

Missoula Board of County Commissioners

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES COVER SHEET



THURSDAY, AUGUST 24, 2023 – 2 PM

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

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ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners Present:

Chair Josh Slotnick
Commissioner David Strohmaier
Commissioner Juanita Vero

Staff Present:

Cheryl Hartman, Administrative Assistant, Commissioners' Office
Chris Lounsbury, Chief Administrative Officer, Commissioners' Office
Andrew Czorny, Chief Financial Officer, Commissioners' Office
Kyla Lehnerz, Administrative Assistant, Commissioners' Office
Baily Minnich, Planner, Planning, Development, Sustainability
Emily Brock, Director, Economic and Land Development
Flanna McCarty, Development Specialist, Economic and Land Development
Allison Franz, Communications Manager, Commissioners' Office
Tim Worley, Senior Planner, Planning, Development, Sustainability
John Hart, Deputy Civil Attorney, County Attorneys' Office
Melissa Fisher, Strategic Initiatives Manager, Commissioners' Office
David Wall, County Auditor, Auditors' Office
Anne Hughes, Chief Financial Operation Officer, Commissioners' Office

1. **CALL TO ORDER** *[Time stamp – 0:05]*
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** *[Time stamp – 0:21]*
3. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT** *[Time stamp – 0:28]*
Missoula County acknowledges that this event takes place in the aboriginal territories of the Salish and Kalispel people.
4. **PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS** *[Time stamp – 0:38]*
 - a. Closed Captioning

b. Suicide Prevention Week Proclamation

5. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA [Time stamp – 3:32]

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

Claims received as of August 01, 2023 to August 15, 2023 by the Commissioners' Office total \$5,890,796.44.

7. HEARINGS

a. Davey Minor Subdivision [Time stamp – 6:48]

Bailey Minnich, Planner, Planning, Development, Sustainability

Commissioner Vero made the motion that the Board of County Commissioners of Missoula County hereby approve the Davey Minor Subdivision based the findings of fact and conclusions of law on the staff report and subject to the recommended conditions of approval.

Commissioner Strohmaier seconded.

[Motion Passed 3-0.]

[Letter 2023-162 was sent electronically to Eli and Associates/ Marias Hale]

b. Resolution- Wye Infrastructure [Time stamp – 29:22]

Emily Brock, Director, Economic and Land Development

Commissioner Vero made the motion that the Missoula Board of County Commissioners approve the resolution declaring an infrastructure deficit area in an area known as the Wye 2 and that the investment in the infrastructure in that area is in the interest of public health, safety and welfare of the residents of Missoula County.

Commissioner Strohmaier seconded.

[Motion Passed 3-0.]

[Resolution 2023-065 Book: 1092 Page: 598]

c. Preliminary Fiscal Year 2024 County Budget- Open Hearing [Time stamp – 29:22]

Andew Czorny, Chief Financial Officer, Commissioners' Office

Chris Lounsbury, Chief Administrative Officer, Commissioners' Office

[Final Budget Hearing September 07, 2023]

8. OTHER BUSINESS

[None]

9. ADJOURN

Chair Slotnick – Called the meeting to adjourn at 3:42 p.m.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Welcome everybody to our public meeting for Thursday, August 24th.

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Sophie Moiese Room

You please join me in the pledge.

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Sophie Moiese Room

And justice for.

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Sophie Moiese Room

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

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Sophie Moiese Room

We have two public announcements.

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Sophie Moiese Room

She'll get #1.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Hello everyone, if you're joining us for this meeting virtually today, instructions for turning on closed captioning are on your screen.

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Sophie Moiese Room

If you're joining us in person, we'll have closed captioning on all the screens here in the Sophie Moiese room, and we also have assisted listening devices available.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Please come to me if you would like an assisted listening device and we will get one for you.

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Sophie Moiese Room

We ask that all speakers today Please remember to speak slowly and clearly during the meeting.

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Sophie Moiese Room

This helps with the accuracy of the closed captioning.

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Sophie Moiese Room

There will be multiple chances during the meeting for public comment for chilly during those times.

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Sophie Moiese Room

If you like to speak, we ask that you use the raise hand feature.

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Sophie Moiese Room

If you are on Microsoft Teams, this is the small hand button.

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Sophie Moiese Room

If you're calling in on the phone, you need to hit star 5 to raise your hand.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Then once called on, you'll need to hit star 6 to unmute.

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Sophie Moiese Room

If you have any questions or concerns, please find me during the meeting and let me know.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Thank you. Thanks.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Because I want to do the next one.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Good afternoon everyone.

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Sophie Moiese Room

We have a proclamation of Missoula County.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Whereas this proclamation recognizes suicide as a community wide problem and suicide prevention as requiring a community effort.

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Sophie Moiese Room

And whereas Montana suicide rate is the second highest in the nation and and has ranked among the top five states with the highest rates of suicide for the past four decades, and whereas since 2018,

Missoula County has experienced 143 suicides and whereas suicide by firearm accounts for 54% of all suicides in the United States and 63% of all suicides in Montana and gun stored in the home are used for suicide 40 times more than for self defense.

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Sophie Moiese Room

And whereas it is important to support our recently launched 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.

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Sophie Moiese Room

And whereas our community will support suicide prevention efforts to the maximum extent possible with initiatives like project tomorrow Montana, which works to reduce Missoula County suicide deaths and attempts through educational programs and evidence based policy now, therefore, in coordination with national Suicide Prevention Week, we, the Missoula Board of County Commissioners in Montana do hereby recognize the week of September 4, seven through the 14th, 2023, as Suicide Prevention Week signed by the Missoula Board of County Commissioners.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Thanks, Dave.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Do we have any public comment on items not on the agenda or maybe on the proclamation that was just read or maybe on the proclamation?

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Sophie Moiese Room

Ah, I looks like we do.

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Sophie Moiese Room

The green is the green light on.

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Sophie Moiese Room

The giant green button that I missed.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Thank you all for your service and for proclaiming suicide prevention week and recognizing its importance as we collectively address the public health crisis that suicide represents in our county during the week of September 7 to 14 project tomorrow Montana, which as you know is a collaboration between United Way of Missoula County and our City County Health Department is sponsoring more than a dozen events with our many partners countywide.

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Sophie Moiese Room

These include training and how to recognize the signs of suicide, and our family members, friends and colleagues, and how to reach out a hand of help and hope.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Project tomorrow will also be distributing materials and resources, resources and engaging in conversations at the paddle heads game on September 7.

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And everything.

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Eventually.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Lighting Main hall on the UM campus on September 13 in the colors of suicide prevention, which are purple and teal, and prior to that, joining with UMD students during the day, tabling with materials resources and engaging in conversations with our project tomorrow.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Team, we can't fix things.

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Sophie Moiese Room

We can't talk about, so it's important to talk about suicide.

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Sophie Moiese Room

A full list of Suicide Prevention Week events can be found on the project tomorrow website projecttomorrowmt.org.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Through our ongoing efforts, we are making progress while even one suicide is too many.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Total suicides in Missoula County are significantly below the rest of the state.

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Sophie Moiese Room

We have trained thousands of missoulians in suicide prevention, more than 550 last year alone, and distributed thousands of gun locks and nearly 600 last year alone.

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Sophie Moiese Room

We know that's a best practice in preventing suicide.

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Sophie Moiese Room

We were instrumental in getting an A988 suicide prevention Hotline Call Center in Missoula, which has the highest answer rate in the nation, almost 97%.

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Sophie Moiese Room

This is so important because help seeking is something that we measure in suicide prevention, again.

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Sophie Moiese Room

For more information about Suicide Prevention week and how you can prevent suicide, please visit project tomorrow, mt.org.

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Sophie Moiese Room

And as always, thank you for your service.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Thank you or reason to be proud of Missoula.

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Sophie Moiese Room

OK, our current claims list claims received as of August 1st, 2023 to August 15th, 2023 by Commissioners Office total five million \$890,796.44 we have 3 hearings today with the final one being our budget hearing.

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Sophie Moiese Room

So for you folks who are here for budget, you gotta wait it out.

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Sophie Moiese Room

The other ones will be pretty quick.

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Sophie Moiese Room

First up is the Davy Minor subdivision in Bailey will present.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Sorry, just moving things around.

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Sophie Moiese Room

A lot of people up on the podium today.

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Sophie Moiese Room

OK.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Good afternoon everyone.

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Sophie Moiese Room

For the record, my name is Bailey Minnick.

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Sophie Moiese Room

I'm planner with the Missoula County Planning Office and I am presenting the Davie Minor subdivision.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Hey, these subject property is located at 3125 Lorraine Dr.

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Sophie Moiese Room

I have it highlighted outlined here in red.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Let me put my little laser pointer on so you guys can see my screen a little bit better.

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Sophie Moiese Room

So it's down here.

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Sophie Moiese Room

So this intersection up here is reserve and Brooks just for everybody's reference up here in the North, if you can see that.

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Sophie Moiese Room

And so we're down here off of Miller Creek Rd.

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Sophie Moiese Room

And way down here, kind of at the bottom of the screen.

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Sophie Moiese Room

The proposal is a request for two residential lots.

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Sophie Moiese Room

The existing parcel totals approximately 13.68 acres.

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Sophie Moiese Room

This is actually a resub division of an lot from the Mortgage Heights subdivision.

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Sophie Moiese Room

That was approved back in 1989.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Umm.

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Sophie Moiese Room

As I said, it's located off of Lorraine Dr near Stone Haven Ave and there are no variances requested with the project.

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Sophie Moiese Room

This is kind of a big picture of the entire property.

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Sophie Moiese Room

I have a zoomed in portion in a minute to kind of show it, but I wanted to get the entire proposed preliminary plat for everyone to see.

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Sophie Moiese Room

So we review subdivision request in accordance with a number of criteria.

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Sophie Moiese Room

I'm not gonna go through all of them.

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Sophie Moiese Room

I'm just gonna hit the highlights for the project, but basically it's zoning, growth policy access, sanitation, pedestrian facilities, parks, recreation, fire department and natural environment.

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Sophie Moiese Room

And while I'm going through the highlights of these, I have oops I didn't hadn't had a slide, but I'll get there in a second, I guess.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Umm, so zoning, the first thing.

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Sophie Moiese Room

So the existing growth policy designation is for residential, which recommends a density range between 3 dwelling units per acre and 11 dwelling units per acre, requiring connections to public water and sewer.

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Sophie Moiese Room

And the existing zoning is RR S1, which is the rural residential small agriculture one acre that has a maximum residential density of 1 dwelling unit per one acre, with a minimum lot size of 1 acre for a residential building type.

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Sophie Moiese Room

One thing about the zoning regulations is this property is subject to the hillside and ridgeline development standards the subdivision proposes.

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Sophie Moiese Room

I think actually, yeah, there's my side.

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Sophie Moiese Room

The subdivision purposes the driveway, which is outlined here.

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Sophie Moiese Room

You can see that to cross through this area that's in yellow.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Umm.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Slopes between 10 to 24.99%.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Mm-hmm.

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Sophie Moiese Room

And the new building site here in this kind of green area is proposed on slopes between 10 and 19.99%.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Our zoning regulations, which became effective July 1st of 2022, states that a minor waiver is required for any roads or driveways within those slopes and the building construction, so the applicant was approved for a minor waiver to these sections and therefore is compliant with our zoning regulations.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Umm, I'm going to leave the the PowerPoint or the blot up.

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Sophie Moiese Room

So while I'm talking, you guys can see that as well.

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Sophie Moiese Room

So the subdivisions are required to reasonably mitigate potentially significant adverse impacts to agriculture and agriculture water facilities.

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Sophie Moiese Room

There have been no food production currently on the site and the property has not historically been utilized for agricultural production.

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Sophie Moiese Room

There are also no known existing agriculture water rights that would need to be transferred or abandoned, but there are current or I should say, current agriculture operations are not in proximity, but the property is adjacent to some areas that are zoned for agricultural use.

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Sophie Moiese Room

With us to the South and so we are recommending a condition of approval to add notification to future lot owners about living adjacent to agriculture operations within the covenants since that could happen on adjacent lots.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Direct access is proposed off of Lorraine Dr, which is an existing county maintained Rd which has a paved surface width of 24 feet.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Both lots will access from from Lorraine Drive, from an existing approach with the driveway splitting at the front property line.

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Sophie Moiese Room

So we are recommending a condition of approval that the required an updated approach permit and that approach to be constructed to a paved surface width of 20 feet with the two foot shoulders which would be standard for a a road with that size.

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Sophie Moiese Room

There are no existing pedestrian paths located along Lorraine Dr since they're not including any on site roads.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Since the shared approach would split at that front property line and we are recommending a condition that a waiver of the right to protest be placed on the face of the final plat for any future construction of sidewalks that might or bike lanes that might come in along Lorraine Drive in the future.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Umm, the proposed lots will be required to undergo sanitation and subdivision review.

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Sophie Moiese Room

They include individual septic systems for each lot.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Sewer is not out this far, however.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Missoula Water is out in this area, so they do have A and have received approval from the city of Missoula Utility Service Review Committee, US RC, for that connection.

