaining requests under consideration include one point eight million in one time requests paid for with cash or prior year savings, and five hundred and forty five thousand eight hundred thirty nine dollars in requests that require new property tax dollars and three point seven million in requests that are funded with grants, fees or other revenues. The budget request values that the commission has established in consultation with staff and the general public, public infrastructure, public safety, responsible growth and development, election integrity, customer service, sustainability and climate action, just as services and reform, housing and homelessness, justice,

equity, diversity and inclusion. Efficient, effective government. Public engagement and transparency. Community development and recreation. Employment, recruitment, development and retention. And stewardship. Stewardship of public facilities. This is not an all inclusive list of the requested items, but it is a list that relates to each one of the prior. Item infrastructure, the we have road projects for public works of cost of one hundred and thirteen thousand two hundred and twelve dollars funding source is going to be property taxes. Big Sky Rail Authority economic analysis.

[00:12:29] It's coming out of financial advice twenty four thousand. It's being funded by cash savings from previous years. The Public Safety Arena, courthouse security enhancement facilities management, it's \$50000. We're doing some remodeling and in within the courthouse itself, an information desk there as well. We have radio tower infrastructure, consulting and design. That's only \$30000. We have different types of equipment at different towers. We're trying to get similar equipment at those towers, so they function more effectively. We have a much bigger increase coming in the future with new towers at \$15 million. Responsible growth and development in order to help the cops department with their zoning planning update, added a Planner two at a cost of fifty eight thousand five OH three funding sources, one thousand nine hundred and sixty five dollars from cost savings for previous years and fifty six thousand five thirty eight from property taxes. The one one thousand nine hundred sixty five are the computer and ancillary equipment needed for that position. Zoning update and community outreach department is community and planning services cost. \$20000 is also cash savings for previous years. In the category of election integrity. We've contracted for overnight on site election security personnel to ensure the integrity of the elections and protect all those their costs twenty five thousand.

[00:14:27] Lecture in education videos is an election videos that we're planning to make show the public how to effectively cast their ballots and how to most easily accomplish that goal. Reporting hard work. We have some reporting hardware and. Is it the tabulation machines, five thousand seven hundred and twenty two dollars funding source helped vote against? I help America vote. Act Grant funds a funding source there. Sure. Category customer service title by mail software, which should. Help the Treasury Department speed through that much quicker than to have been ninety six hundred dollars well spent. Source property taxes. We have a telephone system upgrade technology. We've just been overwhelmed with the increase in personnel and phone calls coming in for the COVID issues, among other things. So this was a well needed piece of system of equipment hired 33000 one seventy eight cash savings from previous years. A funding source? To support our sustainability and climate action goals, we're continuing with our 100 percent clean electric electricity initiative. Combining resources with the city of Missoula on this project cost to \$60000, the source property taxes. With the Climate Action and Resiliency Capacity Plan, Community Planning Services Department thirty five thousand and the cash is savings for previous years. You calibrate coordinator position. This is a

[00:16:29] Prosecutorial detail diversion program.

[00:16:32] Thank you. Prosecutor from the county attorney's office and nationally recognized, as I recall. And we have an attorney of promotion, ten thousand five hundred and eighteen dollars property taxes as a property source funding source, I'm sorry. Changes to the attorney on call structure cost Rs twenty one thousand ninety dollars three hundred dollars from cash savings and twenty thousand for property taxes. Just the services and reform. There we go. All right. Housing and homelessness, a big issue for the commission and the community at large. Temporary safe outdoor space security with the funding saw the funding department was financial admin cost was one hundred and eighty six thousand dollars. The funding source is RPA Emergency Water Shelter and additional funding. It's also coming from financial admin admin. The cost is \$50000, and thankfully we have ARPA once again funding it. Their goal of justice, equity, diversity and inclusion with our community, public administrator Jedi fell on the department's commissioner's office costs six thousand four hundred and forty five dollars and it's being funded by cash from previous years. The Jedi, in turn, it's also in the commissioner's office, similar cost and also being funded from cash from previous years. The category of effective, efficient government, we are hiring a full time audit technician. He was working three quarter time. I believe this is just another quarter time funding source. Property taxes, Missoula County resident and employee surveys so that we get a better handle on what's going on there. The other commissioner's office costs 20000 property taxes, funding source, courtroom, workstation upgrades, Department of District Court Clerk or District Court. I'm sorry, thirteen thousand four hundred and forty dollars Funding Source thirteen thousand Cash savings three hundred and seventy five from property taxes.

