

Missoula Board of County Commissioners

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES COVER SHEET



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2021 – 2 PM

**Hybrid meeting – Missoula County Courthouse Annex Sophie Moiese
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ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners Present:

Chair Strohmaier
Commissioner Slotnick
Commissioner Vero

Staff Present:

Violet Plummer, Administrative Assistant, Commissioners' Office
Bailey Minnich, Planner, Community and Planning Services
Nick Zanetos, Planner, Community and Planning Services
Tim Worley, Senior Planner, Community and Planning Services
John Hart, Deputy Civil Attorney, Attorney's Office
Lisa Frost, Property Records Specialist, Clerk and Recorder's Office
Kyla Lehnerz, Administrative Assistant, Commissioners' Office
Chris Lounsbury, Missoula County Chief Administrative Officer
Nancy Hobbins, Suicide Prevention Coordinator, Health Department
Todd Kietz, Floodplain Administrator, Community and Planning Services
Casey Gannon, Shelter Project Coordinator, Communications and Projects
Matt Heimel, Planner, Community and Planning Services
Erin Kautz, Grants Administrator, Community and Planning Services
Emmie Bristow, Community Engagement Coordinator, Communications
Amanda Henthorne, Budget Analyst, Finance
James Wilson, Training & Development Coordinator, Clerk and Recorder's Office
Anne Hughes, Missoula County Chief Operating Officer
Mel Fisher, Strategic Initiatives Manager, Communications and Projects
Anna Conley, Chief Deputy Civil Attorney, Attorney's Office
Nancy Rittel, Grants Administrator, Community and Planning Services
Allison Franz, Communications Manager, Communications
Sarah Bell, Communications Coordinator, Communications

1. **CALL TO ORDER** *[Time stamp – 00:07]*
2. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT** *[Time stamp – 00:15]*
Missoula County acknowledges that this event takes place in the aboriginal territories of the Salish and Kalispel people.
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** *[Time stamp – 00:22]*
4. **PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS**
 - a. **Proclamation: Suicide Prevention Week** *[Time stamp – 01:01]*
 - b. **Proclamation: 9/11 Day of Remembrance** *[Time stamp – 05:55]*
5. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA** *[Time stamp – 09:34]*
[None]
6. **CURRENT CLAIMS LIST** *[Time stamp – 10:30]*
Claims received as of August 24, 2021 to August 31, 2021 by the Commissioners' Office total \$3,405,179.91.
7. **HEARINGS**
 - a. **Frenchtown Rural Fire District Annexation** *[Time stamp – 11:10]*
Lisa Frost, Property Records Specialist, Clerk and Recorder's Office

Commissioner Slotnick made the motion that [the Missoula Board of County Commissioners] annex the [parcel of land] into the [Frenchtown Rural Fire District]

Commissioner Vero seconded.

[Motion passed 3-0.]

[Resolution 2021-104. Book: 1063 Page: 973]
 - b. **West Pointe Phasing Plan Extension/Modification/Plat Adjustment** *[Time stamp – 13:19]*
Bailey Minnich, Planner, Community and Planning Services

Commissioner Vero made the motion to leave the public hearing open for West Point Phasing Plan Extension/Modification/Plat Adjustment and continue this item to the Oct. 14, 2021 meeting.

Commissioner Slotnick seconded.

[Continued to October 14, 2021 Public Meeting]
 - c. **Mathson – Hoffman Family Transfer** *[Time stamp – 19:42]*
Nick Zanetos, Planner, Community and Planning Services

Commissioner Slotnick made the motion that the request by Debra Mathson to utilize the Family Transfer Exemption to create and transfer one parcel to her daughter Laura as presented in the exemption application and affidavit, be approved.

Commissioner Vero seconded.

[Motion passed 3-0.]

[Letter 2021-198. Mailed to: Debra Mathson]

- d. Alpine Trails Subdivision – Notice of Intent to File Phases 3 and 4** [Time stamp – 25:45]

Tim Worley, Senior Planner, Community and Planning Services

Commissioner Slotnick made the motion to acknowledge the notice of intent to file Alpine Trails, Phases 3 and 4.

Commissioner Vero seconded.

[Motion passed 3-0.]

[Letter 2021-199. Mailed to: Kakwa River Partners, LLC]

- e. Hellgate Valley Irrigation Company – 310 Permit and Maintenance Plan** [Time stamp – 58:53]

Todd Kliez, Floodplain Administrator, Community and Planning Services

Commissioner Vero made the motion that the board modify the HVIC 310 10-year maintenance plan for work occurring between July 1 and October 31 to push up gravels as needed during irrigation season and smoothing gravels back down following irrigation season – subject to removing broken concrete and jersey barriers from the channel at the end of the 2021 irrigation season and notifying Community and Planning Services a minimum of 5-days prior to performing annual maintenance. Photos are to be submitted prior to excavation documenting pre-excavation conditions, immediately following excavation and after material smoothing has occurred.

Commissioner Slotnick seconded.

[Motion passed 3-0.]

[Signed permit sent electronically to Todd Kliez.]

- f. Preliminary American Rescue Plan Act Fund Hearing** [Time stamp – 1:06:06]
Chris Lounsbury, Missoula County Chief Administrative Officer

[Continued to September 23 Public Meeting]

- 8. OTHER BUSINESS** [Time stamp – 1:27:15]
[None]

9. ADJOURN

Chair Strohmaier – Called the meeting to adjourn at 3:28 p.m.

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[00:00:06] Well, good afternoon, everyone. I'd like to call to order our Thursday, September 9th public meeting of the Missoula Board of County Commissioners. Like to acknowledge that this event takes place in the Aboriginal territories of the Salish and Kalispell people. Please join me and join in with the Pledge of Allegiance. Pledge allegiance to the flag, the United States of America to the Republic for which it stands One Nation, God visible. This is horrible. We have two proclamations this week, one pertaining to Suicide Prevention Week and one related to the upcoming remembrance of the 20th anniversary of 911. As far as the first proclamation before we read it, I think Commissioner Barrows is going to read this one. Did we have anyone? Nancy, I see you out there. Is there anyone who wants to speak to this particular resolution and this being Suicide Prevention Week?

[00:01:19] I'm happy to say a few things. Hi. Hi.

[00:01:26] And here are you. I think you're muted. Is there anything that you would like to say? Am I muted? You're still muted.

[00:01:37] Huh. It doesn't show me as muted.

[00:01:39] Oh, OK. Well, while you're figuring that out. Commissioner Vera, would you like to read the proclamation?

[00:01:46] I'll go ahead and read and we'll get back to you, Nancy. Whereas this proclamation recognizes suicide as a community wide problem and suicide prevention is requiring a community effort. And whereas Montana's suicide rate is the third highest in the nation and has ranked among the top five states with the highest rates of suicide for the past four decades. And whereas since twenty seventeen, Missoula County has suffered one hundred and twenty suicides. And whereas suicide by firearm accounts for fifty one percent of all suicides in the United States and sixty eight percent of all suicides in Montana and gun stored in the home are used for suicide 40 times more often than for self-defense. And whereas it is important to support our new National Suicide Prevention Lifeline Call Center here in Missoula, along with our new mobile response units who can effectively and empathetically intervene in crisis situations. And whereas our community will support suicide prevention efforts to the maximum extent possible with initiatives like Project Tomorrow Missoula, which works to reduce Missoula County suicide deaths and attempts through education programs, evidence based and evidence based policy. Now, therefore, in coordination with Suicide National Suicide Prevention Week, we, the Missoula Board of County Commissioners in Montana, do recognize do hereby recognize the week of September 7th to 14 twenty twenty one as Suicide Prevention Week.

[00:03:06] Nancy, you're back.