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Sophie Moiese Room

But we did get a comment from the Missoula Public Works and Mobility Department recommending some language for an SSID or Rs ID to go on the face of the final plat for potential future connections to municipal sewer when or if it does get out in this area, subdivision or minor subdivisions are exempt from the Parkland dedication requirements.

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Sophie Moiese Room

So that's not applicable to the subdivision. Umm.

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Sophie Moiese Room

The property is located within the Missoula Rural Fire District.

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Sophie Moiese Room

There was a fire hazard assessment completed for the subdivision, which came back with a score of 55, which indicates a moderate risk for fire hazard in this area.

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Sophie Moiese Room

So a wild fire hazard.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Defensible Space management agreement as well as a fire suppression plan was included with the subdivision.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Umm.

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Sophie Moiese Room

And those would be recorded with the covenants as well.

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Sophie Moiese Room

The applicant proposes to utilize an existing hydrant that's located on the north side of Lorraine Dr.

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Sophie Moiese Room

I believe it's right here.

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Sophie Moiese Room

You can see it on the on the picture.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Umm, there is a requirement under the International Fire Code that structures over 3600 square feet would be required to install fire sprinklers within a residence, but this is not a condition of the Missoula County Subdivision regulations, even though the applicant is recommending that within their application materials, it's not something that we can condition, but that would get looked at at the time of building permit approval.

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Sophie Moiese Room

So there is some language in the proposed covenants addressing that for future property owners to be aware.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Uh.

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Sophie Moiese Room

The subdivision does contain some areas of riparian resource, so our definition of riparian in the subdivision regulations doesn't necessarily mean it has to have water in it.

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Sophie Moiese Room

That's most of the common things.

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Sophie Moiese Room

It can be woody draws or other areas can be considered riparian resource and that is you can kind of see it right here.

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Sophie Moiese Room

It's back here on this kind of spot right there.

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Sophie Moiese Room

So a riparian resource management plan was included with the subdivision, and as a recommended condition of approval, that will be included with the covenants and not be able to be amended without consent of the governing body.

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Sophie Moiese Room

This area will also be designated as a no build zone and shown like that.

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Sophie Moiese Room

On the face of the plat.

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Sophie Moiese Room

The subject property is located within an existing subdivision as I mentioned, and is surrounded by residential development.

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Sophie Moiese Room

So no further impacts to wildlife beyond the current level is anticipated.

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Sophie Moiese Room

The property, as I mentioned with the minor waiver, does contain some areas of steep slopes.

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Sophie Moiese Room

A geotechnical report was submitted with the subdivision that indicates there's no evidence of slope instability and we do have a record or a condition of approval regarding the steep slopes be labeled as no build zones and those you can see in these areas that are in red and kind of hashed.

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Sophie Moiese Room

These are all the no build zones and there's a section up here as well.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Mute.

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Sophie Moiese Room

So we did have two agency comments that came in.

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Sophie Moiese Room

One was from 5 Valley Audubon and actually they had recommended the preservation of the grassland habitat for bird species and they actually recommended some steep slopes be designated as no build zone.

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Sophie Moiese Room

It's go back one slide, this area right here was during their comment and so the developer did go in and change that based on the five Valley Audubon comment.

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Sophie Moiese Room

So this area was also included as a no build zone.

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Sophie Moiese Room

And then the comment from the city of Missoula Public Works about the the RSI D language, Umm, public comment, we did mail adjacent property owners notification on August 4th.

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Sophie Moiese Room

We posted the project on the Missoula County Voice page on July 26th.

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Sophie Moiese Room

We've had no comments on the project at this time and so staff is recommending approval of the application and I have a draft motion prepared and I'm happy to answer any questions.

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Sophie Moiese Room

I know the applicant is online as well.

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Sophie Moiese Room

If you have any questions for them, do.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Thanks a lot.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Bailey would the applicant or their representative like to speak to this?

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Eli & Assoc. (Guest)

Umm, this is Joshua with Eli and associates representing the client, John Davey.

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Eli & Assoc. (Guest)

And I just want to thank Bailey for her work on this and we don't have any further comment or but we can answer questions if you'd like.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Thank you.

0:18:14.580 --> 0:18:15.540

Sophie Moiese Room

You guys have any questions?

0:18:16.990 --> 0:18:19.410

Sophie Moiese Room

No straightforward, yes.

0:18:19.470 --> 0:18:28.250

Sophie Moiese Room

And and you could work through the issues with the the minor of correct term minor waiver minor waiver.

0:18:28.330 --> 0:18:29.370

Sophie Moiese Room

I think that waiver light.

0:18:31.690 --> 0:18:33.160

Sophie Moiese Room

Umm, OK.

0:18:33.730 --> 0:18:34.500

Sophie Moiese Room

Ohh thank you.

0:18:34.510 --> 0:18:35.780

Sophie Moiese Room

Any public comment on this?

0:18:36.250 --> 0:18:36.610

Sophie Moiese Room

Here we are.

0:18:45.970 --> 0:18:47.700

Sophie Moiese Room

Sir, I think you're gonna have to hit your micro.

0:18:48.70 --> 0:18:48.630

Sophie Moiese Room

The button.

0:18:50.350 --> 0:18:50.820

Sophie Moiese Room

There we go.

0:18:50.860 --> 0:18:52.870

Sophie Moiese Room

My apology, my name is Doctor Char Gatlin.

0:18:52.880 --> 0:18:53.890

Sophie Moiese Room

Thank you for having me.

0:18:54.130 --> 0:18:56.240

Sophie Moiese Room

Before we begin, you switched kind of fast off.

0:18:56.250 --> 0:19:2.660

Sophie Moiese Room

The Suicide Proclamation is the past national commander or, excuse me, national Azure of the military, or the Purple Heart and the current state commander.

0:19:2.770 --> 0:19:3.340

Sophie Moiese Room

Good job.

0:19:3.390 --> 0:19:4.550

Sophie Moiese Room

It's about time we had that.

0:19:4.690 --> 0:19:5.440

Sophie Moiese Room

I applaud Susan.

0:19:5.450 --> 0:19:9.220

Sophie Moiese Room

Hey, Patrick and everyone else that had something to do with it was needed to happen.

0:19:9.330 --> 0:19:9.760

Sophie Moiese Room

Good.

0:19:10.350 --> 0:19:12.600

Sophie Moiese Room

So I live across the street.

0:19:12.790 --> 0:19:18.120

Sophie Moiese Room

In 3100, Lorraine and I have a couple of questions actually for this gentleman here, if you don't mind.

0:19:18.190 --> 0:19:18.490

Sophie Moiese Room

Thank you.

0:19:20.720 --> 0:19:24.50

Sophie Moiese Room

To say that that that's a steep slope as an understatement.

0:19:24.60 --> 0:19:24.650

Sophie Moiese Room

That's for sure.

0:19:24.660 --> 0:19:26.110

Sophie Moiese Room

I walked at the other day just to see it.

0:19:26.120 --> 0:19:29.330

Sophie Moiese Room

I mean, it's a draw, so my concerns are actually with the construction.

0:19:29.340 --> 0:19:31.10

Sophie Moiese Room

I don't necessarily have a problem with the plan.

0:19:31.20 --> 0:19:32.270

Sophie Moiese Room

Very comprehensive, by the way.

0:19:32.360 --> 0:19:34.390

Sophie Moiese Room

You checked all the blogs that good job.

0:19:35.0 --> 0:19:39.430

Sophie Moiese Room

We have a lot of families in that subdivision and we don't have a sidewalk, and that road is tight.

0:19:40.0 --> 0:19:45.150

Sophie Moiese Room

So my first question is, is when will it start the construction and where are we going to put the equipment?

0:19:45.470 --> 0:19:53.900

Sophie Moiese Room

Because if you're going to build that road in there, that road it to the schematic that was up has to go between the the heavy fall and then the drop to come around.

0:19:53.910 --> 0:19:54.490

Sophie Moiese Room

Where's the?

0:19:54.540 --> 0:19:57.160

Sophie Moiese Room

Is the equipment going to go but it on the street?

0:19:57.170 --> 0:19:58.870

Sophie Moiese Room

Are we gonna put it down the street towards a?

0:20:10.30 --> 0:20:11.10

Sophie Moiese Room

Josh was muted.

0:20:11.810 --> 0:20:12.880

John Davey (Guest)

Can I address that?

0:20:14.20 --> 0:20:14.480

Sophie Moiese Room

Absolutely.

0:20:15.730 --> 0:20:16.920

John Davey (Guest)

My name's John Davey.

0:20:17.350 --> 0:20:20.520

John Davey (Guest)

Thanks for the opportunity to join the meeting.

0:20:20.590 --> 0:20:28.220

John Davey (Guest)

We have absolute we don't have any plans in the near future to do any construction on and or building on that site.

0:20:31.60 --> 0:20:31.490

Sophie Moiese Room

OK.

0:20:31.500 --> 0:20:33.260

Sophie Moiese Room

Uh, near future we talking a year?

0:20:36.350 --> 0:20:36.610

John Davey (Guest)

Sorry.

0:20:38.30 --> 0:20:39.750

Sophie Moiese Room

We talk in less than a year, over a year.

0:20:41.500 --> 0:20:42.370

John Davey (Guest)

Uh, over a year.

0:20:43.320 --> 0:20:52.400

Sophie Moiese Room

OK, uh, two and there's a lot that could could change right there being that there's no sidewalks we have and this has to go with the construction.

0:20:52.410 --> 0:21:8.800

Sophie Moiese Room

When it comes, I mean we have three or four school buses that come up that road every day in the morning and the evening and putting that equipment wherever it's gonna go is going to create quite a bottleneck because without the sidewalks, we have a lot of moms and families that are walking their children and you can't really, you can't really see around it.

0:21:9.130 --> 0:21:11.180

Sophie Moiese Room

I mean, these are not really well.

0:21:11.190 --> 0:21:18.350

Sophie Moiese Room

I mean our concerns that I have, but maybe things that I could put into context that you could think about, you know as we get closer to to the development site.

0:21:22.220 --> 0:21:23.770

Sophie Moiese Room

The other thing is the noise.

0:21:24.120 --> 0:21:27.800

Sophie Moiese Room

So I worked on the construction crew years ago when I was young, so I get it.

0:21:29.540 --> 0:21:30.690

Sophie Moiese Room

We have a lot of folks out there.

0:21:30.700 --> 0:21:35.50

Sophie Moiese Room

I mean, are we talking construction eight to five, are we gonna be moving dirt? You know, 06.

0:21:35.160 --> 0:21:36.670

Sophie Moiese Room

I mean, obviously you're a year out.

0:21:36.790 --> 0:21:40.250

Sophie Moiese Room

There's a lot to plan, but something, and I guess this isn't really questions.

0:21:40.300 --> 0:21:41.10

Sophie Moiese Room

Organ observation.

0:21:41.20 --> 0:21:46.60

Sophie Moiese Room

This point, if you do any within a year, some sort of noise mitigation or sticking to A to a plan.

0:21:46.70 --> 0:21:49.720

Sophie Moiese Room

We have a lot of younger middle aged folks and families are getting up, going off to school.

0:21:49.790 --> 0:21:52.140

Sophie Moiese Room

You know, they're working odd times to setting the other.

0:21:52.210 --> 0:21:53.60

Sophie Moiese Room

I'm kind of surprised.

0:21:53.70 --> 0:21:54.930

Sophie Moiese Room

None of them are here, but maybe they didn't.

0:21:54.950 --> 0:21:55.810

Sophie Moiese Room

They didn't know what you did.

0:21:55.820 --> 0:21:56.280

Sophie Moiese Room

Mail it out.

0:21:56.290 --> 0:21:59.140

Sophie Moiese Room

So as I said, these are just concerns that I have.

0:21:59.150 --> 0:22:0.660

Sophie Moiese Room

I just want to bring him to your attention.

0:22:1.390 --> 0:22:4.320

Sophie Moiese Room

You know, as we as we had closer, maybe we'll, you know, address them down the road.

0:22:4.730 --> 0:22:8.700

Sophie Moiese Room

But these are things that you know could frustrate the community.

0:22:8.750 --> 0:22:9.420

Sophie Moiese Room

No more, no less.

0:22:9.470 --> 0:22:10.470

Sophie Moiese Room

So I will yield.

0:22:10.660 --> 0:22:11.650

Sophie Moiese Room

Thank you for your time.

0:22:11.700 --> 0:22:12.60

Sophie Moiese Room

Thank you.

0:22:19.490 --> 0:22:21.600

John Davey (Guest)

Can I just respond to that just briefly?

0:22:21.580 --> 0:22:21.710

Sophie Moiese Room

Sure.

0:22:23.300 --> 0:22:55.10

John Davey (Guest)

Thank you, Sir for your concerns and I will make a commitment that we would do everything possible to mitigate the noise and the disruption and any impact on neighbors if or when we, umm, embark on on building a house at that site which like I mentioned, we have no immediate plans to do we we could conceivably have the any construction vehicles or equipment on the driveway that goes to the existing House.

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John Davey (Guest)

Umm.

0:22:57.560 --> 0:22:59.810

John Davey (Guest)

And as you mentioned, that's a pretty steep hill.

0:22:59.820 --> 0:23:7.230

John Davey (Guest)

So I think that if we would be very sensitive about the noise and not do any construction outside of normal business hours.

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John Davey (Guest)

But I appreciate your concerns and thanks for expressing them.