[00:19:10] The category of public engagement and transparency, we have public information, request management software for the communications department there, communicate with the taxpayers and the public is at a whole as whole cash savings from previous years and community engagement platforms again, communications fifteen thousand nine hundred dollars and it's also cash from previous years. Community development and recreation, we're. Doing some work in the North Riverside Parks and Trails Plan Department is financial admin cost fifty thousand dollars and funding source cash savings from previous years. And then the historic lawn. Ranch Maintenance and National Register of the Historic Places nomination, Department Park Trails Open Lands cost fifteen thousand dollars and come from property taxes. Area of employee recruitment, development and retention or get a technology apprentice or Jason's got any innovative technology program. He's working with Missoula College on that and the cost is 26000. And the source's property taxes. Leadership Montana Tuition and travel auditor's office. That's eight thousand five, forty four cash from previous years. And then stewardship of public facilities, we've got some serious boiler problems out detention center, I think we've got three. We need to replace the cost of four hundred and seventy five thousand dollars. We're using cash for previous years and inner cap alone financing and the courthouse seawall restoration and all. You see the short concrete wall that surrounds the brass. It's in need of restoration and we're going to be attacking that this year at a cost of \$80000. We're using cash from previous years. Sure, that's true. More information about all the budget request is available online at Missoula dot com forward slash budgets.

[00:21:42] All right, any questions from the Commission on Budget requests?

[00:21:48] I just came with a comment.

[00:21:50] Yeah, got our questions or comments.

[00:21:53] This is just for folks who are here and you may have caught all this. I'm only been at this a couple of years. So some of this is new to me to just pass it on. If it's not new to you that you may have seen in what Andrew laid out two really distinct pieces to this budget. First half is the base budget. That means all the things we did last year that we're pretty much absolutely have to continue. And then the requests or the new stuff we put on top and the big change here from previous years is that the base of the cost of the base budget went up a lot. It's costing a whole lot more next year to do exactly the same thing we did last year. And there's a bunch of reasons behind that, but the biggest one I see is that the cost of everything has gone up. Andrew laid out a bunch of other ones around collective bargaining and our commitment to \$15 an hour wage, and there were a handful of other things in there. But the inflationary piece is a really big one. So just to keep in mind, there's two pieces to this one. When you want to make comments that first one were the biggest increase is around the base budget. That's basically doing the same thing we did last year. And then the second piece are request. That's all the new stuff. So I just want to lay that out clearly.

[00:23:00] Yeah, that's super important, Josh. And I think you said it well. The base budget increases over last year dwarf the new requests that we're contemplating that Andrew just laid out here. Other questions comments ready to hear from public. We're not quite there yet, but we're getting there. So under what everyone loves tax impacts. So could I forget? Sorry. So, yeah, talk to us about this, Andrew.

[00:23:32] All right. I wanted to start out by talking a little bit about the Department of Revenue in a reappraisal process. We're we're on a two year cycle and this is the second of the two year cycles we're going through now. The Montana Department of Revenue completes a uniform valuation of similar properties throughout the state. They do 100 percent of the residential commercial, industrial land, industrial land and improvements every two years. Also on two year cycle is one hundred percent of the productivity value of all agricultural lands. And then the poorest land is the do 100 percent of productivity value of that every six years. The first year of the Montana Department of Revenue to your reappraisal process was twenty twenty and twenty twenty. The taxable values in Missoula County increased by approximate. Average of 12 percent for the current reappraisal year, 20 20 to the taxable values increase an approximate average of 15 percent. The reappraisal value and the sales price of your home will not match the department conducts a mass appraisal every valuation cycle mass appraisal is the process of evaluating group properties as of a given date, using common data, standardized methods and statistical testing. The sales price of your home is what a willing buyer and willing seller would exchange dollars for dwelling in the current market, so there's quite a bit of difference in those two numbers. The D.R. sends out a reappraisal notice in June of reappraisal year if you feel the assessed value of your home is inaccurate. You must appeal it by April nine for the twenty twenty one tax year. Filing an appeal means that you're requesting a reappraisal of the property value. You start the process in one of two ways by submitting a request for informal classification and appraisal review form a

twenty six to daughter online or by appealing directly to the local County Tax Appeal Board in the Missoula in Missoula County. You can fill out that application online