[00:03:07] Can you hear me now, we can hear you? Oh yeah. Ok, good. Have one moment here and I would be ashamed to be on mute. I just wanted to thank you all for the support that you show our work in suicide prevention. First off, and just point out that that was the part of the proclamation that I just wanted to highlight was the fact that Missoula has created a mobile support team so that we can have appropriate responses to mental health crises. I think that's a really important support for our police and for the people who are in crisis to have that kind of more tailored. Crisis support. And the other thing is, the Western Montana Mental Health Center has become a National Prevention National Suicide Prevention Lifeline Call Center. And because the state legislature did fail to support that financially, but they didn't pass a bill that would have added a 10 cent tax to our cell phone bills to support the

lifeline call centers here in Montana. I think we really need to figure out how we can in Missoula County support our own lifeline call center.

[00:04:24] So I would love to be part of the thought process on that. And the other thing that I'll just point out quickly is we continue to have a very high rate of firearm suicides in Missoula. The national rate is about 50 percent. And so far this year in Missoula County, eighty seven percent of our suicides have been by firearm. That's a really shocking number, and we're going to work through our project tomorrow. Suicide Prevention Coalition to try to educate gun dealers in signs of suicide because a lot of these suicides are very impulsive act where people are literally going out one morning purchasing a firearm and are dead by the afternoon. We don't want to have a lack of knowledge be a reason for that kind of tragic behavior. So that's all I'll say for now. But I also just want to put myself out there as a resource to you all. If there's anything that I can do ever to support you or information that I can get to you. If you're interested in this issue, I'm happy to help.

[00:05:39] Thanks, Nancy. Appreciate that. Is there any other comment on this proclamation or suicide prevention week? All right. Thank you. Thanks for your work on this important topic, Nancy. Commissioner Slotnick, the next one. Thank you, sir. I have a proclamation as well. This is regarding the anniversary of 911. Whereas the Missoula County commissioners support coming together as a nation and ceasing all work or other activity for a moment of remembrance on September 11th, twenty twenty one in honor of the 20th anniversary of the terrorist attacks committed against the United States on September 11th, 2001. And whereas at eight forty six a.m. on September 11, 2001, hijacked American Airlines Flight 11 crashed into the upper portion of the North Tower of the World Trade Center in New York City, New York. 17 minutes later, hijacked United Airlines Flight 175 crashed into the south tower of the World Trade Center. Thousands of people were working in these buildings at the time of the attacks, whereas at nine thirty seven a.m. hijacked American Airlines Flight 77 hit the West Wall of the Pentagon, causing immediate loss of life and catastrophic damage to the headquarters of the Department of Defense. And whereas at approximately 10:00 a.m., the passengers and crew of hijacked United Airlines Flight 93 heroically retook control of the airplane and crashed their airliner in a field near Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

[00:07:10] They gave their lives to save countless, countless others. And whereas nearly 3000 innocent civilians were killed in the heinous attacks of September 11, 2001, and whereas tens of thousands of individuals individuals narrowly escaped the attacks at the Pentagon and the World Trade Center and as witness to this tragedy are forever changed. And whereas countless fire departments, police departments, first responders, governmental officials, workers, emergency medical personnel and volunteers responded immediately and heroically to those horrific events. And whereas the Fire Department of New York suffered 343 fatalities on September 11, 2001, the largest loss of life of any emergency response agency in the United States history. And whereas the Port Authority Police Department suffered 37 fatalities in the attacks, the largest loss of life of any police force in the United States history in a single day. And whereas the New York Police Department suffered twenty three fatalities as a result of the terrorist attacks. And whereas thousands of workers who spent time in or near the dust and rubble at Ground Zero and at the Staten Island landfill where debris was taken, have been diagnosed with a growing number of chronic conditions and illnesses. And whereas 20 years later, the people of the United States and around the world continue to mourn the tremendous loss of innocent life on that fateful day.

[00:08:35] And whereas 20 years later, thousands of men and women in the United States armed forces remain in harm's way, defending the United States against those who seek to threaten the United States. And whereas on the 20th anniversary of this tragic day, the thoughts of the people of the United States are with the victims of the events of September 11, 2001, and their families. And whereas September 11th will never and should never be just another day in the hearts and minds of all people of the United States. Now, therefore, we Dave Stormare, Josh Slotnick and Juanita Varo. Missoula County commissioners in the state of Montana hereby recognize September 11th twenty twenty one as a national moment of remembrance on the 20th anniversary of September 11th. Dated this ninth day of September 2021. Thanks, Josh. Is there any comment related to this proclamation? Ok, thank you. Is there any public comment on items not on today's agenda? And again, as I repeat often in these meetings, if you are online using Microsoft Teams and want to comment now or during one of our public hearings, please use the raise hand function and we will call on you in the order in which you raise your hand or at least try to if you're calling in via phone at the point in time where I asked for phone callers, please unmute yourself, hit star six and introduce who you are and share with us your comments during the public hearings that will follow or during this public comment phase and non agenda items.

[00:10:13] Please limit your comments to three minutes or less, be as succinct as possible and try not to repeat others. So with that, any public comment and items not on today's agenda. All right. We will roll into the current claims list, so this would be claims received by the Commissioner's Office between August twenty four and August thirty first of this year, and they total three million four hundred and five thousand one hundred and seventy nine dollars and ninety one cents. We have a whole raft of public hearings today and we will dive right into them. As usual, we will begin with a staff report, followed by a presentation or comments from an applicant or applicants representative, and that will be followed by a period of public comment to be followed by questions and discussion amongst the commission and emotion and voting on that motion. Our first public hearing is related to annexation petitions for French Town Rural Fire District and is Lisa Frost or who is making this presentation for us today? A masked person coming up to the microphone.

[00:11:28] I am Lisa Frost and I am the deputy clerk with the clerk and Records Office for Missoula County. And I am here to state that a petition for annexation to the French Town Rural Fire District has been submitted to the Clerk and Records Office. The area to be annexed is described as follows Track two, of course, six three three four being a portion of government government 13 in Section seven and the southwest quarter of Section eight township 16 North Range Twenty three west in Missoula County, Montana. It's located at two nine four zero four Nine Mile Road in French town, Montana. This has been signed by the property owners, who represent at least 40 percent of the acreage and 40 percent of the taxable value of the property to be annexed. Notice of this hearing has been published twice in the Missoulian.

[00:12:27] What's it? Ok, thank you. Is there any public comment on the proposed annexation into the fire district? Any public comment? All right, we'll close the public hearing any questions from the commission. Do we have any comment from the fire district? Do we have any comment from the fire district, Lisa? That was the obvious question. Yes. Do they take exception with this? Are they supportive or otherwise?

[00:12:56] They are supportive. They have signed off and they submitted everything to our office.

[00:13:00] Ok, excellent. It is on the record. Well. That's enough for me, and I would then I move, we annexes this into the second. All right, any further discussion? See, none all in favor. I thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you, Lisa. Our next public hearing, which will open is on the proposed West Point phasing plan extension slash modification plat adjustment Bailey. Please provide us a staff report.

[00:13:32] Good afternoon. Well, I'm going to keep it really short and simple. This project was originally on your agenda back on August 12th. They had asked for more time to deal with some of the public comments that had come up. So we had postponed or left the public hearing open to today. But since then they have actually asked for additional time. They're trying to get some estimates and different things like that to get that the information on the infrastructure issues dealt with. And so they've actually asked us to postpone this again until October 14th. So I have a proposed motion that I threw up there for you guys to continue leaving the public hearing open and just move this to the October 14th. And Jamie is on the call, too. If there was any questions you guys have or if she wanted to say, but that's pretty much all I was going to put up there for you.