0:23:11.510 --> 0:23:12.690

Sophie Moiese Room

Thank you for your time and your candor.

0:23:19.660 --> 0:23:20.70

Sophie Moiese Room

I don't.

0:23:20.120 --> 0:23:20.820

Sophie Moiese Room

I don't have any questions.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Umm.

0:23:24.470 --> 0:23:33.120

Sophie Moiese Room

I move to approve the Davy Minor subdivision based on the findings of fact and conclusions of law on the staff report and subject to the recommended conditions of approval.

0:23:33.430 --> 0:23:35.740

Sophie Moiese Room

Second, any other public comment?

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Sophie Moiese Room

OK.

0:23:37.660 --> 0:23:38.370

Sophie Moiese Room

All in favor?

0:23:38.900 --> 0:23:41.240

Sophie Moiese Room

Aye, thanks, Bailey.

0:23:43.260 --> 0:23:44.700

Sophie Moiese Room

Emily and flana.

0:23:56.940 --> 0:23:58.190

Sophie Moiese Room

Thank you, commissioners.

0:23:58.200 --> 0:24:17.650

Sophie Moiese Room

This is an item to adopt A resolution declaring infrastructure deficient area exists within Missoula County and the area known as the Y2 and that investment in infrastructure in that area is necessary in the interest of public health, safety and welfare of the residents of Missoula County.

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Sophie Moiese Room

So on June 11th is only count Zula County entered into a contract with Pioneer technical services to assist the county and creation of a targeted economic development district.

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Sophie Moiese Room

A Ted district at the Y.

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Sophie Moiese Room

This Ted would be a new Ted surrounding and separate from the existing why Ted created in 2020 to differentiate it from the existing why Ted?

0:24:44.490 --> 0:24:49.820

Sophie Moiese Room

The area is being considered in the statement of infrastructure deficiency is being referred to as.

0:24:49.830 --> 0:24:50.650

Sophie Moiese Room

Why two?

0:24:51.600 --> 0:25:1.950

Sophie Moiese Room

So the Ted designation enables local government to address infrastructure deficiencies which have impeded the retention and or growth value added industries.

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Sophie Moiese Room

The creation of Y2 will enable Mozilla County to support value added industries, which will in turn contribute to overall economic well being of the county.

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Sophie Moiese Room

The first step is establishing an establishing a tad is to conduct a review of infrastructure deficiencies and adopt A resolution of necessity for the area within which a Ted can be designated.

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Sophie Moiese Room

So the documentation of these conditions in accordance with state law, provides the necessary foundation upon which we can establish a Ted to invest public resources.

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Sophie Moiese Room

And infrastructure to support value added economic development under statute?

0:25:42.840 --> 0:25:50.620

Sophie Moiese Room

Umm, so the resolution does not finalize the boundaries of the Ted boundaries of the Ted can get smaller as we move forward, but they cannot get bigger.

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Sophie Moiese Room

This action does establish the need for a Ted Comprehensive development plan with a tip tip provision and the rationale for investing public funds and economic development activities.

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Sophie Moiese Room

So in fulfillment of the requirement, the following infrastructure deficiencies have been identified.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Transportation infrastructure.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Water infrastructure, wastewater infrastructure, storm water and broadband, and for the very first time in one of our country's one of our infrastructure deficiencies statements.

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Sophie Moiese Room

We are also including workforce housing as infrastructure and we believe that this meets the the statute in House Bill 819, which was passed as past legislature so that we can use a Ted funds to support workforce housing to support value added industries.

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Sophie Moiese Room

So Janet Cornish and Brad uh, I don't.

0:26:58.600 --> 0:27:2.970

Sophie Moiese Room

I always, Archibald, are on the line to answer questions.

0:27:5.980 --> 0:27:7.720

Brad Archibald

Turn the camera off right?

0:27:3.640 --> 0:27:25.880

Sophie Moiese Room

The reason why we're doing a second head and not just expanding the first one is because there were some changes in statute that made it since since 2020, the 95 mills from the state that are in Ted districts have been cut in half in, in Ted Districts.

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Sophie Moiese Room

And if we expanded the 1st district, we would have potentially lost that increment.

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Sophie Moiese Room

So that's why we went with the second one.

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Sophie Moiese Room

And so Janet and Brad are on the screen and here to answer questions.

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Sophie Moiese Room

To have a a question for any of you guys could answer.

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Sophie Moiese Room

This is about the the legislative change.

0:27:46.520 --> 0:27:52.980

Sophie Moiese Room

Does this mean in the new Ted, all of those 95 mills are held back?

0:27:54.250 --> 0:27:54.540

Sophie Moiese Room

No.

0:27:54.550 --> 0:27:57.330

Sophie Moiese Room

And then you said half of the 95 miles ahead.

0:27:57.340 --> 0:27:57.960

Sophie Moiese Room

First, Ted.

0:27:58.190 --> 0:28:0.500

Sophie Moiese Room

The 95 mil stay the same. Correct.

0:28:0.540 --> 0:28:0.780

Sophie Moiese Room

OK.

0:28:0.790 --> 0:28:1.150

Sophie Moiese Room

Thank you.

0:28:5.920 --> 0:28:8.50

Sophie Moiese Room

But to be really meaningful to you, Superintendent.

0:28:14.820 --> 0:28:16.480

Sophie Moiese Room

Umm, that's up to that's up to the chair.

0:28:16.490 --> 0:28:22.550

Sophie Moiese Room

But I will say that we're not prepared to talk about today to talk about anything other than infrastructure deficiencies.

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Sophie Moiese Room

And so if there's going to be discussion about TIF in general or politics around TIF, I I'm not prepared to have that conversation today.

0:28:31.510 --> 0:28:38.870

Sophie Moiese Room

Superintendent, I would suggest then, unless you want to talk about infrastructure that you and Emily make, set a time and go have coffee and talk through it.

0:28:38.880 --> 0:28:42.160

Sophie Moiese Room

Outside of this meeting, unless you want to speak about infrastructure.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Sure, sure.

0:28:59.190 --> 0:28:59.840

Sophie Moiese Room

There it is.

0:29:0.110 --> 0:29:0.640

Sophie Moiese Room

Thank you.

0:29:1.150 --> 0:29:10.680

Sophie Moiese Room

So the infrastructure needs we, I agree the that area out there is does need to have addressed its.

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Sophie Moiese Room

It's not very well developed.

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Sophie Moiese Room

The let's put it that way, but we actually have the Amazon facility has already been built.

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Sophie Moiese Room

We have other facilities being built out there and there is a but for condition on this, which is that is the TIF or the Ted actually couldn't stimulate that development and and that's the big question that we have because the development is happening and it seems from our perspective wrapping that into a tad that is going to contain 1/2 of our school district that western side of that is pulling funds away from our school to divert those to development.

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Sophie Moiese Room

That is already happening and I think that's a major concern that we need to be aware of and cognizant of is that this money isn't free.

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Sophie Moiese Room

This is Money.

0:30:6.780 --> 0:30:15.10

Sophie Moiese Room

A lot of this money is coming from our school district, which means it's coming from our kids to build the infrastructure which is already being developed.

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Sophie Moiese Room

So that makes sense that it does, but I think I'm.

0:30:18.540 --> 0:30:31.390

Sophie Moiese Room

I would like to do since that that's a real concern and I would encourage you and Emily to talk outside of this, because today would be talking specifically about infrastructure deficiency and we were talking about as a larger socio political economic issue.

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Sophie Moiese Room

So this moment isn't the right moment to have that discussion, but I would encourage you guys to have that chat outside of this space.

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Sophie Moiese Room

I think we have a meeting with you at the end.

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Sophie Moiese Room

We do.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Yes, we do.

0:30:40.970 --> 0:30:43.40

Sophie Moiese Room

We will absolutely be getting there. OK.

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Sophie Moiese Room

So thanks.

0:30:43.530 --> 0:30:51.790

Sophie Moiese Room

But I do want to address the concern about the, but for we are not able industries currently are not.

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Sophie Moiese Room

They're not able to build out there the kinds of industries that we wanna see because they don't have sufficient fire flow.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Sometimes they have enough capital that they can buy enough water rights to build their own system.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Most of the time they don't.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Sometimes they're able to get together with one or two neighbors and build a tiny system that will provide Fire Protection for for that area, but the vast, vast, vast majority of businesses that want to relocate or to grow in Missoula that want to be at the why do not have adequate Fire Protection and they cannot get it without a water system.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Furthermore, workforce housing is defined as 10 houses per acre.

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Sophie Moiese Room

You cannot build 10 houses per acre without a public water system.

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Sophie Moiese Room

That is absolutely a fact.

0:31:44.540 --> 0:31:50.930

Sophie Moiese Room

And so in order to build enough workforce housing to serve these industries that we wanna see, we have to have a public water system.

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Sophie Moiese Room

We also have to have a public sewer system.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Additionally, the soils out there are very.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Well, the the drain, there's a real problem with drainage and you can you can see it that it actually that's why we're building there is because it's not prime agland that's why our community said we wanna see growth at the why because so we when we had our one of the reasons we're creating this head now and we didn't create it this size before is because we have adopted zoning that Bailey talked about a few minutes ago since the first why was why Ted was created the community said during that process they wanna see growth at the Y and the and their agricultural community and our development community agreed this was the place it was going to happen because it's not prime agland and so we have a serious issue with drainage out there so yes absolutely absolutely it is a but for thanks.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Guess how many?

0:33:0.850 --> 0:33:1.360

Sophie Moiese Room

Questions.

0:33:1.410 --> 0:33:5.50

Sophie Moiese Room

I don't have any questions and thank you Emily for explaining that.

0:33:5.140 --> 0:33:5.330

Sophie Moiese Room

Yeah.

0:33:5.340 --> 0:33:5.650

Sophie Moiese Room

Thank you.

0:33:6.520 --> 0:33:22.10

Sophie Moiese Room

Umm I move that we adopt A resolution declaring an infrastructure deficit area, that it exists within Missoula County, in an area known as the Y2, and that the investment in infrastructure in that area is necessary in the interest of public health, safety and welfare of the residents of Missoula County.

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Sophie Moiese Room

2nd right.

0:33:23.830 --> 0:33:24.880

Sophie Moiese Room

Any more public comment?

0:33:26.670 --> 0:33:27.680

Sophie Moiese Room

OK. On favor?

0:33:27.990 --> 0:33:28.410

Sophie Moiese Room

Aye, aye.

0:33:32.710 --> 0:33:33.270

Sophie Moiese Room

Thanks everybody.

0:33:35.940 --> 0:33:37.850

Sophie Moiese Room

Now on to the marquee event.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Oh please, 3 minutes.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Just a little break.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Absolutely.

0:33:42.630 --> 0:33:43.360

Sophie Moiese Room

Yeah, we'll do.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Alright.

0:36:42.480 --> 0:36:49.130

Sophie Moiese Room

Our next hearing is about budget and budget is tightly linked to property taxes.

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Sophie Moiese Room

So I'm going to grab for a few minutes about property taxes before our very own chief Administrative Officer, Chris Lounsbury, and our Chief Financial Officer, Andrew, joining talk a little bit.

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Sophie Moiese Room

So I'm thinking about property taxes.

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Sophie Moiese Room

There's a piece of this that belongs to the state and a piece that belongs to the county and I just wanted to lay these things out.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Everybody out there.

0:37:16.170 --> 0:37:17.400

Sophie Moiese Room

Who owns a house?

0:37:17.760 --> 0:37:23.40

Sophie Moiese Room

Got a letter from the Department of Revenue in the not too distant past that says what?

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Sophie Moiese Room

Your house was appraised at.

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Sophie Moiese Room

That's a valuation your home is valued as residential property.

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Sophie Moiese Room

In fact, all real estate in the county gets valued by the state, but not all as residential property.

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Sophie Moiese Room

In fact, there are 16 different property tax classifications.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Residential property is but one, but residential property is super important because it's where everybody lives.

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Sophie Moiese Room

So if you're, if you kind of imagine that letter, you got first big box, there was the appraised value of your house.

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Sophie Moiese Room

How much your house is worth?

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Sophie Moiese Room

That piece is up to the state, but it's not up to the whims of the state.

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Sophie Moiese Room

The state did their very best job when when I say the state, I mean the Department of Revenue, they do their very best job at ascertaining market value.

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Sophie Moiese Room

They believe that's the market value of your house on the day that they appraised your house.

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Sophie Moiese Room

There are 15 other property tax classifications, residential property tax classification is very different than the others.

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Sophie Moiese Room

It's really different than the others because the market does not play a big role in determining the value of those other property tax classifications.

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Sophie Moiese Room

It should, but it doesn't.

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Sophie Moiese Room

So we all saw the value of our homes soar 35, fifty, 60% in some cases.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Most of those other property tax classifications, the real estate that was in there, did not go up or it went down.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Now I'm only bringing this up because what that means is that if all the property taxes get paid when all those property taxes get paid, the great burden the, the the lion share comes from people who live in houses where they're homeowners or renters.

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Sophie Moiese Room

This is such a big deal.

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Sophie Moiese Room

They didn't.

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Sophie Moiese Room

November of last year, the Department of Revenue went to the state, to the state legislature and presented them.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Presented them with with a different tax rate, they said.