[00:26:03] And Andrew, since the August, August 9th deadline has passed. Where does that leave, folks? Would they have to wait till next year's cycle to file and be twenty six?

[00:26:13] Yeah, they will, and they all will only be. They won't be able to protest this year. They'll be able to protest the following years increase, which will be minimal because it's a non reappraisal year.

[00:26:26] Ok, thank you.

[00:26:30] I thought I'd do a little math for you. Show you how to calculate the DDR reappraisal rate for three hundred and fifty thousand house and what three the state legislature sets the tax rate for residential homes at one point thirty five percent. So if you had a three hundred and fifty thousand home and were multiplied it by one point thirty five percent, you'd come up with four thousand seven hundred and twenty five dollars and that is your taxable value. Now, if we use this the same mills we did last year in fiscal year twenty twenty one, and I'm just doing this for comparison purposes, so I see what the increase is.

[00:27:22] Do. You're doing great, I just want to throw this out there when Andrew said same mills, what we're talking about here is the same amount of Mills. A mill is a unit of taxation. So this is how many mills are assessed literally means how much you're going to pay because that mill is multiplied times the the taxable value. So same amount of mills as last year with this new taxable value that's going to equal your tax liability.

[00:27:48] So last year you would have had. The the taxable value times, the number of mills and then what you do is you divide that by a thousand and that equals your you're the county property taxes for last year. Now this year we've increased our or the approximate average increase throughout the county in taxable values has been about 15 percent. So if I increase the taxable value by 15 percent to five thousand four hundred thirty three and keep the Mills mill level at the same two twenty seven divided by a thousand equals one thousand two hundred and thirty four dollars and thirty three cents or. You know, again. We get rid.

[00:28:45] Well. There you go.

[00:28:51] Get rid of that box. So it's one hundred and sixty one dollars increase. If you if you did, this is the invisible. This is the invisible tax, this is what your tax because your your home is going up in value. In terms of the Missoula County preliminary budget tax and impacts the increase in county property taxes, if the budget requests were approved, none of the budget requests were approved. The mill levy would decrease by two point forty seven mills over the previous fiscal year, or negative two dollars and twenty two cents. If all the budget requests were approved by the county will increase by one point one three mills over the previous fiscal year, or five dollars and thirty four cents. And just to make sure I'm not saying anything incorrectly, here's the calculation gets us to the five point thirty four, but then I increased it by the 15 percent just to make sure we're comparing apples to apples. And it turns out to be six dollars and 14 cents.

[00:30:10] Josh, why the division by a thousand?

[00:30:15] That's the millage. It's always been in thousands and started back in Roman times, believe it or not, but it's always the division by a thousand. It's always increased by a thousand.

[00:30:26] So if you didn't catch it, Andrew said that this practice started in Roman times, and I think you were serious when you said, Oh yes, I was. Ok, very good. So why would we not do it that way? It's obvious. Yeah, OK. Carry on.

[00:30:53] That's. So. We have the public comment, email address with the website where you can view all the detail behind the budgets. We have our next preliminary hearing on August 26th and we will be adopting a final budget on September 9th. We'll be taking input from the public between all those dates, so please don't be shy.