[00:14:22] So a question for John. I don't remember ever having to make a motion to keep a public hearing open. We just typically have kept it open. Is this something we need to do formally today? It's not going to hurt to do it formally the motions up up there. But of course, you'll want to take any public comment today from people who came ready to comment before you before you move to table it or or table it. Ok, good enough. So is there any public comment on this item and the item being either the substance of the issue, the phasing plan, extension, slash modification slash, flat adjustment or what we're about to contemplate doing? And that is extending the or leaving open the public hearing? Josh So Bailey, this the the developers in question, did they ask to keep this open because they have not yet met some requirement that that we've asked them to meet?

[00:15:29] Yes, yes. So we one of the requirements of in order for us to support their proposed project, one of the criteria is that some of the infrastructure, you know, it has to be standalone phasing things like that. And so one of the things they're looking at is the subdivision improvement agreement, which ideally should be executed before we deal with this. So that's one of the things that they're working on. And so that it's taking just a little bit more time to get that through that process.

[00:15:59] So the subdivision improvement agreements require a letter, the credit from a bank. Remember John describing this, guaranteeing that that the money's there. If they can't get the work done, the bank will pay for it and then all the bank. But the people who buy into this subdivision won't be buying into something without the proper infrastructure being there. So I just wanted to bring this up to say that getting such a letter of credit from the bank and doing this type of financing is difficult, especially with really complex and big projects. And we're really excited about more housing and that this delay is not because it's on Tim's desk and he's at that music show. I referenced a couple of weeks ago. It's just that this is complex and I keep beating this drum because there is sort of a refrain out there that, oh, we're just slow in doing our jobs. And I want to highlight that this is complicated stuff and it isn't in the complexity often falls on the shoulders of the developers who have to get this financing done and then then hire people to do the work. And there's just a lot to it.

[00:16:58] It is. It's a very and this is just a very big project, very complex and it's an older subdivision. So obviously there's a lot of intricate details. And so, yeah, we're just working it out and hopefully we can get it here to you guys here soon. And I wasn't sure if the motion was the right way. I just know we had. Ok.

[00:17:17] The reason we're all about Belton is here we can flex and be and be flexible on the fly. We're sorry. No worries at all. Ok. Before we take up the motion, Jamie, is there anything that you'd like to add?

[00:17:33] Nothing additional, I just appreciate the commissioner's keeping this meeting open and continuing it till the 14th. I have reached out to DAX Quinn, who is one of the concerned homeowners within the subdivision. I still need to reach out to Laura Semple, I think is her last name is how you pronounce that. So there is some ongoing work with the homeowners association, but we are putting together that subdivision improvements agreement and we'll get that coordinated with John Hart and executed before October 14th is our goal.

[00:18:07] Ok, thank you any public comment on this. All right. What do you think about emotion?

[00:18:15] Ok, I moved to leave the public hearing open or West Point phasing plan extension modification adjustment and continue this item to the October 14th 20 21 meeting.

[00:18:25] I'll second that for I'm sorry.

[00:18:28] There is a hand up in the audience, Laura.

[00:18:32] Ok, right, Laura, let's get Laura in.

[00:18:36] Hey, this is Laura, and I was just going to make sure that, Jamie, that you have our contact information because we would love to hear from you. Yes, I believe I had it through Bailey. Ok, perfect. Thank you. We will look forward to hearing from you.

[00:18:56] I was a little bit of a letdown. We're we're hoping for something juicy. Really? That's OK. Glad to hear that Laura and Jamie, you'll both be in touch, I think. Laura, you might have joined us at the last discussion of this, so hopefully you can connect up. All right, any other public comment? Was that what Tim Morley's hand was up for earlier? Ok, way to be astute. All right. We've had emotions in the second. And all in favor. I. Ok. It will be remain open until October 14. The public hearing? Our next public hearing is the Massyn Hoffman family transfer, and Nick, you will bring us the staff report whenever you are plugged in and ready. Research then put my notes started here. So this is the Hoffman family transfer to start with a project background here. So the location of the proposed transfer is just west of West Riverside neighborhood at the base of Woody Mountain. It is accessed off of Zogg Drive. The land is zoned the growth policy that covers this area as the 2019 land use element. That plan calls this area. Residential with a recommended density of three units per one acre to 11 units per one acre. Getting in getting into the existing onsite conditions, there is so the parcel is seven point nine acres in size. There's currently one

[00:21:15] Home on the

[00:21:16] Property occupied by the claimant and one detached garage structure. Current density is one dwelling per seven point nine acres. The proposed transfer would result in the claimant's adult daughter, Laura Lee Allen Hoffman, receiving a three point ninety five acre track which proposes track to be the claimant, would retain

ownership of lot to a which does include the home and garage structure. With this proposal, the density would be one dwelling per three point nine five acres, which is compliant with the land use element. The application states all tracks are intended to remain single family. Residential and the purpose of the transfer is for Lordly to reside next to her mother. The application was sent for comment to inches across Missoula, and we did not receive any comment on the proposal during staff analysis. There was no rebuttable presumptions or no evasion criteria triggered during staff analysis. And next, I will go over the family friendly transfer questions with the claimant. I believe an audience. Yeah, come on up to the microphone, please. And if the green light is not on, hit the button at the base of the microphone and activate the microphone.

[00:22:38] I'm I'm Deborah Mattson, the landowner, hi.

[00:22:42] Thank you, Deborah. I'm asking you a few standard questions here is that we go through with every answer. So number one, did you buy the property with the intent of dividing it? No. Right? Number two, do you or your transferees intend to transfer the property within the next year? Yes. Or three? Have you talked to anyone at the county about going through subdivision review before? No, not at the county. Then the recipient is not a minor, so we'll go through questions four and five. Question four is will the property be developed,

[00:23:18] The property that's transferred, she's planning to put a home on it. And yeah, it will be developed. Yes.

[00:23:26] Thank you. And will the recipient of the property be residing on the property? Yes. Those are the questions and staff is recommending approval of the transfer. Thank you. Anything else you'd like to add? Miss Mathison,

[00:23:39] I just have a question listening to Nick. And that is you were talking about, is it just a description of the property that one home, one family home on three point nine? Or is that going to be

[00:23:52] Zoned in that way? No. So that's that's just your density that will be on the ground. That won't be an actual zoning. Ok, so it's yeah, it's not a zoning. Correct? Yeah.

[00:24:04] That I just that was a really good presentation and I just wanted that's the only question I have.

[00:24:10] Ok, thank you. Uh-huh. Is there any public comment on this proposed family transfer? Any public comment online or in the room or on the phone? Ok. Seeing none, we will close the public hearing questions from the commission. Now it's kind of refreshing to get one of these that's so crisp and clean. Yes, I will say to any of the consulting firms who are in the room or online. I I love to see these family transfers that comply substantially with the growth policy and our involving adult children. So just saying your 12 week old Pomeranian cannot own land. Ok. Other questions or a motion? How I'd I would move, we approve this family transfer. There it is, right there it is. Thanks. Ok, I'll say it better. I would move that the request by Deborah Mathison to utilize the family transfer exemption to create and transfer one parcel to her daughter, Laura, as presented in the exemption application and affidavit, be approved. Second, any further discussions see none all in favor. Hi. Hi. Thanks, Laura. Good luck with the project. Yeah. Thanks, Neal. Ok, moment of transition. Tim, are you wanting to get plugged in up here? So I will go ahead and open the public hearing on our next item and this is Alpine Trail Subdivision notice of intent to file phases three and four. Tim Worley will be bringing us a staff report. Good afternoon, commissioners. For the record, I'm Tim Worley with caps.