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Sophie Moiese Room

State legislature right now, the tax rate, that's how much your property is taxed, is 1.35% for residents, for residential property taxes, residential property tax category.

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Sophie Moiese Room

If we wish property taxes to remain flat, that rate should be adjusted to .94 and those other property tax classifications could come up, and then the burden of property taxes would be spread across all these different property tax classifications.

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Sophie Moiese Room

And historically, when this has happened and it's not that unusual, the state legislature has responded and changed, literally turned down the dial on the residential tax rate.

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Sophie Moiese Room

This year they took a pass, it said 1.35%.

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Sophie Moiese Room

I guess that's going to be fine.

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Sophie Moiese Room

That caused a massive increase in the potential for property taxes.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Two big pieces there.

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Sophie Moiese Room

What I want to you all to remember, and this gets really complicated the valuation how much the properties worth and what the tax rate is, the valuation supposed to be a function of the market.

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Sophie Moiese Room

It really is only a function of the market in residential property taxes.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Most of those other other tax categories, it's not though it should be.

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Sophie Moiese Room

The tax rate?

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Sophie Moiese Room

Definitely a function of policy, and this year the state decided 1.35% was plenty.

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Sophie Moiese Room

They didn't reduce it, even though the Department of Revenue said if you'd reduce that to .94, it would keep property taxes flat.

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Sophie Moiese Room

OK, there's a state piece on over to the county piece budget, which is why we're here today.

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Sophie Moiese Room

We don't look at that letter.

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Sophie Moiese Room

The Department of Revenue and sent out and said, OK, this is the maximum amount we can tax.

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Sophie Moiese Room

We'll just tax that amount and we'll figure out how to spend the money.

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Sophie Moiese Room

That's completely wrong.

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Sophie Moiese Room

We start with a budget and we've spent months and months and really smart people like these folks have poured their hearts and souls and brains into this to come up with a budget that provides good services to the folks in Missoula County and does not bankrupt anybody.

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Sophie Moiese Room

To the best we can, that limits our growth.

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Sophie Moiese Room

That really keeps how much our taxation is down to as little as possible and still delivering services that little as possible is really important.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Not because it's morally and economically important.

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Sophie Moiese Room

It's important because the state has capped how much we can tax it.

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Sophie Moiese Room

There's this thing called a mill cap.

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Sophie Moiese Room

We can't go beyond this cap.

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Sophie Moiese Room

The CAP basically is what we did last year plus half the three year average of inflation that's there's a hard and fast cap.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Bringing all this up because a piece of our property taxes, if you go to property tax information system, look at a pie chart, you can type your address and your name and then look at a pie chart and see if all

the taxes you pay, what goes to the city, what goes to the county, what goes to the special districts, fire districts et cetera, and what goes to the state.

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Sophie Moiese Room

It's interesting in bringing the state up because people generally would think the state runs on income taxes, not on property taxes.

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Sophie Moiese Room

They have 95 mills.

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Sophie Moiese Room

That's 95 units of taxation.

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Sophie Moiese Room

It's the same 95 miles every year.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Our meals are capped.

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Sophie Moiese Room

The states are not capped.

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Sophie Moiese Room

This is a big deal and that that money that goes to the state via property taxes will increase to a very large degree this year.

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Sophie Moiese Room

So this may seem like this, one crazy Democrat is just ranting here in Missoula.

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Sophie Moiese Room

I see you smiling, Peter, the mayor of Wolfstan has lost his mind.

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Sophie Moiese Room

He had again. Right.

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Sophie Moiese Room

I want to read a teeny little piece of a letter, a small little piece of a letter.

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Sophie Moiese Room

This is from the Montana Association of Counties, and this letter was written to our governor.

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Sophie Moiese Room

So this is not the mayor of Wolfstan.

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Sophie Moiese Room

This is the Montana Association of Counties.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Yeah, good, good, good with Eric.

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Sophie Moiese Room

OK, so here's this little section.

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Sophie Moiese Room

The legislature controls the rate at which residential property tax residential property is taxed and when increases in appraised values for residential property are forecasted as they were before the 2023 session, mitigation was an option.

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Sophie Moiese Room

That means turning down the dial on the tax rate, the rapid increase in residential property in Montana will result in a tax reduction for all other classes of property for county mills because we are all mill levy limited.

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Sophie Moiese Room

That's the mill cap.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Montana counties will levy less mills next year on all classes of property as a result of the reappraisal, residential property valuation increases will outpace all other classes of property and the net result will be a reduction in all other classes of property because residential property residential properties will shoulder a larger percentage of the total taxable value in any taxing jurisdiction.

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Sophie Moiese Room

This is how our tax system works in Montana and telling local governments to show greater fiscal restraint does not stop the burden from shifting to residential property taxpayers.

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Sophie Moiese Room

We all are in doing a massive burden shift.

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Sophie Moiese Room

That's what we are feeling right now.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Our response to that is our budget, but that only helps a little bit if we want to see real change, we're going to need our legislature to ask those other property tax classifications to pay their share and lighten the load on homeowners and renters.

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Sophie Moiese Room

End of rant.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Are you please come to the mic.

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Sophie Moiese Room

And you gotta say your name if you don't mind if I believe so.

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Sophie Moiese Room

OK, great.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Umm, I would just like to comment on your perspective on the uh, sure legislatures action.

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Sophie Moiese Room

It seems to me I'm a property owner.

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Sophie Moiese Room

I'm not a business owner.

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Sophie Moiese Room

I have no interest in any non commercial real estate and I'm one of the ones that's going to be affected by any change in property tax.

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Sophie Moiese Room

But I will tell you that what this state needs are decent paying jobs so that people can compete for homes.

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Sophie Moiese Room

And what they're doing is they're lessening the burden on job creators.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Now, maybe you don't think that's fair or important, but I'm telling you, in my at least in my humble opinion, it is.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Thanks for your opinion.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Appreciate it.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Like I I wish the state would have said that that's a that's a valid economic viewpoint.

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Sophie Moiese Room

So I appreciate it.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Budget presentation.

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Sophie Moiese Room

So thanks commissioners.

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Sophie Moiese Room

My name is Chris Lounsbury.

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Sophie Moiese Room

I'm the chief administrative officer, Mike, on it is, but apparently, maybe we'll do this.

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Sophie Moiese Room

I didn't see if it picks up better as opposed to that, so thanks for that.

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Sophie Moiese Room

My name is Chris Lonsberry.

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Sophie Moiese Room

I'm the chief administrative officer for Missoula County, and I will walk you through the property tax portion of our budget and then our Chief Financial Officer, Andrew Journey, will walk you through how those numbers play out.

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Sophie Moiese Room

So I wanna start here first with the our budget process.

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Sophie Moiese Room

And so as we've mentioned a few times really for the county, we start with the budget process.

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Sophie Moiese Room

We don't start with the mill value.

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Sophie Moiese Room

We don't start with the taxing piece.

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Sophie Moiese Room

We start with how do we continue to provide the high level and quality of service that Missoula County

residents expect when they are here in Missoula County and that our visitors expect when they come to our community.

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Sophie Moiese Room

And so that process plays out by department heads getting together and going through what it will cost just to continue to provide the existing level of service that we currently provide to the Community.

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Sophie Moiese Room

And that's where we start.

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Sophie Moiese Room

And then we look at what are the needs beyond that that we are hearing from our constituents that we are seeing increased related to increased requests for service as well as looking at the values of Missoula County.

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Sophie Moiese Room

And just as one example of how we see those increases, if we look at the fact that the county provides 91 service for the entirety of the county, so that when you call 91, somebody answers the phone each time every time and then those first responders are able to get to you over the last five years, we've seen an increase of more than 1000 calls per year to the 911 center.

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Sophie Moiese Room

And so that is a real increase in a real impact that we feel and that residents feel it means longer wait times for someone to answer.

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Sophie Moiese Room

It means longer hold times when we have multiple calls coming in.

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Sophie Moiese Room

So those are some of the the real budget concerns that we sit down and we look at the next thing that we look at are what are some of the forces that are at play in our Community and certainly right now we are seeing significant challenges around staffing at Missoula County and I will get into that more when we look at our workforce section of the presentation.

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Sophie Moiese Room

But beyond that, we are also seeing an increased need for services that are coming from our constituents and from the Community.

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Sophie Moiese Room

And I mentioned that in one center is one example of that, but when we really look, it's not just the 911 center.

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Sophie Moiese Room

We're seeing that across all of our public safety sectors as well as public service around things like roads and bridges and other needs in the Community.

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Sophie Moiese Room

So department heads put together those requests for new services and then get back together and we go through a process where we determine how we'll evaluate those against all of the competing needs across 30 departments for Missoula County.

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Sophie Moiese Room

And as a reminder for folks, Missoula County is an arm of the state.

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Sophie Moiese Room

All of the functions that Missoula County conducts are requirements under the Montana Code Annotated, and this year, we really forced departments to work very hard to make sure that while they are subject to the full inflationary force of the economy, which means when we go out and buy tires, gasoline, oil for cars, all of those things, paving materials, we we pay the full market inflated rate that they are selling for right now.

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Sophie Moiese Room

We asked departments to stay at 3% of operational costs, which is less than our current inflationary rate here in Missoula County.

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Sophie Moiese Room

OK.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Then we go through as a group along with the county commissioners, and we look at how each of those budget pieces fit into the values of Missoula County, which include things like a healthy, safe and vibrant community, public engagement, quality workforce, resource stewardship and economic development.

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Sophie Moiese Room

So I'm going to start off with the things that we have that the Commissioners are considering approving that are one time funding requests, one time funding request largely mean that that event is or item that we're going to purchase occurs one time and one time only.

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Sophie Moiese Room

It comes from a variety of things, and that includes fiscal prudent fiscal management, things like saving for the fact that we'll have to replace cruisers that we'll have to replace pieces of public works, equipment that we have, buildings that were responsible for maintaining parks and other pieces of property, as well as looking at one time or short term staffing requests.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Uh, those staffing requests generally fall into the longer term category of ongoing spending, but we do have some that are in the one time category this year.

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Sophie Moiese Room

And again, we looked at trying to keep operational requests at approximately 3%.

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Sophie Moiese Room

So I'm going to go through each of the onetime requests and where those are coming from, just so folks have it.

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Sophie Moiese Room

And again, this is coming from saving, so this will not change the amount of property taxes that Missoula County is planning on levying next year or collecting next year.

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Sophie Moiese Room

This came from prudent fiscal management of saving for these known capital costs that we will have.

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Sophie Moiese Room

So the first is for our 91 center.

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Sophie Moiese Room

We're looking at using 90,000 in savings from what's known as the nine One Quarter fund.

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Sophie Moiese Room

So everybody in the state of Montana pays \$1.00 per month on their cell phone bill.

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Sophie Moiese Room

The county gets back a portion of that based on population and we have been saving that money.

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Sophie Moiese Room

The 911 center is located in this building and the administrative building, but we also have a backup facility that is currently located at the airport and no longer meets the requirements necessary for a community of 120,000 people.

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Sophie Moiese Room

So this \$90,000 will allow us to move an upgrade the equipment at the backup center to a facility that will continue to meet the communities needs one.

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Sophie Moiese Room

The 91 center is not able to occupy this building.

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Sophie Moiese Room

The next is for the detention center.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Again, our detention center was built more than 20 years ago.

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Sophie Moiese Room

And so, as one would expect, we've been saving to help replace some the items in the detention facility that might need replacement.

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Sophie Moiese Room

And the first one of those is a variable air volume system.

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Sophie Moiese Room

And so we are responsible for the care of those who people who are in our custody and what this system does is allow us to control the air mix inside the facility to make sure that we have fresh air and ventilation inside the detention facility, not only for those who are in our custody and care, but our employees who work in that facility.

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Sophie Moiese Room

See the courthouse elevator needs to be updated to meet current fire code and also to be able to carry the capacity of folks who use the courthouse building.

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Sophie Moiese Room

And so there was a request for \$300,000, again of savings money that we have put aside specifically for replacement and refurbishment of the equipment that is in our buildings.

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Sophie Moiese Room

And so that is a \$300,000 request to completely rebuild the elevator that serves this building.

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Sophie Moiese Room

In particular, this side of the elevator that serves the courts that are located in this building are all of our buildings.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Uh.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Require an electronic access to them so that we can track employees moving in and out of the buildings, but also to make sure that our grounds folks can get into them to take care of them over the weekends and during the night there's a request to use \$110,000 again of plan savings to update that system.

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Sophie Moiese Room

The system that we currently use is called the diax system.

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Sophie Moiese Room

It was actually built for the Denver airport and this will allow us to update to a modern modern system that will allow us to address some of the security concerns in our building.

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Sophie Moiese Room

The next one is a housing inventory study.

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Sophie Moiese Room

As you know, we've been working very hard with our partners in the grants and Communities program to look at the way that we can assist the housing crisis that's occurring in Missoula County and help to provide that.

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Sophie Moiese Room

This will create a housing inventory outside of the city limits, again from savings to help us target how we invest funds through the American rescue plan.

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Sophie Moiese Room

The build back better plan and the infrastructure plan to make sure that we can support workforce housing in our communities outside the city limits.