[00:31:29] Right? Thank you, Andrew. And just to reiterate what Andrew just said, we will not be making any decisions today. The public comment period will remain open all the way up until September 9th, when we'll be taking action on the FY 22 budget. So without, let's take some public comment if anyone wants to offer comment. Let's begin here in the Sophie Moez room in the Missoula County courthouse. Is there anyone who would like to offer comment on the fiscal year 2022 preliminary budget? Folks, online, if you're if you're wondering there's a bottleneck of people trying to get to the microphone right now, so we'll let that thin out a little bit and is there anyone online joining us via Microsoft Teams are on the phone who would like to comment on the fiscal year 2022 preliminary budget. Ok, well, see, none. Any discussion amongst amongst us, it looks like if folks are able to see here. Yeah, if you can see the screen or if you can't, for those of you online, you can go to our county website. Missoula CEO slash budgets to drill down into specifics related to this year's budget. You can email the Board of County Commissioners at BCC at Missoula County, US

[00:32:58] Josh. Do we have any media on the call? I might want to ask the question is there?

[00:33:02] Are there any members of our esteemed local media on the line today who would like to ask questions? Or Allison, do you have any directions for the media? Jordan, are you on the line and do you have any questions you'd like to ask right now? I have a question. I am on the line, but nothing off the top of my head. I do appreciate your guys's thoroughness on this. Thanks, Jordan. Commissioner Navarro,

[00:33:36] I think I wrote this down incorrectly, but Andrew, so is there about forty five thousand in new requests that would come from

[00:33:49] New property taxes or?

[00:33:52] That's correct. And if you owned a \$350000 house or the doer says your house is worth \$350000, that's about a five dollar increase on your taxes.

[00:34:02] Thirty four times an increase.

[00:34:04] Ok. So as Dave said, dwarfed is the right word for it, and that are the increase in the base budget to do exactly as we did in years past, because the cost of everything is up and collectively bargained and all of the things that go with doing everything we did before that increase is pretty substantial compared to the new stuff. About five bucks

[00:34:27] In my encouragement to the general public is if you have comments on our budget, be as specific as possible. It is completely unhelpful to say you need to tighten your belt, Missoula County government. I ran into someone at the fairgrounds today who had some concerns about what his taxes might be, and I asked What services would you like cut? Perhaps, and I did not get an answer. So it's that was literally that level of specificity that we need in order to make informed decisions.

[00:35:01] And yes, one other thing. Thanks. We basically have one source of revenue that's at our disposal, and that's property taxes, and I this is this is a flaw in the system. I've said this a lot, but I just got to say a one more time. We our population is not one hundred and twelve thousand two hundred and twenty thousand. They live in Missoula County. It's that plus the two million people that visit us, even though they're only here for a few days, they're here for a few days. And when those folks are here, they're using our services, everything from roads to 9-1-1 to helpful interactions with people that are smart and kind and literate, in part because they went to schools we helped fund. And those two million folks do not cover the costs of the services they engage with. We all do. It is as if one hundred and twelve thousand people are covering the services for our population that's much larger, which is a real flaw in the system. We attempted to remedy this, at least with our roads with a gas tax. The Legislature made that go away. So we can't get our guests to help cover the cost of repairing roads. So I just want to acknowledge that that's a built in from the system, that our property taxes will forever be going up faster than we can pay them until we can get all the people who use those services to help shoulder the burden.

[00:36:18] Thanks, Commissioner Slotnick. I suspect you might hear that again a time or two before all is said and done and point's well taken. I would be remiss if I did not mention that even though what you just participated in was about a half an hour presentation, literally hundreds and hundreds of staff hours have gone into the development

of this budget over many, many months across all of Missoula County departments. So a big thanks to Andrew you and your staff and the many other folks across Missoula County who put in the hard work to get us to this point today.

[00:36:56] Thank you. It was a team effort.

[00:36:58] Huge amount of work to get here. Thank you.

[00:37:02] Any other final thoughts or comments today recognizing the public comment, hearing, hearing, public comment period and hearing will remain open all the way up until September 9th.

[00:37:15] I just want more clarification on when I estimated the increase of the dollar value or the 15 percent increase of home, you may or may not see that because that's an average average of 15 percent. You may see five percent. You may see 30 percent like I did, but it'll bounce all around. So it is not sixty one dollars for everyone, right?

[00:37:43] Yeah. Thanks for that clarification. Any other business to come before the commission today? All right. Cnn, we will be adjourned. Thank you, everyone. Thank you.