[00:26:19] And this is a notice of intent to file phases three and four of Alpine Trails subdivision. This is a 30 lot major subdivision on the north end of the Sealy Lake community. It's on about fifty two acres. The subdivision was approved on September 14th. Twenty eighteen and phases one and two have been filed thus far. This is a phasing plan of Alpine trails showing the four phases, the two westernmost phases have been filed so far and phase three and phase four are the the two phases on the eastern edge of the subdivision. So the process that we reviewed these under is in state lots in seven, six three six 17, it addresses phased subdivisions that have come into being since May 20 17, and we assess these projects for any changed primary criteria, impacts and any new information on potentially significant adverse impacts. The primary review criteria are those which you, I believe, are familiar with commissioners impacts to agriculture, to agricultural water user facilities. Impacts to local services. So the natural environment, wildlife and wildlife habitat, as well as public health and safety. We did document one impact that we think is worthy of note, and that is a locked gate on the northern edge of the subdivision on S.O.S Road, I think in

the staff report, I may have referred to it as S.O.S Lane, but it's actually S.O.S Road. And this gate location is actually adjacent to the northern edge of phase one just to provide some context.

[00:28:29] Morrell Creek Road runs along the northern edge of the Subdivision Highway eighty three Cedar Lane. And this allows for access through the subdivision by way of, I think it's wilderness trail and the gate is right here. So somebody proceeding from the south would be stopped here and would have the option of going in this direction, but not this direction. So we do know that there are impacts regarding local services and public health and safety, as well as physical access due to this gating issue. And I wanted to note a few excerpts from the subdivision application that confirmed that this was going to be essentially a free and clear access for the subdivision. This is taken out of the subdivision application. The three points of access for this proposed subdivision connect with existing roads. S.o.s Road in Cedar Lane and to improve, relocate and existing access, as is the case with the access from Highway eighty three. And also, there are existing fire hydrants on S.O.S Road and Cedar Lane that comes out of the subdivision application again. And we note that because there is a hydrant. On the north side of the gate. That still is accessible from the North, but I think provides less of a measure of protection, considering that that is a locked gate at present. And finally, the proposed subdivision will have three access points. One access will be Alpine Trail, which will come east off Highway 83, connecting east to S.O.S Road.

[00:30:26] A second access point will be off Morelle Creek Road, including the extension of S.O.S Road to become Wilderness Trail to the South. A third access point will be Seclusion Point, which extends north of Cedar Lane, opposite Elm Drive. These access points are shown on the preliminary plat that's out of the project summary. There is also a condition of approval related to the maintenance of S.O.S Road, a road maintenance agreement was required to be filed so that the developer of alpine trails, as well as other responsible parties, could sort out their roles and responsibilities for taking care of S.O.S Road. We did get one community comment from Steven and Lorraine Lo, which are adjacent property owners. They were concerned that their comments weren't heard during the original subdivision review. They feel that the county's agenda is to obtain revenue from the development of the subdivision. They felt that the road and I'm not sure which road they mean maybe the one on the southern edge of their property ends up being too close to their fence. They're concerned about traffic on Nordic way and that the homes within the subdivision have become vacation rentals. So we acknowledge the receipt of the notice of intent to file phases three and four, and we support the filing of those phases, of course, but we have documented a significant impact. But we feel it could be mitigated through a condition of approval.

[00:32:32] So the condition that we are recommending is that the S.O.S. Lane Gate and any related physical access impediment shall be removed prior to the filing of Phases three and four. Subject to caps, inspection and approval. I do have a motion if I can get my slides to move forward. Here we go. It's a little bit of a long motion commissioners, but it's I move to acknowledge the notice of intent to file alpine trails, phases three and four and that a potentially significant adverse impact to local services, public health and safety and physical access has been documented, but will be mitigated prior to the filing of phase three and phase four. Subject to the required condition of approval. Sends my presentation, I'll be available if you have any questions. Thank you. With the applicant or applicants representative, like to speak to us. Thank you, commissioners. For the record, I'm John Kellogg with professional consultants. Kevin Weatherall is in via. Old teams. So if you have questions for Mr Weatherill, he'd be available to answer them. What Mr Weatherill help holding that? Maybe Nick? I'm OK. I can hold it. Ok, very good. Good, very good. You had requested a a display of where the access is come and go, and that's what I was presenting here. Maybe we can just you can just put it. Yeah, it's a good idea. Commissioner Barrow is leaping into action. Get a chair. Oh, Diesel,

[00:34:42] Oh, I can't see it behind the podium.

[00:34:44] Thank you. Perfect. And I can hold it up to that. Ok. Nicely done. Yeah, well done up. Yes, sure. How long did you have to charge that thing up for it? Yeah, well, the technology I'm not familiar with. How much are you charging your client for these billions of dollars? Ok. Kevin has set up a couple of things at this gate here. One is a sign that says. I do not block driveway twenty four hour access required. A second second thing that he has done is provide a lock with a combination that matches the emergency access gates throughout the the Swan Valley and so with zero nine one one. Oops. Nicely done with an emergency access through the gate. So what he's provided is what was appropriately anticipated with the initial subdivision submittal. What's of concern, though, is. The potential speed and access through this private road. The. Jason, donors and yeah, John, you might need yeah, you can have the microphone there. The adjacent owners. We're concerned. With. A traffic coming up wilderness way.

And cutting through a essentially a private road, but a road that has potential public access. So. And that's the reason. For this. And. Or general traffic through the subdivision. Thanks, Nick.

[00:37:24] All right, John, can you point to where the lows are right?

[00:37:27] The lows live right here, OK? John is right here, is it? We sort of have an interesting difference of opinion in that the neighbors would like to have a gate because they don't want people to drive next to their property. And Tim is saying having a gate could restrict access for emergency services and correct, and the solution that Kevin has provided is a zero nine one one gate. Are there other examples of something like this where it works? I think through Tim. Usually in a commercial or industrial subdivision context, we've seen the potential for locked gates on individual lots. I don't know that I've ever seen. Well, Pontiac might be have a more recent example, but I think that was an individual lot sort of locked gate scenario as opposed to one of the main points of egress. So in the case at hand here, who owns the road? This is a private road. Does each adjoining property owner come to the centerline or it's kind of a hodgepodge? Some owners own portions of the road. They don't go to the center line, as I recall, the Lowes own all of that and there's an easement over the top of it that Mr Weatherill has. But the the idea of a zero 9-1-1 on a locked gate is something I believe the Forest Service and other entities in the forest used to allow emergency access if necessary.

[00:39:14] Can you speak to the language that we saw on the screen earlier that in the subdivision approval language that specified that this would be an egress and ingress route? This was not actually anticipated to be the ultimate outcome with a gate when the subdivision was initially proposed. It came up in the process of the development as traffic coming through this private road kind of disturbed the neighbors a little bit, and if I could just outline how traffic is anticipated here. The. Alpine trails subdivision, four phases and these roads are all built right now, we're finishing up the last roads and phases three and four. But traffic, if you're going to downtown Sealy Lake, you'd be coming through here. You would either cut down to Cedar Lane and that's the real spelling of it, unfortunately. Oh, a survey or long ago did that, and I've been arguing with our surveyors, but they won't budge. So you could probably go down Cedar Lane or you would either take. Alpine Trail, Alberta Highway, eighty three. And that way. Whether you're going either north or south, you've got easy flow of traffic. Mr Weatherill, I see you have your hand up.