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Sophie Moiese Room

So looking in the areas of public engagement, again, going back to those core values that Missoula County has, we work very closely with our partners at the city and also at the state and on the federal level, the first request is for a piece of software for a cost of \$2500 to allow us to more easily track the bill.

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Sophie Moiese Room

The bills that we track and provide that information in a clean and transparent way to the public.

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Sophie Moiese Room

This allows us to have a publicly accessible site that will make sure that folks know when Missoula County is taking positions on legislative bills.

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Sophie Moiese Room

We invest pretty heavily in our workforce and we have a request again from savings this year to allow someone to attend some advanced training in leadership for a cost of approximately \$5000 from savings.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Next, we are very fortunate in Missoula County to have many great amenities that encourage folks to live in Missoula.

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Sophie Moiese Room

One new museum that is being built in Missoula County, particularly around the history of the fire service in Missoula County and across the nation, is looking at building a new building out past the airport.

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Sophie Moiese Room

And they have requested that we assist by an in kind waiver of fees for the construction of that building that approximate cost is \$10,000.

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Sophie Moiese Room

The next one is a contribution that we are actually receiving the City of Missoula as part of their budget is releasing some funding from their tax increment districts.

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Sophie Moiese Room

We are requesting that the Commission consider using \$500,000 of that savings from the remittance of the TIF district to help with the remodel that has happened at the election center.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Missoula County is responsible for conducting all of the elections both City, state and federal elections, and those facilities are heavily used and this is a renovation of that space to make sure that it can adequately meet the needs of the public.

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Sophie Moiese Room

And then the next is the rural community.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Conversations series so that Commissioners in conjunction with our community and planning services staff, as well as our communications folks are using some one time funding here again from the revenue fees that we receive from the cable franchise with Charter Spectrum to host community events and opportunities for communities to do strategic planning around the things that are important in those communities.

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Sophie Moiese Room

And again that is non tax supported.

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Sophie Moiese Room

It comes from a fee that is charged on cable television bills outside the city limits.

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Sophie Moiese Room

So on the quality workforce side, on our one time expenditures, we have some temporary staff positions that we have funded both during the pandemic and also to request this year for staff that are transitioning out to allow some backfill of that.

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Sophie Moiese Room

So the first of those is to continue support in the amount of approximately \$11,000 for the folks who are working towards the local Jedi Advisory Board.

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Sophie Moiese Room

The next one on that we have had significant pressures on our law enforcement partners, but that in turn creates additional pressure on the folks who provide Victim Support services.

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Sophie Moiese Room

And our county attorney's office, in order to be able to prosecute those crimes.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Crimes and there is a request to use funding from the American Rescue Plan Act, also known as ARPA, and the amount of \$280,000 for crime victims.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Advocates support and approximately \$230,000 in county attorneys support to allow them to continue to fund some additional positions that have been necessary to address some of the increased caseload that occurred with the BACKLOAD backlog in the courts during COVID and the last, we have a long term HR employee who is retiring later this year.

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Sophie Moiese Room

There's a request to be able to backfill that position on before that employee leaves, so that there can be some training they come to us with a very specific skill set around 8A and HRB issues.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Human Rights Bureau issues.

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Sophie Moiese Room

And so there's a request to be able to hire someone before that employee leaves to be able to do some knowledge transfer.

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Sophie Moiese Room

In the area of resource stewardship, the county will spend approximately \$1,000,000 this year.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Should the Commission move forward with the purchase of Marshall Mountain?

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Sophie Moiese Room

Those are from existing open space bonds that have already been issued, so there is no increased tax burden, but we will expend \$1,000,000 of open space funds towards that purchase if the Commission moves forward with it.

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Sophie Moiese Room

We have some repairs to the storm water system.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Uh, you heard about some of the infrastructure deficiencies out at the why?

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Sophie Moiese Room

This is another area where there had previously been a Ted, and so we have some challenges in the stormwater system there that need to be repaired and that cost will come in at approximately \$122,000.

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Sophie Moiese Room

And again, this is these were planned savings that are being used for that project.

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Sophie Moiese Room

The Animal Control building is inadequate.

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Sophie Moiese Room

It is no longer able to house the number of animals that it was required to house in order to serve the community of Missoula, and we are planning on spending approximately \$400,000, again from the American Rescue Plan Act or ARPA towards the renovation of that space and you will see an ongoing request later also related to the Animal Control building.

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Sophie Moiese Room

And then finally, the Counties Technology Department is requesting to spend again some planned savings monies to update things like the firewall from Missoula County and some technology around the county to make sure that we can continue to provide both hybrid and in person access for meetings in our various conference rooms as well as secure the infrastructure that we have for folks.

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Sophie Moiese Room

On the economic development front, Missoula County is going to increase or is requesting to increase its contribution to the Missoula Economic Partnership.

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Sophie Moiese Room

We value our partnership with them.

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Sophie Moiese Room

There's been significant work over the years.

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Sophie Moiese Room

In particular, Missoula County hosts all of the grants for companies like ATG, now, Cognizant, and others to help improve our workforce around that.

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Sophie Moiese Room

There's a request to spend \$20,000 again in plan savings this year towards that workforce development.

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Sophie Moiese Room

There is a significant amount of recreational impacts that have occurred since COVID in Missoula County, and there is a request to work on a recreational impact study that would allow us to put a dollar value specifically on the amount of impact that tourism is having on our infrastructure and our Community.

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Sophie Moiese Room

And again, that is coming from savings for this year and does not have an ongoing property tax impact.

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Sophie Moiese Room

The next request the city of Missoula has requested the Missoula County continue its partnership around emergency winter shelter and consider expanding the use of that shelter to year round.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Missoula County is budgeting to spend approximately \$900,000 on that.

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Sophie Moiese Room

This will come from the remittance out of the tax increment finance districts in the city.

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Sophie Moiese Room

So this is funds that were collected only from city residents.

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Sophie Moiese Room

And so there's a request to use that again one time funding to assist in this one year opening of the Johnson St Shelter, Missoula County Partners with the United Way and the Hope Rescue Mission for the Temporary safe Outdoor space which is located next to our detention facility.

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Sophie Moiese Room

We help for the ongoing operations of that site as well as providing for its construction this year.

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Sophie Moiese Room

There's a request to set aside up to \$1,000,000 in the American Rescue Plan Act funds that Missoula County has for that operation.

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Sophie Moiese Room

The actual ongoing operational pieces right around \$400,000 per year, but there are additional upgrades that will need to continue to that site to make sure that it is safe environment for folks.

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Sophie Moiese Room

There have been a great number of successes that have come out of there.

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Sophie Moiese Room

The temporary safe outdoor space continues to have great success in housing people and it really has been a very effective transitional program in Missoula County for folks experiencing homelessness.

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Sophie Moiese Room

The last one here on economic development is the request for an incubation study.

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Sophie Moiese Room

This is specifically around small manufacturing and what would be appropriate locations for that?

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Sophie Moiese Room

And Missoula County and again this is coming from savings, it's a one time study request for \$30,000.

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Sophie Moiese Room

So now we'll switch over and we'll look at the things that we'll impact property taxes, should they they be adopted by the board of County Commissioners to these are the ongoing funding requests.

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Sophie Moiese Room

That is a much shorter list than what we just went through, but again broken out into categories that reflect Missoula counties values.

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Sophie Moiese Room

I will say that we do continue to face extreme pressures around recruiting and I will give some examples when we get to the quality workforce around some of the real challenges that we are experiencing here in Missoula County and recruitment and retention of staff.

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Sophie Moiese Room

O for healthy, safe and vibrant communities.

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Sophie Moiese Room

As I mentioned, the detention facility is now more than 20 years old.

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Sophie Moiese Room

One of the things that needs to be replaced there is the evaporative cooling tower, which helps with the temperature control inside the detention facility.

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Sophie Moiese Room

The overall estimated cost for that is between 1.2 and \$2,000,000.

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Sophie Moiese Room

That is not how much we will be increasing taxes.

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Sophie Moiese Room

That is the total cost for the replacement, but we will be requesting that the Commissioners raise additional tax revenues to be able to cover the debt service for the replacement of that.

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Sophie Moiese Room

The \$2,000,000 increase is beyond what we have set aside to be able to refurbish equipment inside the detention facility.

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Sophie Moiese Room

On the public engagement front, we are looking at increasing the amount of funding that we allocate to the parks and trails grant program.

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Sophie Moiese Room

This program is very successful in matching in kind and grant donations to be able to install various equipment at our different parks.

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Sophie Moiese Room

These are strong partnerships.

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Sophie Moiese Room

When you think of Big Sky Park as one example of this out in the area off of 7th and Tower Rd, it's an equestrian park, but also includes an archery range, walking trails and we partner with several community groups in order to be able to maintain that park, and so there's a request to increase the amount that's available and the parks grant program by \$25,000 to continue to be able to match some of the funds that are partners are able to bring in for those Community parks.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Just as a reminder, Missoula County has over 90 parks and its park system, so I wanna spend a little bit of time here on our workforce because this is probably our biggest challenge right now.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Like I think it is for most employers in Missoula County, we have had some unprecedented changes in the way that we look at recruitment and retention and our ability to retain folks in areas where we just don't historically see these kinds of pressures.

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Sophie Moiese Room

And so, for example, in our Sheriff's Department, we were down at one point this year more than eight deputy positions.

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Sophie Moiese Room

That is almost unheard of in Missoula County, there are only 60 sworn law enforcement folks, so we're almost 1/6 of the workforce was, you know, a reduction of eight folks is almost 1/6 of the workforce.

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Sophie Moiese Room

There are only four to five deputies on at anyone given time, so 8 deputies across the system actually is pretty impactful to their ability to provide for public safety.

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Sophie Moiese Room

And in addition to that, our detention center is down 19 positions in Missoula County, which is a large number.

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Sophie Moiese Room

There are only 11 to 12 folks on overseeing and taking care of more than 200 folks who are in our detention facility are 911.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Center was down 6 positions.

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Sophie Moiese Room

They're still down the four positions at this point as of today.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Again, those are the folks who are on the front lines of answering every emergent call that comes into Missoula County and then at one point, due to pressures from the states, ability to retain and recruit county attorneys away from our piece to go and work in their local office, we were down more than four County Attorney positions at one point this year as well.

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Sophie Moiese Room

And those are not the only departments that are experiencing those pressures.

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Sophie Moiese Room

We have had to reduce hours for the Clerk of District Court due to staffing concerns.

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Sophie Moiese Room

We've had high turnover in our Justice court, in our clerk and recorder treasurer's office.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Office it's seen across Missoula County departments.

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Sophie Moiese Room

I just wanted to continue to provide a little bit of context for folks.

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Sophie Moiese Room

When we look at having to recruit deputy sheriffs as one example of that, our market directly is the Missoula Police Department and the Missoula International Airport, both of which have law enforcement on staff as well as the University of Montana.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Currently our probationary deputies start at more than 8% less than the city of Missoula is recruiting probationary police officers for.

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Sophie Moiese Room

And as folks promoted up the ranks, we obviously want our most experienced folks to be the ones who are supervising.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Those percentages only get worse, to almost a 20% difference when we get up to the rank of Lieutenant.

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Sophie Moiese Room

So the folks who have direct command and control for that, we are looking at more than a 20% differential when we go out to the market or we try to encourage people to promote up through the ranks.

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Sophie Moiese Room

And so the fact that we were down 8 deputies meant this year we had to make some pretty significant changes to our rates of pay for law enforcement detention.

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Sophie Moiese Room

And some of those other things.

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Sophie Moiese Room

But again, we tried to keep those costs as reasonable as we can.

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Sophie Moiese Room

So 85% of all employees who work for Missoula County are in some form of collective bargaining this year.

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Sophie Moiese Room

A few of those are up there.

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Sophie Moiese Room

We attempted to recognize the inflationary pressures that were happening and try to negotiate pretty hard given our other benefits that we're able to offer and we were able to keep most of those increases to around 4%, which I think is pretty remarkable considering the last few years have had inflation between 8:00 and 6%.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Our non union personnel plan.

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Sophie Moiese Room

So these are folks who are not covered by the collective bargaining agreement will only see a 2.5% increase to again, keep us inside the overall budget number that we'll get to at the end of the presentation.

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Sophie Moiese Room

I do wanna give a shout out when we talk about that.

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Sophie Moiese Room

We have incredibly dedicated staff here at Missoula County.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Over 80% of our staff when they're surveyed, we surveyed them once a year, talk about how important being able to serve the public is to them and how much they value the fact that they work in public service.

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Sophie Moiese Room

We have some pretty remarkable staff that does an amazing job every day, so moving on to resource stewardship again, the parks and Trails Department as I mentioned has more than 90 parks that they are responsible for maintaining.

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Sophie Moiese Room

They have not historically had a parks maintenance dedicated person, so there is a request this year to add a position that will be dedicated to parks maintenance at the cost of that will be approximately 73 or \$73,000.

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Sophie Moiese Room

In addition to that, we will need to, as I mentioned, to expand animal control to continue to meet state requirements for that facility and also to be able to house the number of animals that go through that facility.

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Sophie Moiese Room

There's a request to increase funding to the animal control Department to cover the ongoing piece of debt servicing that remodel of \$10,000 this year.

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Sophie Moiese Room

And finally, we have a request in the Technology Department to move some of our services from being maintained for staff.

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Sophie Moiese Room

It is one of those departments where we've had a significant challenge with recruitment and so we were looking at moving some of those services out to hosted solutions.

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Sophie Moiese Room

And there's a request to invest in that as well.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Finally, before Andrew gets a chance to talk to you a little bit about how all of these numbers will impact folks, taxes and how that plays out across the state, we'll talk a little bit briefly about economic development.

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Sophie Moiese Room

One of the things we've consistently heard from the development community is that our permitting software is cumbersome and difficult to use, and so there is a request to increase the support for that.

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Sophie Moiese Room

It is not coming necessarily off of taxes, but will result in increases in permits and fees this year or in, I'm sorry, in subsequent years to be able to offset the cost for increase or for changing that software as approximately \$80,000.

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Sophie Moiese Room

In addition, I'm sorry.

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Sophie Moiese Room

In addition, I'm not sure what mission is, but in addition we have a request to enhance the amount of funding that's available for public works to be able to maintain some of their equipment and replace it.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Public works has been extremely innovative over the last several years.

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Sophie Moiese Room

They've gone out to places like Salt Lake City, other places to purchase used equipment, but some of the equipment that they're using for Rd grading for being able to create gravel, asphalt mix and those things are 1960s and 1970s equipment and we are at the point now where we have no choice but to replace some of that equipment because it is well beyond end of life and now is at the point of failure.

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Sophie Moiese Room

And so there's a request to increase the funding to public works to be able to replace equipment.

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Sophie Moiese Room

In addition to that, we have a request for ongoing support, as if the Commission again purchases Marshall Mountain, there will be an ongoing request for \$105,000 that will be matched by the city of Missoula for approximately a total of \$210,000 for the ongoing maintenance and staffing necessary for Marshall Mountain, Missoula County will continue to grow over the next few years, one of part of that growth is sorry, Josh, I know I'm putting people to sleep with my my budget presentation.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Sorry about that.

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Sophie Moiese Room

We will, we will continue to grow.

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Sophie Moiese Room

We also will be taking on management of Larchmont Golf course, which is an asset of Missoula counties

that had previously been privately managed through a contract that will now come back under the county stewardship in order to be able to accomplish that and all of the additional recreational strains that we are seeing across our river uh system, we are requesting to enhance one of the positions in the culture and Recreation Department, which includes our parks, trails and Open lands program to allow for a department head level position to be able to work on those.

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Sophie Moiese Room

The final thing on our economic development piece says the Commission is well aware.

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Sophie Moiese Room

We received an incredibly generous donation from members of our community towards replacement of the grandstands, which includes all of the concrete work in order to be able to remove the existing grandstands and do the site preparation work as well as some of the other enhancements around that.

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Sophie Moiese Room

We have a request for additional revenue to help support the ongoing debt service for those enhancements at the fairgrounds.

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Sophie Moiese Room

I just want to highlight for folks that this does not include anything that was on the ballot language over the bond related to the ice rink or the 4H program.

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Sophie Moiese Room

This is simply around finishing out the existing projects that are on the fairgrounds, which includes the grandstands replacement.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Really quickly for folks.

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Sophie Moiese Room

We also, the board of County Commissioners, are responsible for several special districts which we'll need to increase this year.

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Sophie Moiese Room

The first of those is the Silly Lake refuse district.

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Sophie Moiese Room

So this is the trash district.

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Sophie Moiese Room

If you want to think of it on different terms up in Seeley Lake, the cost there has not increased in the last several years and there is an increase request this year for a fee increase of \$20, which will move the cost for providing trash service in Seeley Lake up to \$200.00 per year for folks and also to increase the out of district fee by \$4 per 32 gallon bag or \$20 per cubic yard.

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Sophie Moiese Room

This little county is also responsible for a number of street light, water and sewer districts this year.

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Sophie Moiese Room

A few of those are going up.

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Sophie Moiese Room

The vast majority are not the districts that we'll see an increase this year are the lower low, low sewer and water district will see an increase this year in order to be able to cover the costs for energy staffing and other items in that the Sunset West Water District will also.

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Sophie Moiese Room

That is located out by the why the Lewis and Clark Sewer District, which is located in the Clinton area and the Elmar Water District, which is located out off of Mullen Rd.

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Sophie Moiese Room

While all see rsid increases this year in order to cover increased costs related to utilities and staffing, for those services, all the other RSI's and utilities that Missoula County is responsible for will maintain their current level of of funding and their current request.

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Sophie Moiese Room

I promise we're almost done.

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Sophie Moiese Room

And I'll turn it over to Andrew.

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Sophie Moiese Room

We do need to talk very briefly about the Missoula Local government building.

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Sophie Moiese Room

So this is the former Federal building, Missoula County, in partnership with the City of Missoula, has a lease with the US Postal Service for part of that space and continues to look at what the highest, best use for that space will be related to the location of government services.

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Sophie Moiese Room

This year, we anticipate that through grants for remediation of things like lead paint and asbestos that we will invest approximately \$2,000,000 in that approximately 1,000,000 of that will come from Missoula County.

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Sophie Moiese Room

We are covering that with one time funds.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Uh.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Through grants and the American Rescue Plan Act.

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Sophie Moiese Room

So there is no tax impact because of that, but it's important that folks know that we have that and we will also spend some money in ongoing pieces related to the maintenance of that building that includes light heat and those things and that will be about \$119,000 this year after the offset from the forest or sorry, the US Postal Service lease.

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Sophie Moiese Room

OK.

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Sophie Moiese Room

And with that, I will turn it over to Andrew, although I thought I had a slide on the America, I'm sorry there was one more slide.

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Sophie Moiese Room

The American Rescue Plan Act again, just calling out here.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Specifically, the American Rescue Plan Act is one time funding.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Federal funding does not come from local property taxes.

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Sophie Moiese Room

We have investments that will go towards the Missoula Local government building that I just mentioned.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Our housing and homelessness support.

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Sophie Moiese Room

That's the money that set aside for the temporary safe outdoor space mental health services, the crisis receiving centers of the mobile support team and crisis receiving center has a set aside as well as the funds that I mentioned related to the County Attorney's Office and our crime victims advocate positions.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Positions and with that I will turn it over to Andrew.

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Sophie Moiese Room

OK.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Thanks Chris.

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Sophie Moiese Room

A man of few words.

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Sophie Moiese Room

So let's cut to the chase.

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Sophie Moiese Room

What?

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Sophie Moiese Room

What are all these wonderful programs and moving in county gonna put now?

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Sophie Moiese Room

What's it going to cost us and pushes forward?

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Sophie Moiese Room

It seems like ohh OK great tool wide county wide total county wide district increased total county wide mill levy increase.

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Sophie Moiese Room

That's the mill levies applied throughout the county, two million \$811,135.

1:15:30.20 --> 1:15:34.800

Sophie Moiese Room

The county only increase \$841,655.

1:15:35.100 --> 1:15:41.850

Sophie Moiese Room

The open space increase because those are mostly voted bond 24,564 decrease.

1:15:41.860 --> 1:15:51.880

Sophie Moiese Room

So overall, three million 628 to 26 increase for a 5.4% increase in total taxes for all the programs combined.

1:15:52.170 --> 1:15:57.120

Sophie Moiese Room

I'm hoping to reduce that by the final budget time I I don't know how much it's going to be.

1:15:57.530 --> 1:15:58.540

Sophie Moiese Room

It's gonna be a little bit.

1:15:58.810 --> 1:16:0.340

Sophie Moiese Room

So we're working very hard on that.

1:16:4.300 --> 1:16:5.380

Sophie Moiese Room

How did we get here?

1:16:5.790 --> 1:16:17.760

Sophie Moiese Room

Well, this says valuation, which is that is what the state calls the market valuation is increasing substantially.

1:16:18.310 --> 1:16:24.450

Sophie Moiese Room

It went up 20, went up \$6 billion last year to \$24.8 billion.

1:16:25.600 --> 1:16:28.730

Sophie Moiese Room

I'm go to the next slide, Chris.

1:16:29.60 --> 1:16:39.740

Sophie Moiese Room

And what that does is it gives us the ability to calculate our assessed valuations and the assessed value or the taxable valuations.

1:16:39.810 --> 1:16:46.100

Sophie Moiese Room

Taxable valuations vary from 1.35 for residential to 1.89.

1:16:46.110 --> 1:16:52.760

Sophie Moiese Room

For commercial, they apply the various valuations from the 14 different classes that Josh talked about.

1:16:52.770 --> 1:17:0.130

Sophie Moiese Room

And within those 14 different classes, they're well hundred different classes within those 14 classes.

1:17:0.140 --> 1:17:6.210

Sophie Moiese Room

So it's it's very complicated, but the majority of it is shifting on to the residential homeowner.

1:17:7.0 --> 1:17:13.120

Sophie Moiese Room

Uhm, total taxable value for the county in the fiscal year increase of 84,000?

1:17:14.540 --> 1:17:16.740

Sophie Moiese Room

Umm buddy \$4000.

1:17:19.740 --> 1:17:24.250

Sophie Moiese Room

Next slide, newly taxable piece of the of the of the equation.

1:17:24.400 --> 1:17:29.20

Sophie Moiese Room

It's really important because the newly taxable property comes on to the tax roll.

1:17:29.90 --> 1:17:34.610

Sophie Moiese Room

That's how we spread out our taxes onto new new entities and spread out the liability.

1:17:35.100 --> 1:17:41.540

Sophie Moiese Room

This last year we have a slight decrease in our in our taxable value or seven million, 105,000.

1:17:42.540 --> 1:17:46.20

Sophie Moiese Room

Uhm, it contributes.

1:17:46.770 --> 1:17:50.0

Sophie Moiese Room

People wonder about the newly taxable and how much it contributes.

1:17:50.230 --> 1:18:1.150

Sophie Moiese Room

But for every meal that's levied within the county, it contributes \$7100 approximately, with the seven \$7.1 million newly taxable increase.

1:18:9.10 --> 1:18:14.700

Sophie Moiese Room

And talk about a little bit about the property tax shift to the residential class for homeowners.

1:18:14.810 --> 1:18:19.340

Sophie Moiese Room

Montana uses a an equalization formula when computing property taxes.

1:18:19.350 --> 1:18:21.810

Sophie Moiese Room

All classes pay their fair share.

1:18:22.170 --> 1:18:27.900

Sophie Moiese Room

However, the state monitors modifies one class when it modifies one class, it affects the other.

1:18:28.90 --> 1:18:29.860

Sophie Moiese Room

It's like stepping on a balloon.

1:18:30.170 --> 1:18:32.240

Sophie Moiese Room

The error or taxes go another way.

1:18:32.250 --> 1:18:40.830

Sophie Moiese Room

It's shifted to another area, so this year the legislature approved an exemption for up to \$1,000,000 business property tax.

1:18:40.840 --> 1:18:43.430

Sophie Moiese Room

Well, that tax didn't go away.

1:18:43.440 --> 1:18:44.190

Sophie Moiese Room

It was shifted.

1:18:44.200 --> 1:18:46.800

Sophie Moiese Room

It was shifted to another area.

1:18:47.360 --> 1:18:52.370

Sophie Moiese Room

Essentially, residential homeowners or commercial properties increased 23%.

1:18:52.380 --> 1:19:0.850

Sophie Moiese Room

Residential increased 37% currently in Missoula County, the centrally assessed properties had a decrease of 10%.

1:19:1.460 --> 1:19:4.160

Sophie Moiese Room

Central access properties include airlines.

1:19:4.850 --> 1:19:23.130

Sophie Moiese Room

Ohh, electrical suppliers, pipelines, railroads tell telecoms and the railroads in statewide received a 23% decrease in their taxable value in their taxable value.

1:19:23.180 --> 1:19:31.480

Sophie Moiese Room

I'm not sure why that bring plenty of passengers up here, but they're the way they value their property.

1:19:31.490 --> 1:19:34.40

Sophie Moiese Room

It's not on the value of the property, it's on the value.

1:19:34.90 --> 1:19:53.290

Sophie Moiese Room

Whether they took a loss or a gain on there on their business for that part of the year and the centralist says seemed to have a loss each and every year and they would help and they get it decreased and it shifts over the tube, the residential homeowners in the states 95 mil.

1:19:53.300 --> 1:19:59.450

Sophie Moiese Room

So as we talked about the fixed mills each and every year, they're not being adjusted for anything.

1:19:59.860 --> 1:20:0.610

Sophie Moiese Room

They're not.

1:20:0.940 --> 1:20:5.990

Sophie Moiese Room

They don't have the same restrictions that we do on the 3% half and 3% inflation.

1:20:6.280 --> 1:20:9.70

Sophie Moiese Room

So they're jerking a lot of money out here annually.

1:20:9.460 --> 1:20:19.190

Sophie Moiese Room

That's going to the state and they're having the counties make up the difference in the in the law and the reappraisal cycle.

1:20:19.200 --> 1:20:37.370

Sophie Moiese Room

And the two, you're reappraisal cycle and the letters I've got highlighted and read they say and it's in the best interest of the state of Montana to mitigate fluctuations in market value in Class 3 and Class 4 properties that occurred during A6 year reappraisal cycle, that's why they were changing it from the six year to the two year.