[00:41:03] Thank you. I wanted to address just one thing about there was a question if this is done, other areas with the accommodation law provided for emergency response providers. And there is three areas that I know of in the Sealy Lake area, specifically that that currently have that situation and that would be River Watch, Big Sky Lake and Emerald Lake. And they all have the zero nine one one combination lock for emergency access. But but it also acts to to slow down traffic through those developments. And this, you know, I understand Tim's point about preserving the public safety, but this game came about really in the spirit of protecting the public safety because the Alpine Trails Homeowners Association. And and myself, as the developers became concerned with locals using that road is through traffic and they would just be speeding through there. And you know, it's it's dangerous to the residents and to the kids in that area to have that through traffic. So locking this gate yet providing emergency response access, I think addresses everything that was intended in the original approval because we're we're providing public safety by to the owners and the development and the residents and the children, in addition to providing emergency response with a known with a known password access. Additionally, we place the signage no parking at any time S.O.S.

[00:42:50] Road, Private Road, Private Access only and do not block the driveway. Twenty four hour access required. So, you know, I feel like we've addressed that as well. The other thing that's that's of note is to think of using S.O.S Road as an emergency egress. You know, I suppose it could happen. And certainly emergency response providers and the Alpine Trails, Residents and Homeowners Association have access to the code. But S.O.S Road, likely in the event of a forest fire, which was referenced, most often puts people right out into the forest because that's that's Forest Service land right there and it puts them right out into the forest. So it's real. The most realistic scenario is that in the event of a wildland fire, it's coming from that direction. And that's not where you would want to provide egress and throw and throw people into the path of danger. And there is, you know, the two other points of access that have proved to be sufficient for the residents, and it has minimized the through traffic, which which addresses the concerns of the adjacent resident who wrote the letter of concern for this that addresses their concern as well. That's all I have, and I appreciate the opportunity to comment. Thank you.

[00:44:22] Thank you, Kevin. John, anything else? And then I want to take public comment and then we'll come back to questions.

[00:44:28] Sure. I'm sorry. I have one more thing. If that's all right. Sure. Go ahead, Tim. Tim made note of the fire hydrant that's just north of that locked gate. Of note, there's actually another fire hydrant within the development that's only three lots south of that gate. So there's there's very accessible fire hydrants on both sides of the gate for all residents.

[00:44:57] For the north, fire hydrant is on the lowest property.

[00:45:01] It's yes, it's it's in front of the Lowe's property. That's correct. Ok, thank you. The time there's three lots into the development. Okay.

[00:45:14] Thank you, John. Thanks, Kevin. The access to that hydrant would be available to the fire department anyway with the zero nine one one. Opening the gate and it could give them access right in there and and so. S.o.s. doesn't provide help with traffic flow, in fact it directs it. And incorrectly, most traffic is going to want to head to Highway eighty three. And in doing so, you would either take the Alpine or the Cedar Lane routes to get out of there. Will all the property owners know what the code is to open the gate if necessary? Yes, Kevin was going to notify them. Ok. Ok, let's hold just a second. Thanks, John and Kevin, I want to open it up for public comment. Is there anyone joining via Microsoft Teams online who would like to comment? If so, please raise your hand. Is there anyone on the phone who would like to comment, I'm not sure if we have any phone callers or not. If so, it sounds like there is one. Please hit Star six to unmute yourself. Introduce yourself if you so desire and. Start talking. Ok, we'll close the public hearing additional questions from the commission.

[00:46:48] I was confused about the Lowe's comment about a fence or close to a fence rope been too close. Can you explain because I'm. So this road looks like it's on their property.

[00:47:05] Kevin has his hand up, too. Oh, sorry, Kevin.

[00:47:07] Kevin, sorry to explain the the S.O.S. road certainly fronts near their fence and the property does front. The Lowe's property does front on SOS Lane. The gate has really mitigated their concern there. There are other concern. Their secondary concern, which really can't be resolved, is that they feel that the road is too close to their fence line on the south of their border.

[00:47:37] Oh, the the OK. So the horizontal road with Alpine is too close to their southern border, which is that's what they're saying.

[00:47:47] That's right. In terms of, they prefer that it be farther away, but it's not in violation of any breaking any rules rule.

[00:47:56] That's right. And the developer myself is the developer. We do own the land right to their fence line. We did try to set it off there. I think our letter referenced 10 feet. I certainly think it's further than that. But nonetheless, that's their concern.

[00:48:13] Ok, thank you.

[00:48:13] Ok, thank you. Thank you.

[00:48:15] Tim, can you bring back up the language from? I'm assuming that was from preliminary pilot approval that referenced the access roads and such. I guess I want to I need some clarification on what it is that was approved several years ago. So in terms of I guess, the question for me, at least, is when we're talking about access. This is a private road. There's no public access easement if I'm understanding correctly, so could access be construed as in the case at hand, not public access that's free and open to anyone twenty four seven, but access that would be available to emergency providers if necessary. Him. I think it ends up being a finding that's just different than was anticipated, I think if and I. I think the developer, Kevin, I think he's improvising in light of the Lowe's concern, which we heard at the time of preliminary plat. And we really understand that local concern. It's it's not something that's lost to us,

it's just that this wasn't part of the original application. So I guess, though, in terms of private road like this, there's. If this gate was, well, two questions, one whose property is the gate on and conceivably if another portion of the road of this private road is owned by someone else, since it is a private road, that property owner could slap a gate on there, I'm assuming also and completely closed it off, regardless of what any of us would want is.

[00:50:23] Am I mistaken? Well, I think the roads within alpine trails are all private, so there's some question as to S.O.S was an area of significant analysis from cap standpoint and from the county attorney's office just making sure that it was a legitimate access for egress originally. And the County Attorney's Office found that Kevin did grant essentially to himself an easement over an across what is Sloss Lane. So I think it's a legitimate private access. But the rest of the roads throughout Alpine trails are also, to my knowledge, private as well. And I don't think there's really any sort of temptation to gate other portions. It's just that it's reducing egress points by one, right? Kevin, did you have your hand up for this?

[00:51:20] Oh, just one clarification is that the actually the easement that's reserved over S.O.S Road is primarily the land belonging to the Lowes, the adjacent owner. It's a weird shaped parcel and they way back when they granted that road, it became part of their parcel. So their parcel has a long access easement road as part of their parcel. We initially owned that property the lowest property as we acquired the land for the development, and we sold it off. And in so doing, we retained the sixty five sixty foot wide access and utility easement for all purposes over S.O.S Road, which goes over their property and to I think it was one neatest question. Maybe not. But the gate is actually it is on the Lowe's property, but it's within our easement.

[00:52:21] Ok. No, that's helpful, and I needed the history lesson there, because it does look really goofy now. Now I understand, so thank you.

[00:52:29] Other questions? John, are you oh, you're just anticipating an impossible question. Ok. You're well, OK.

[00:52:42] Oh, I would. I would love it if Commissioner Slotnick, because he's so good at this. Can you explain the issue here? What is this you?

[00:52:51] Sure. Ok. Thanks. This is the issue. The issue, as I see it, is that the Lowes would not like people driving by their property with any regularity as a way to pass through this subdivision and maybe shortcut in some sense for somebody getting to Highway 83.

[00:53:08] And can you pause there for a second? Why would someone be driving through there?

[00:53:12] That one's hard to imagine. I mean, maybe somebody coming from the northwest, maybe they're up in the woods and they want to get to eighty three and they want to cut through the subdivision. No, John, are you wanting to answer that? Well, suggestion, and I think this probably came up subsequent to the development of the first two phases of alpine trails the if you're coming up. A wilderness trail up to this point. You're more apt to take to keep going straight down a road than to turn off and cut down a different way. So it kind of the layout kind of encouraged people to go through to Morrell Creek

[00:53:53] Road only because Alpine doesn't exist, right? Pardon me. Only because Alpine doesn't exist yet.

[00:53:59] Well, it does. No, it's OK. Even when Alpine is constructed,

[00:54:04] You still think people are going to continue north.

[00:54:06] If they're heading up there thinking, OK, I'm going to go up the Swan Valley, I could either go either direction. I'll just keep going straight and cut through here to. And that's more natural tendency, and I think that's probably what was encouraged in what. And maybe Kevin knows more intimately what what the traffic pattern was. But I I think that's the problem, that it encourages people to go that direction rather than come and go out to the highway directly. It doesn't look like a great inconvenience to make a left on Alpine. No. And there are still two points of ingress and egress. So I'm personally OK with it.

[00:54:55] Kevin had his hand up.

[00:54:57] Kevin, do you still have your hand up?

[00:55:00] I'm sorry, I just get so excited about this. The. Just for clarification again, all of the roads shown on that plat are constructed as of now, so all of the roads are in place and all of the roads are usable and accessible. Ok, throughout the development, we have them all complete there. They're basically awaiting your decision. So and and also for clarification, if the gate wasn't only placed for a concern of the Lowes not wanting through traffic, it was also from concern of the Alpine Trails Homeowners Association, as well as myself as the developer. Because again, what we didn't anticipate that John was talking about in the initial submittal is is the through traffic that would occur. And and Josh, I understand. I think it was you, Josh. But why would why would people want to cut through there? I don't know. But they do. And and so it's the amount of through traffic that was occurring was was somewhat overwhelming. So this this really has mitigated that and created additional safety for the residents. Thank you.

[00:56:15] Thank you. And and it is good to hear that all the property owners in the subdivision will know what the access code is to open it. Because because I will say it's not necessarily just a case of wildfires perhaps originating on Forest Service land to the North, but conceivably there there could be a fire to the south or southwest that would create challenges for ingress and egress in the the routes, the non gated routes. Additional questions or comments by the commission. Or if someone would like to make a motion. I don't know what the words would be for this motion. But Tim, do you want to? It's a complicated one. Don't you queue it up again? And I don't know that I would. Well, you can modify from what you see on the screen to so. You can even make it act of tense, if you would like, rather than passive tense. Tim, can you bring up what you have these? And an alternative, if you choose just to leave the gate, as is, is just to read through. I moved to acknowledge the notice of intent to file Alpine trails, phases three and four. I think you could just end it right there. Great. That's what we'll do. All right. Then I would move to acknowledge the notice of intent to file alpine trails, phases three and four. Second. Further discussion, Mr Weatherill, is that a lingering hand from earlier or do you have something else you want to add before we take action? Ok, the hand is lowered.

[00:58:02] Sorry, I just did not pull my hand down.

[00:58:04] Thank you. Ok. No problem. Any further discussion by the commission seemed all in favor. I I. Ok. Thank you so much. Thanks, Tim, for bringing that up, it was a good piece of discussion and worthy to work through. Thank you. Yeah, thank you, and like I say, I might have had a different viewpoint, had the knowledge of what the access code is was not distributed to everyone, which apparently now it's known by everyone in the Sealey swan area. So. And if I'm ever stuck behind a gate, I know what to do. Ok, thank you, gentlemen.

[00:58:48] Thanks, John. Thanks, Kevin.

[00:58:52] All right, our next public hearing. Relates to a three proposed three 10 permit and maintenance plan. Are on Hellgate Valley irrigation companies infrastructure, so Todd cleats.

[00:59:12] Afternoon, commissioners, I'm tired cleats, Missoula County, flood plain, the minister, and if I'm successful. And I will share with you a screen. Are you able to see that? Yes, yes. Wonderful. So in your package today, you have an application from the Hellgate Valley Irrigation Company for a three 10 permit request for a maintenance plan, and that permit application came from the ditch writer race prime. And I can go into that in great detail or just kind of summarize a little bit about what's going on your staff detail.

[01:00:01] Let's do that. Yeah, the quick detail great. We can adequate

[01:00:08] The the reason why you're seeing this is that the county commission has three permit jurisdiction within the city limits of nineteen forty six. And this particular irrigation structure first began in the early 1900s, and it's within those nineteen forty six city limits. So instead of the Missoula Conservation District issuing these permits, that is your responsibility within within this area. As part of three 10 permitting requirement, you have a three 10 team which is made up of Ladd and OTEC with fish, wildlife and Parks. Elana Evans from the Water Quality District and then I represent you from Capps. We met with the applicant on site where this is located is just downstream of the old bitter railroad line right across from Oakland field, and you can see some of this irrigation feature right here. And what that this is known as the the island of West Broadway Island that the city now owns,

and it's done quite a bit of infrastructure and maintenance on this on this area. The irrigation company accesses their diversion through a newly constructed bridge over this over this canal, and this is the area on the Far East Side where they need to do their work on a regular basis. What they did several years ago without authorization was to go in and place these jersey barriers into into the stream channel.

[01:01:47] The county commission had received a request from Hellgate Valley back in twenty eighteen to do the similar work that they're trying to do right now, and at that time, the commissioners had required that they remove these jersey barriers. Hellgate Valley did not end up doing that, but rather than go through an enforcement process, we knew that the city was attempting to purchase this area well at that time. They were trying to create a way feature there, and they had agreed to remove these jersey barriers as part of their process. That wave does not appear to be viable at this particular time, but Hellgate Valley has agreed to this time go ahead and remove what's what's remaining of these jersey barriers. At this point, only one is still visible. The rest have been scoured out and fallen into a hole, which they will remove when this irrigation season is over. So again, you have your team reports, astro application and then comments from fish, wildlife and parks and the water quality district have been included and referenced in this proposed motion for you.

[01:03:09] Thank you. Todd, is there any public comment on this proposed three 10 permit and maintenance plan? Anyone joining via Microsoft Teams who would like to comment and he went on the phone. Ok. Anyone in the room seeing none, we'll close the public hearing questions from the commission. A question for Todd. So Todd, in terms of general damage or disruption to the river, is having jersey barriers there worse or better than having heavy equipment down there once or I guess, maybe twice a year to push gravels up as needed from the back down?

[01:03:53] Sure. From from the fisheries perspective, it's better to use the natural material that's there, the natural gravels that will create some turbidity when they need to do this, of course, but from their perspective, is actually fish, wildlife and parks recommendation that we permit and authorize what happens here to be consistent with what happens with other irrigation diversions along the Clark fork, which is this seasonal push up and and then push down the Gravel's after irrigation season. And no, that it probably doesn't have to happen every year in again. They haven't done this since 2018, and it had been some time before that that they have done it, that they had to do it previously. And hopefully, the city is successful in their purchase of this irrigation diversion as part of their desire to help develop that Mullen area. So what's the king plan or out that way?

[01:04:55] Ok. Thanks. Additional questions or a treatise length motion for us to read.

[01:05:04] I'll take a stab at the this length motion that the board modify the Vic three 10 10 year maintenance plan for work occurring between July 1st and October 31st to push up gravels as needed during irrigation season and smoothing gravels back down following irrigation season, subject to removing broken concrete and jersey barriers from the channel at the end of twenty twenty one irrigation season, which is now right OK and notifying caps and minimum five days prior to performing annual maintenance. Photos are to be submitted prior to excavation, documenting pre excavation conditions immediately following excavation and after material smoothing has occurred.

[01:05:47] Second, that any further discussion it seems like there's a clause missing about New England IPAs at imagination. There there any further discussion? See none all in favor. All right. Ok, thanks, Todd. Thank you, commissioner. Ok, our final public hearing today is related to ARPA funding for the FY 20 to fiscal year and ARPA, meaning American Rescue Plan Act. And it looks like our co. CEO Chris Lounsbury will provide the staff report for this.