1:20:37.860 --> 1:20:55.40

Sophie Moiese Room

But in the last line it said is also says to adjust the tax rates as needed to accomplish the attempt to mitigate fluctuations, they're going to adjust the tax rates they they adjusted the tax rates when it was on the six year reappraisal cycle.

1:20:55.190 --> 1:21:6.560

Sophie Moiese Room

But when it came to two year reappraisal cycle, there's never been one adjustment, although that residential home price value skyrocketed, it should have been adjusted downward.

1:21:11.0 --> 1:21:15.910

Sophie Moiese Room

So in closing, property tax reform is needed, it need to adjust the tax.

1:21:15.920 --> 1:21:19.10

Sophie Moiese Room

You're just for the fluctuations and marketing intended.

1:21:19.240 --> 1:21:32.200

Sophie Moiese Room

We need to stop shifting the tax burden, residential housing shed some daylight and century assessed property reductions developed methodology methodology, which has tourists pay for infrastructure they use.

1:21:32.210 --> 1:21:35.730

Sophie Moiese Room

Which county taxpayers currently should shoulder the burden for?

1:21:37.640 --> 1:21:38.240

Sophie Moiese Room

That's all I have.

1:21:40.100 --> 1:21:40.660

Sophie Moiese Room

Thanks, Andrew.

1:21:40.670 --> 1:21:45.830

Sophie Moiese Room

So I want to go back to just highlight a couple of things because I think this is ultimately what most folks are here for.

1:21:46.250 --> 1:21:56.930

Sophie Moiese Room

So this year, our proposed budget increases by 5.43% overall, which is an increase in tax revenue of 5.42% or \$3.6 million.

1:21:57.110 --> 1:22:6.390

Sophie Moiese Room

Keep in mind that currently the consumer price index shows that we are experiencing roughly still a 6% inflationary factor here in Missoula County.

1:22:6.400 --> 1:22:14.440

Sophie Moiese Room

So we've tried hard to stay under that and we will continue to work to refine that number down between the preliminary and final budget.

1:22:14.930 --> 1:22:17.40

Sophie Moiese Room

And so how this plays out for folks.

1:22:17.50 --> 1:22:21.780

Sophie Moiese Room

So if you live in the city limits, you will see an approximate annual increase of 60.

1:22:21.850 --> 1:22:22.310

Sophie Moiese Room

Sorry.

1:22:22.850 --> 1:22:37.680

Sophie Moiese Room

Yeah, \$67.00 for every \$100,000 in assessed value or \$5.58 a month and in the county you will see an increase or an additional \$82 for every \$100,000 in assessed property value or \$6 and six.

1:22:38.30 --> 1:22:51.660

Sophie Moiese Room

Sorry \$6.83 per month and the reason that it is higher in the county is because there are several mills that are county only and that includes animal control, the health department and public works where we provide the service only outside the city limits.

1:22:53.620 --> 1:23:6.550

Sophie Moiese Room

Important for folks to know that this is only the preliminary budget hearing and so public comment is taken not only today, but you can provide public comment through the Missoula County Voice, which is mozillacountyvoice.com, which also has the budget documents available for folks.

1:23:6.560 --> 1:23:11.730

Sophie Moiese Room

You can also email the commissioners at BCC at [Missoulacounty dot US](mailto:Missoulacounty@us).

1:23:12.40 --> 1:23:18.200

Sophie Moiese Room

You can call and leave a voicemail at 4062584877 or mail your comments to the Commissioner's Office at 200 W Broadway, Missoula, Mt 59802.

1:23:18.210 --> 1:23:25.410

Sophie Moiese Room

Commissioner's Office at 200 W Broadway, Missoula, Mt 59802 and with that, Commissioners, I had asked you to open the public hearing and begin taking public comment.

1:23:25.420 --> 1:23:31.220

Sophie Moiese Room

Hearing and begin taking public comment, this furry do that could you go back to the slide?

1:23:31.230 --> 1:23:34.70

Sophie Moiese Room

We have A and the increase in revenue.

1:23:34.500 --> 1:23:35.860

Sophie Moiese Room

It was 5.4%.

1:23:38.820 --> 1:23:39.330

Sophie Moiese Room

Right there.

1:23:39.380 --> 1:23:39.870

Sophie Moiese Room

There we go.

1:23:39.880 --> 1:23:40.250

Sophie Moiese Room

Thanks.

1:23:40.260 --> 1:23:47.420

Sophie Moiese Room

Just I feel like Peter, Brett, this is one you most likely would be interested in and just want to make sure you get all three of these numbers.

1:23:52.20 --> 1:23:52.630

Sophie Moiese Room

Yeah, you bet.

1:23:52.640 --> 1:24:1.260

Sophie Moiese Room

So again for Missoula County, we are looking at a 5.4 three overall budget increase from 2023 and that includes all voted and permissive levies.

1:24:1.270 --> 1:24:12.470

Sophie Moiese Room

So that's the total that results in 5.4242% increase in tax revenue, which is \$3.6 million or 5.9%, sorry.

1:24:12.480 --> 1:24:19.310

Sophie Moiese Room

And the consumer price index is 5.9% or roughly 6% in Missoula right now for the last 12 months.

1:24:19.360 --> 1:24:20.890

Sophie Moiese Room

So we have tried to stay under that number.

1:24:29.110 --> 1:24:29.660

Sophie Moiese Room

Thank thanks.

1:24:30.800 --> 1:24:32.480

Sophie Moiese Room

And he anyone like to speak?

1:24:32.490 --> 1:24:35.240

Sophie Moiese Room

Any public comment are more than welcome to peace.

1:24:37.940 --> 1:24:38.280

Sophie Moiese Room

Yes, Sir.

1:24:43.570 --> 1:24:43.920

Sophie Moiese Room

Thank you.

1:24:43.930 --> 1:24:45.80

Sophie Moiese Room

My name is Mike paternity.

1:24:45.450 --> 1:24:51.540

Sophie Moiese Room

I think the most shocking thing I've heard today was the shortfall in funding for or in staffing for law enforcement.

1:24:51.610 --> 1:24:56.60

Sophie Moiese Room

My some of you can you start over again and and get really close to the microphone.

1:24:56.100 --> 1:25:10.170

Sophie Moiese Room

I think one of the most shocking things I heard was the tremendous shortfall in funding for law or not in funding, but in staffing for law enforcement and some of the other basic services that, at least in my opinion, are within the scope of local government.

1:25:10.910 --> 1:25:24.810

Sophie Moiese Room

I also heard that you were planning on spending a lot of money on things that in my humble opinion, are not in the scope of local government and running businesses or acquiring more land and taking out of the tax base.

1:25:24.820 --> 1:25:37.260

Sophie Moiese Room

And I'm not overly concerned about the value coming out of the tax base, but it setting ourselves up for more expenses in the future is unconscionable given these shortcomings in this economy, which is likely to persist for a while.

1:25:37.270 --> 1:25:43.830

Sophie Moiese Room

And with the cost of housing in this county, we're not gonna get people if we don't raise their salaries.

1:25:43.980 --> 1:25:45.810

Sophie Moiese Room

And the same is true for local business.

1:25:45.980 --> 1:25:50.710

Sophie Moiese Room

If they're not going to pay people more, they're not going to have employees and it's just the way it is.

1:25:51.390 --> 1:25:58.290

Sophie Moiese Room

Umm, you may have seen in the local news that people are now expecting almost \$80,000 a year for a job they might take.

1:25:58.300 --> 1:26:2.600

Sophie Moiese Room

I'm assuming out of college I don't know, but that's just an indication of what we're facing.

1:26:3.50 --> 1:26:29.960

Sophie Moiese Room

So in my view, it's very important that you focus on things that are within the scope, the reasonable scope of local government and the other thing that I can't help but notice is that the county budget has increased substantially over the last five years now we've had significant inflation over the last two or three, but 10% a year is a lot and a lot of things you want to fund are from savings.

1:26:30.390 --> 1:26:37.770

Sophie Moiese Room

So if you're having so many savings, it indicates to me that you've not tighten your belt very well, and I would appreciate any feedback on that.

1:26:37.780 --> 1:26:40.650

Sophie Moiese Room

And I'm I assure you you'll see this in writing at some point.

1:26:40.780 --> 1:27:2.370

Sophie Moiese Room

I'm also disappointed that a copy of the preliminary budget is not available before this meeting because the sooner we people can give you feedback, the easier it'll be for you to work with it and waiting to get a copy of the preliminary budget short, you know, sometime between now and your final budget hearing to me is that it's a it.

1:27:2.380 --> 1:27:4.80

Sophie Moiese Room

It's just unacceptable, so thank you.

1:27:4.980 --> 1:27:7.770

Sophie Moiese Room

Away I have a few more it it.

1:27:7.850 --> 1:27:9.80

Sophie Moiese Room

Can it respond to a couple?

1:27:9.90 --> 1:27:10.570

Sophie Moiese Room

Maybe we can go back and forth a little bit.

1:27:10.690 --> 1:27:11.200

Sophie Moiese Room

I'm sorry.

1:27:11.440 --> 1:27:16.600

Sophie Moiese Room

We're just if I can answer a couple of these and we can go back and forth a little bit, sure.

1:27:16.840 --> 1:27:20.370

Sophie Moiese Room

So you mentioned the wages and I think there was a little bit of a misunderstanding there.

1:27:20.510 --> 1:27:26.40

Sophie Moiese Room

Chris showed on that weight sheet how far behind our law enforcement officers are.

1:27:26.310 --> 1:27:27.690

Sophie Moiese Room

So we raised their wages.

1:27:29.60 --> 1:27:30.270

Sophie Moiese Room

You saw that deficit.

1:27:30.340 --> 1:27:31.880

Sophie Moiese Room

I can't read that.

1:27:32.220 --> 1:27:33.290

Sophie Moiese Room

I I'm sorry about that.

1:27:33.300 --> 1:27:34.610

Sophie Moiese Room

I couldn't really hear everything.

1:27:34.620 --> 1:27:35.170

Sophie Moiese Room

I'm sorry.

1:27:35.260 --> 1:27:40.560

Sophie Moiese Room

OK, So what what Chris showed is that our sheriff's deputies are behind in wages.

1:27:40.570 --> 1:27:44.430

Sophie Moiese Room

They are making less and your your point is you're increasing them and your preliminary great.

1:27:44.440 --> 1:27:48.490

Sophie Moiese Room

I'd love to see it on paper, and in contrast, we did what you're saying we ought to do.

1:27:48.500 --> 1:27:49.510

Sophie Moiese Room

We just did great.

1:27:49.520 --> 1:28:6.520

Sophie Moiese Room

Wonderful kudos, but I'd like to see it in juxtaposition to other things that you're increasing or planning to spend money on at the expense of people with limited incomes, fixed incomes, retirees who really can't afford a huge increase in their property taxes, and people in the city.

1:28:6.530 --> 1:28:7.380

Sophie Moiese Room

I feel sorry for them.

1:28:7.390 --> 1:28:9.110

Sophie Moiese Room

I don't live in the city, but they're getting whacked.

1:28:10.690 --> 1:28:13.60

Sophie Moiese Room

So it's in your hands.

1:28:13.990 --> 1:28:25.20

Sophie Moiese Room

I I I really question the county taking over management of Larchmont, I simply do not understand how you think you can do a better job managing that than professionals who may be contracting for it.

1:28:27.930 --> 1:28:35.740

Sophie Moiese Room

And I'm curious about what how you view the scope of your of your responsibilities as county commissioners as local government.

1:28:36.50 --> 1:28:37.800

Sophie Moiese Room

What what should be in and what should be out?

1:28:37.810 --> 1:28:43.280

Sophie Moiese Room

And I know that's a great there's a lot of Gray areas and public welfare is tough to describe.

1:28:43.330 --> 1:28:50.820

Sophie Moiese Room

I I heartily support efforts to to help homeless people, but we're not going to solve that problem in Missoula County.

1:28:50.830 --> 1:28:56.660

Sophie Moiese Room

So I urge you to work on the governor and others to step up and do some things.

1:28:56.670 --> 1:29:2.390

Sophie Moiese Room

And I might remind you that the Warm Springs facility that helped with mental health issues.

1:29:3.520 --> 1:29:10.650

Sophie Moiese Room

Uh is hurting like crazy for money, and that could be part of the reason the states hanging on to something, right?

1:29:12.780 --> 1:29:21.170

Sophie Moiese Room

There's a lot of things that play here, but I think that in this environment we really need to hold off on additional spending.

1:29:21.180 --> 1:29:42.680

Sophie Moiese Room

And I might note that that in Bozeman they have decided the local government there, they decided I saw on the news and they, if I'm wrong, please correct me, but not to entertain proposals for increased bond bond issuance because they realized that costs have gone up in a way that people have limited opportunity to absorb.

1:29:42.690 --> 1:29:53.360

Sophie Moiese Room

And I and I think you know, using the state government as a an excuse, what they've done, I mean the buck stops with you people.

1:29:53.570 --> 1:29:58.300

Sophie Moiese Room

And as I say, it's not like you've been at a static budget for the last five years.

1:29:58.310 --> 1:30:2.0

Sophie Moiese Room

It's gone up a lot, so I'll leave you with that.