[01:06:26] Good afternoon, thanks. So today I'm asking you to open a public hearing on your spending or proposed spending for the American Recovery Plan Act. We'll go ahead and share my screen here. Hopefully now you all can see. The start of our presentation, it's always hard we lose the video of the room when we present and so when we're remote. So just as a reminder here, the American Rescue Plan Act funds come in five categories areas or areas that you can spend funding. The first is supporting public health response to the COVID 19 emergency. Addressing negative economic impacts. Replacing the public sector. Lost revenue. Premium pay for essential workers. And then water, sewer and broadband infrastructure. So Missoula County is looking to fund projects in categories one, two and five. And so that's continuing the public health response to the COVID 19 emergency. Addressing negative economic impacts and then water, sewer and broadband infrastructure as we look at the funding. So in that first

category, which is supporting the public health response, we are looking at spending over the next two years for additional mental health services and our detention facility that is a congregate facility. We're looking at spending four hundred and seventy three thousand three hundred and fifty five dollars that will be to supplement mental health services in the detention facility and provide additional resources. As you know, Missoula County has been very fortunate in the fact that we've been able to maintain a lower census, the lower number of people who are staying in a detention facility and that's helped with ours.

[01:08:07] But just like COVID has created mental health challenges in our community, it's also created mental health challenges that are exacerbated them in our detention facility. The next is setting aside about four hundred thousand dollars for an expansion of the animal control facility. And so during the beginning of the COVID 19 pandemic, when Missoula County was first meeting to create social distancing, one of the large challenges we ran into was at our animal control shelter, the very small amount of space for the staff and for the animals that were in there, and it created challenges around both adoptions, people bringing in animals that needed to be dropped off, but also for staffing. And so we actually have had to rent supplemental space in the form of a mobile home. Think of this kind of like a modular classroom space that's been used by schools in the past to allow us to be able to have staff adequately distance. And so what we're requesting is to set aside \$400000 that can be used to help modify that space permanently. And that's what we're looking at related to the animal control shelter expansion. The next line item is the NACO prescription drug program and that it's not really the NACO prescription drug program piece of it that we are, but the funding that comes from that program, which is a prescription discount card that folks can use when they go to get their prescriptions filled if they don't have insurance, we're actually looking to supplement that fund with seven thousand five hundred dollars.

[01:09:33] That money is used each year by members of our homeless community or unhoused community to help them to obtain things like driver's licenses, ID cards, Social Security information, birth certificates in order to help them to apply for assistance that used quite extensively. And so we're looking to supplement that fund as we look towards our homelessness and mental health initiatives to the tune of about an additional seven thousand five hundred dollars. The next item is to fund as part of the public health response, an epidemic epidemiologist position, excuse me, for fiscal year twenty three, this would be housed in the health department to help them address some of the pandemic response. Specifically, this position helps with helps them with being able to understand the way COVID 19 is spreading in our community and helps them and the health board to make decisions related to that response. This next item is a very low cost dollar item, but again, it's for our detention center. This is a mobile air ventilation system. It's six hundred and seventy seven dollars. The system is actually used to create what we call a positive pressure environment when they are needing to go in and clean an area where we may have had either an inmate who might be a positive case or we might have had a positive case that came in as an officer was booking them, but it allows them to go in and do that cleaning in a safe method.

[01:10:58] The next item on here is funding for our relationship violence services, this is something specifically called out in the American Rescue Plan to be able to fund, and so this will continue to provide services for victims of crimes through our criminal justice. Sorry, Community Justice Department in the Relationship Violence Services Division, which provides those direct services, that's two hundred and eighty thousand. And then the final large item in this is to set aside approximately five point eight million dollars for the continued public health response to COVID 19. And so those funds will be used to help support things like testing contact tracing, which is not a covered activity under the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Vaccinations This is also the funding that we will look towards towards helping to support if we do reopen. The sleepy end for non congregate shelter funding for this could be used to support support that activity, which has been covered in the media. So when we when we add up those that category of funding, what we're looking to to spend is an amount up to seven million forty thousand dollars to cover that kind of ongoing public health response.

[01:12:10] And I'm going to go through all of the categories that I'm happy to take questions at the end from the commission and try to answer those as best I can for the next hour, specifically system upgrades. This is in that Category two funding to address the COVID 19 response in the way that it's impacted local government and and some of our partners. So these first two items look to improve the heating, ventilation and air conditioning system or HVAC system, and two of our facilities that are most heavily utilized, both in terms of COVID response, which is the health department. That's at one point twenty five million dollars system upgrade to improve the ventilation. And there we do know that improved ventilation fresh air flow is one of the ways that we can combat COVID 19. The second is a major upgrade to the HVAC system at the detention facility. Again, that's a that's a congregate facility

where we have folks in confinement and we need to improve our ability to address that, that positive airflow inside those facilities. The next item on there is fourteen thousand six hundred and twenty eight dollars that is money to upgrade the wi fi, the wireless network at the fairgrounds. That might seem like a bit of an odd response when you first look at it, but it just as a reminder.

[01:13:28] Our fairgrounds served a host of purposes during the pandemic response, and we'll continue to do those, including being a site where we did our first mobile testing for COVID, as well as had two different vaccination programs running on the fairgrounds during that time. One of the biggest challenges we faced during that was trying to get adequate network connectivity out there for the folks who were there administering those programs, and this would help to bolster that as we continue to use the fairgrounds for some of that emergency response. The next item is an upgrade to some detention facilities, secure doors and and some of the called a security door an a purchase, excuse me, about thirty thousand seven hundred and eighty two dollars. Again, these are updates in the detention facility, specifically around COVID 19, and this is to help address and update and modernize some of those doors, which work on a pressurized system to help do that. The next is again another upgrade to Missoula County system. This would be an increase to the firewall for our public internet. We do have quite a few folks who use the internet connectivity in our buildings as they're there to perform transactions or there for court. We need to upgrade that system to be able to just kind of address some of the ongoing increased traffic we have is we have more folks working remotely and as well as the public meeting access to that service.

[01:14:52] Last few items here for this category the fairgrounds floriculture building and change to the HVAC system there. Again, as a reminder, this building was what was used by the YMCA to provide child care and daycare services during the pandemic. One of the challenges that we experienced over the winter was lack of adequacy for that system. So again, we want to look at just a an upgrade to that system because that would be the building again that the YMCA would use should we go back to a state where we need to provide some childcare options if we end up with closures again. So the American Rescue Plan also comes with it, as you can imagine, a host of rules specifically around how this funding is spent. So this next request is for a multi-year funding for an FTE that would help to make sure that we stay in compliance with our requirements around ARPA, but also to look as we apply for funding for the state and directly from the federal government to help us with those applications and staying in compliance with those requirements around the American Rescue Plan. The next piece is a sixty thousand reimbursement for the library security contract, as you can imagine that they've opened their new facility. And as we went through the pandemic, the library itself had a host of challenges again to address those public health responses.

[01:16:11] One of the methods that both the county and the library use was contracting with private security to help them enforce mask mandates, but also just to help us make sure that we're keeping good track of the folks as they're entering and exiting our facilities. And so that's what this request is. The last one in this category is a request for specifically somebody to be hired in our information technology department. This is a one year request, with the intention being that this would move into our general budget next year as a request from our IT department. And this is specifically for a cybersecurity position. And as you can imagine, we moved to a fully remote environment in a very quick period of time. One of the things that was noted by our chief information officer who heads our internal services department is that we really need to bolster our presence in the security world around cybersecurity to make sure that we are providing the most security that we can for folks. We we have everything from confidential criminal justice information to private health information that rides on our network. And so I'm making sure that we have a secure network is critically important for the county. So in this category, we're looking at about two point seventy three million dollars of spending throughout this next fiscal year. Next category is our water, sewer and broadband infrastructure.

[01:17:34] These are partnerships with both the state and some of the funding that they are putting aside. And so the first one of those is the Lewis and Clark wastewater system. The Lewis and Clark system is out in the Clinton area. That's about \$40000 to upgrade that system. The local water district, of course, is our largest water district and sewer district that we have in Missoula County. Request here for nine hundred and thirty nine thousand dollars, roughly for improvements to that system, which will allow it to create a redundant loop in the system so that if they need to turn off water for leaks, it would not shut down the entire system. Sunset West is out in the area of the Y and then the L Ma water system is off of Mullin Road out near the Ranch Club. Updates to those systems in this case would be related to, well, replacements and water treatment. One hundred and fifty four thousand one hundred and sixty three dollars. And then as part of how Bill six thirty two as passed by the Legislature, there were different pots of money set aside. But one of the requirements is that the county matched those funds dollar for dollar, for any project that's

going to be funded out of there. And the public works department has put in for approximately two point eighty eight million dollars. And so this would be our one to one match for that funding using the gas tax.

[01:18:53] So altogether in the water, sewer and broadband categories, we're looking at about four point one million dollars. So the last category that we're looking to spend funding in is in that bucket, too. But it's specifically around housing and mental health, which were services that were called out specifically in the American Rescue Plan as kind of those once in a generation investments that we'll be able to hopefully move the needle on some really significant social challenges that both Missoula County faces, but we're facing around the country. And so that's what this last category is. The first one. The Gavrilov Center runs a homeless veterans program. They were successful in securing a \$1 million grant that will allow them to create a permanent home for that program, which right now utilizes the second floor of the Povera center by helping to fund the project that they're looking at. Taking in to the tune of eight hundred and thirty three thousand dollars in partnership with a poverty center and the city of Missoula that would free up additional space in our homeless shelter to help address some of our housing needs, as well as helping homeless veterans program to secure a permanent home for that. So that's the first request in this category. As you know, each year, Missoula County works in partnership with the city and the Poverty Law Center to provide additional living spaces.

[01:20:13] This was extremely critical this last year, with the need in congregate care settings to make sure that we could provide that minimum six feet social distance, and there's a request this year for \$100,000 to continue that program. The CDC's guidance around congregate care has not changed into the Perello center, and other providers continue to have capacity limits that we don't necessarily see out in the rest of the public sector at this point, but they are still required to run with those capacity limits, according to CDC guidelines. We're looking to spend about one point five million dollars in additional funding towards the housing and homelessness initiatives. Those will go towards our efforts around the temporary safe outdoor space securing permanent, not permanent, but stronger and longer lasting temporary housing that can be used in the form of pallet shelters, which is one of the temporary dwellings that can be used for that, as well as looking to help fund mobile care team and other items around that response. Specifically also setting up a sanctioned, a legally sanctioned camp site that we'll be talking more about. And then the final one in this area. We have been working closely with Missoula Aging Services to ensure that they're able to make sure folks who are homebound or who are unable to get out continue to provide meals. And so we're funding a supplemental amount to the Meals on Wheels program in the amount of one hundred and ten thousand dollars.

[01:21:47] And then finally, in the area of mental health, as I mentioned earlier, when we were talking about the detention facility, we're seeing an added strain on our mental health system. So this would fund the Mobile Crisis Response Unit, which has been very successful, extend their hours up till midnight, seven days a week and the amount of three hundred and sixty eight thousand dollars. That's again in partnership with the City of Missoula Partnership Health Center and Missoula County to provide that funding and then an additional amount set aside for additional mental health efforts in the amount of six hundred and thirty two thousand dollars. So all tolled between the multiyear and single year requests. What you're looking at is a total spending authority of up to seventeen million three hundred and thirty three thousand. Or this next fiscal year. And with that, I will stop sharing my screen and take any questions that I can answer from the commission. And of course, we're opening a public hearing here, so we'll also be taking public comments at the commissioners email address book at Missoula County. As we look at this and you'll have your final hearing at the end of this month on and violent, please correct me if I'm incorrect, but I believe it's September 23rd.

[01:23:00] Michael, is that correct? I think

[01:23:02] That's right, I'll confirm it 100 percent

[01:23:04] In just a moment. It is the 23rd on a Thursday, so it would be a Thursday public meeting. Yep, that is correct. Before we take questions, though, is there any public comment on the proposed expenditures of American Rescue Plan dollars that are coming to Missoula County? Any public comment? Ok. Public hearing will remain open questions from the commission or comments from the commission just had a comment. I want to thank Chris and all the rest of our staff for many hours of really good conversation on what we could do with this kind of once in a generation opportunity. And this list that we have right now is kind of our working together best first draft awaiting public comment. What I really wanted to thank all the staff for their many hours of work to get us to

this point. Thank you. And it looks like we have a question from Jordan Hanson. Yeah, thank you. I appreciate it. Real quick, I just wanted to clarify that the money

[01:24:07] That the county is expecting to get is in

[01:24:09] The amount of around twenty three million. I just want to make sure I had that number right. That would be correct. Awesome, thank you. And then the second thing too, is I was wondering if any of those if the money directed towards sewer and water was in consideration for the state aka infrastructure projects or if that was kind of possibly being, you know, looked at differently due to that process,

[01:24:35] I just was hoping for some clarification

[01:24:37] On that as well. Thank you. Thank you, Chris.

[01:24:41] You bet. So happy to answer that. So the 2.8 million that we're setting aside is the match for those state programs that we applied. We have grants in for from House Bill six thirty two that the infrastructure the committee met about last week. They have not. They've finalized their work, but the governor has not yet approved the list of projects. So that's why that money set aside there. Some of those other smaller projects are being funded directly. Hopefully that that answers.

[01:25:07] Yes, it does thank you very much. And Chris, when do we expect to hear back from the state?

[01:25:13] If I remember correctly in House, Bill, six thirty two from the committee's decision, the governor had 30 days, if I remember correctly. And so hopefully prior to our September twenty third hearing is when we would hear. Great.

[01:25:27] To Jordan, if you have any influence, please exert it. Other questions from the commission or comments.

[01:25:37] Chris, the multi-year projects there's maybe like half dozen of them or which ones are those again or is there? Are they neatly put somewhere

[01:25:47] So they they are called out in the PowerPoint, but I won't claim that they're neatly put somewhere. The reality is, so those multiyear projects primarily are around the ARPA grants administrator position, which will span a couple of years. And then we will also that jail contract for mental health services will also span multiple years that we know for sure. I imagine that some of the projects, just given the nature of public works projects, may actually carry over into next year, but we will reflect that when you take up action on next year's budget. If folks were not able to expend the funds in this year.

[01:26:28] Thanks, Jordan. Gordon Hanson, do you have your hang up again? Yeah. Sorry, I just left it, but nothing for me. Ok, thank you. Any other questions or comments from the commission? Let's move this needle. Here you go. Well, well said. Yeah, thanks, Chris. That was an excellent presentation. The public hearing will remain open until September twenty third. Is that verified by verified? Yes, it is verified. Ok, so folks should feel free to reach out to us. However, your desired method of communication is and we'll be glad to take your comments into consideration. Ok. With that, is there any other business to come before the commission this afternoon?

[01:27:20] Chris, PowerPoint is up on our website, is that right?

[01:27:22] I have no idea, Chris, where is your PowerPoint presentation?

[01:27:27] So the PowerPoint was part of your agenda packet here and I will see if we can make that available on the website between between the hearings as well. Ok, thanks. I won't claim to have that technological wizardry, but I bet Mel or Allison does.

[01:27:40] Ok, thank you.

[01:27:43] And that does bring up a good point. If anyone does want to access our agenda, that includes all of the attachments that we discuss during these meetings. Those are linked to the electronic version of our agendas on our website. Anything else? Ok, see none. We will be adjourned.