1:30:2.10 --> 1:30:2.910

Sophie Moiese Room

Thank you for the opportunity.

1:30:8.420 --> 1:30:8.810

Sophie Moiese Room

Yeah.

1:30:8.820 --> 1:30:11.910

Sophie Moiese Room

So when we when do we do the folks online for you?

1:30:16.670 --> 1:30:17.130

Sophie Moiese Room

You. You.

1:30:17.180 --> 1:30:17.420

Sophie Moiese Room

Yeah.

1:30:17.340 --> 1:30:17.510

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Hello.

1:30:17.430 --> 1:30:18.200

Sophie Moiese Room

You wanna call him out?

1:30:22.30 --> 1:30:22.600

Sophie Moiese Room

Oh, shoot.

1:30:22.610 --> 1:30:28.340

Sophie Moiese Room

Peter, we should talk after the person with a phone number ending in 1829.

1:30:28.350 --> 1:30:28.590

Sophie Moiese Room

Go ahead.

1:30:30.420 --> 1:30:31.30

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Good afternoon.

1:30:31.40 --> 1:30:32.100

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Thanks for taking my call.

1:30:34.460 --> 1:30:43.250

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I have a number of things to discuss, but the last gentleman brought up some stuff about wages and and since you've done the same thing with the sheriff's deputies.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Can you state your name for the record please?

1:30:45.560 --> 1:30:48.20

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Quite frankly, yes.

1:30:47.500 --> 1:30:48.180

Sophie Moiese Room

Sorry to interrupt.

1:30:48.30 --> 1:30:48.860

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My name is Keith.

1:30:49.40 --> 1:30:50.580

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My name is Keith Koprivica.

1:30:51.370 --> 1:31:20.800

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Uh, let's not forget that last in this past year, the Missoula County Sheriff's deputies had to sue the county and there was a \$3.5 million settlement because the elected officials took massive pay raises and sheriff's deputies wages are tied to the elected sheriff and Missoula County ended up settling a lawsuit which was back wages and attorneys fees and penalties for \$3.5 million.

1:31:21.150 --> 1:31:29.290

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The detention officers are also still currently in a lawsuit because their contract wage is also tied to the elected sheriff.

1:31:29.780 --> 1:31:36.550

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And that's all because of pay raises that the elected officials, including the commissioners, took.

1:31:37.50 --> 1:31:40.400

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I'd like to talk a little bit about the the tax system.

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Uh, I appreciate the fact that maybe we do have some issues with our state tax system, but umm, if the uh, if the changes are made to where there's more taxes given to other classifications besides residential, that money still has to be recovered some way.

1:32:7.360 --> 1:32:18.280

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So if it goes to commercial properties, then the commercial properties are only gonna pass that tax burden back on to customers and it all comes down to spending issue.

1:32:20.870 --> 1:32:42.70

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Just a couple of points I wanna bring up according to information provided by that I I requested from the county's information portal in the five years beginning in calendar year 2019, Missoula County has collected over \$6.1 million in new property tax revenue from new residential and commercial development.

1:32:42.180 --> 1:32:43.630

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So where is all of that money gone?

1:32:44.670 --> 1:32:52.360

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I requested information on how much Missoula County is collected and recreational marijuana taxes and where is that money going?

1:32:52.370 --> 1:32:53.870

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I haven't gotten that answer yet.

1:32:54.700 --> 1:33:4.820

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According to Smart asset, the median annual property tax payment in Missoula County is \$37160.00, and they rate.

1:33:4.830 --> 1:33:12.60

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Missoula County is the highest taxed county in the state of Montana, even higher than Gallatin County.

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So what I'm asking you to do is is cut some expenses.

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Now one thing I would love to see is all of the expenses from all of the departments.

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I made a request earlier this year asking what it would take to get all of the expenses from the 12 biggest departments within the county, and I was told it would cost me about \$100 to obtain that information.

1:33:42.870 --> 1:34:1.480

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I'd like to see is a taxpayer and I'm sure most of us is taxpayers, would like to see where all of the expenditures are going, not just not just an outline with the preliminary budget, but I'd like to see a line item of every expenditure from every department and let's see where the money is going.

1:34:1.590 --> 1:34:17.90

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And also like to comment on the Marshall Mountain situation now Marshall Mountain, although it looks like the the purchase is going to come from open space bonds, they're still gonna be maintenance and Marshall Mountain and it's only going to serve a fraction of the population.

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We have miles and miles and miles of mountain bike and hiking trails already open to the public in Missoula.

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If Marshall Mountain used to be.

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A place where mountain biking and hiking it should be purchased by user groups and operated by user groups.

1:34:34.820 --> 1:34:41.450

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We can't afford to continue to fund all of these projects and then maintenance on top of it.

1:34:41.460 --> 1:34:44.440

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So I think we need to start over on the expenditures.

1:34:44.680 --> 1:34:46.490

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We can't afford tax increases.

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Thank you.

1:34:51.520 --> 1:34:53.150

Sophie Moiese Room

Are there other online folks?

1:34:53.540 --> 1:34:54.170

Sophie Moiese Room

See flood.

1:34:54.180 --> 1:34:54.480

Sophie Moiese Room

Go ahead.

1:34:55.570 --> 1:34:57.740

cflood

Hey this is cameo flood.

1:34:57.750 --> 1:35:19.440

cflood

I am a resident of Missoula County and I just wanted to mention that I appreciate the concern about the states, management of the property taxes, but there are some things that the county could do and one of those is that the city currently owns close to \$400 million worth of property within the county.

1:35:19.910 --> 1:35:24.950

cflood

That is not taxed, so before the city takes on any more property.

1:35:25.580 --> 1:35:36.590

cflood

I'd like it if the county would let people know how much loss and tax revenue there's gonna be, and I'd like to see the the city get rid of that property or at least some of it.

1:35:36.600 --> 1:35:41.870

cflood

And in addition, the county owns \$87 million worth.

1:35:41.880 --> 1:35:59.470

cflood

So I looked at what Gallatin County, which is kind of a similar sized area and added up all of the cities in Gallatin County, and they own about 1/4 as much as Missoula County and the city of Missoula owns.

1:35:59.740 --> 1:36:1.440

cflood

I think there's a disparity there.

1:36:1.550 --> 1:36:17.510

cflood

And then if you also would look at and this is just a request I have look at who has tax exempt property in the county and what whether those people are groups.

1:36:17.570 --> 1:36:42.360

cflood

I mean, some of these groups are businesses that complain about the cost of housing and the access to affordable housing and whether they really deserve to have a property tax exemption and whether if they do deserve some, whether it's all of it, that they get and whether they're accumulating property without having to pay taxes on it.

1:36:42.730 --> 1:36:53.840

cflood

But it's not benefiting the citizens, which would be the implication of their tax exempt status, and I really appreciate you taking the time to listen to my concern.

1:36:53.930 --> 1:36:54.290

cflood

Thank you.

1:36:57.210 --> 1:36:57.610

Sophie Moiese Room

Thanks.

1:36:58.520 --> 1:37:3.710

Sophie Moiese Room

The one thing I just want to point out, we don't get to decide who gets a property tax exemption and who doesn't.

1:37:3.720 --> 1:37:4.670

Sophie Moiese Room

That's state law.

1:37:4.680 --> 1:37:6.580

Sophie Moiese Room

And like you said, uh, the buck stops with us.

1:37:6.590 --> 1:37:12.410

Sophie Moiese Room

Our budget stops, starts and stops with us, but the state writes the laws on tax policy.

1:37:12.420 --> 1:37:16.770

Sophie Moiese Room

We abide by those laws and we have kept our revenue under the rate of inflation.

1:37:17.280 --> 1:37:18.750

Sophie Moiese Room

I would challenge you and your business.

1:37:18.760 --> 1:37:19.590

Sophie Moiese Room

Have you been able?

1:37:19.600 --> 1:37:21.980

Sophie Moiese Room

Have you been able to stay underneath the rate of inflation?

1:37:23.970 --> 1:37:25.170

Sophie Moiese Room

Well, then you're you're killing it.

1:37:27.590 --> 1:37:29.0

Sophie Moiese Room

OK, next.

1:37:35.240 --> 1:37:35.620

Sophie Moiese Room

Please Sir.

1:37:49.270 --> 1:37:58.830

Sophie Moiese Room

OK, my name's Gary Weinberg and I live here in Missoula County and I would just like to say that I could occur 100% with Keith Koprivica and Cameo Flood.

1:37:59.300 --> 1:38:5.390

Sophie Moiese Room

And I didn't hear anything in your presentation about things that you were gonna discontinue or things that you were going to cut.

1:38:5.780 --> 1:38:11.870

Sophie Moiese Room

And I would just like to refer you to a slogan that was used with regarding drugs years ago, which is just say no.

1:38:26.390 --> 1:38:30.680

Sophie Moiese Room

Please, Sir, I would you mind coming back up?

1:38:30.870 --> 1:38:56.530

Sophie Moiese Room

I I would just love to know if if you have any specifics of areas of our budget programs that you would like to see trimmed back cut modified, I don't have any specifics, no I haven't looked at that closely in that in depth, but I I with the county this size I I am sure there are items that could be cut and maybe Chris or Andrew for the next presentation.

1:38:56.570 --> 1:39:5.320

Sophie Moiese Room

I mean, we can kind of address how many of the requests we said no to that might be helpful for folks, unless you have that at your fingertips now.

1:39:5.330 --> 1:39:5.790

Sophie Moiese Room

Thank you, Sir.

1:39:6.730 --> 1:39:7.0

Sophie Moiese Room

Yeah.

1:39:7.10 --> 1:39:12.580

Sophie Moiese Room

I would be glad to to think about that and and go over some of the expenditures and come up with a list.

1:39:12.650 --> 1:39:12.980

Sophie Moiese Room

OK.

1:39:12.990 --> 1:39:13.310

Sophie Moiese Room

Thank you.

1:39:14.760 --> 1:39:20.270

Sophie Moiese Room

I don't, Commissioner, but I certainly we can put that together for a final bunch of you bet and we can put it out on the website beforehand.

1:39:20.720 --> 1:39:21.240

Sophie Moiese Room

Yeah. Thanks.

1:39:28.710 --> 1:39:29.630

Sophie Moiese Room

Go ahead, Sir, head.

1:39:42.960 --> 1:39:45.750

Sophie Moiese Room

The person with 1829 phone number go ahead.

1:39:46.170 --> 1:39:46.660

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Yes.

1:39:46.910 --> 1:39:47.860

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Yeah, it's Keith copper.

1:39:47.870 --> 1:39:48.480

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Vika again?

1:39:48.730 --> 1:39:55.260

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You mentioned that you, Commissioner Strohmeier, that you'd like to maybe some examples of areas to cut.

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I guess that's what I was asking for before.

1:39:57.910 --> 1:40:4.100

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Is that let us see the full budgets of all the departments and then maybe we can make some suggestions on areas to cut.

1:40:4.730 --> 1:40:17.350

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I will tell you, and I've only seen one of these, but I did see a budget from a county department from the several years ago and there was thousands of dollars spent on personal property.

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There was hundreds, if not thousands of dollars spent on bagels and coffee and cake and cookies.

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And that's the kind of expenditures I think we need as taxpayers to see.

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So we can make the suggestions on where things can be cut.

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Thank you.

1:40:47.10 --> 1:40:47.520

Sophie Moiese Room

Anybody else?

1:40:52.750 --> 1:40:55.930

Sophie Moiese Room

Chris, can you remind us how long this here?

1:40:55.940 --> 1:40:58.240

Sophie Moiese Room

We'll keep this hearing open for yeah.

1:40:58.250 --> 1:41:1.620

Sophie Moiese Room

So your final budget adoption will be the week of September 7th.

1:41:1.630 --> 1:41:10.380

Sophie Moiese Room

I and Cheryl can probably correct me, but I believe September 7th is the Thursday public meeting that will be your final budget presentation and and potential budget adoption.

1:41:10.570 --> 1:41:24.440

Sophie Moiese Room

Again, you can provide public comment and there are documents up and available on the Missoula County Voice page, which is Missoula County voice dot US as well as you can email BCC at missoulacounty dot US for comments or call the Commissioners office as well.

1:41:24.610 --> 1:41:24.870

Sophie Moiese Room

Great.

1:41:25.300 --> 1:41:25.680

Sophie Moiese Room

Thank you.

1:41:26.710 --> 1:41:31.930

Sophie Moiese Room

Chris will when and where will today's presentation be available for folks to view?

1:41:32.30 --> 1:41:32.260

Sophie Moiese Room

Yes.

1:41:32.270 --> 1:41:36.610

Sophie Moiese Room

So at the conclusion of this, today's presentation will be available upon the Missoula County Voice page as well.

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Sophie Moiese Room

OK.

1:41:39.240 --> 1:41:43.110

Sophie Moiese Room

So on our website, how about for folks who don't have web access?

1:41:44.330 --> 1:41:47.210

Sophie Moiese Room

We can certainly, if somebody needs it, print out a copy of it.

1:41:47.250 --> 1:41:47.560

Sophie Moiese Room

OK.

1:41:47.570 --> 1:41:48.400

Sophie Moiese Room

And provide it. Yes.

1:41:48.550 --> 1:41:49.80

Sophie Moiese Room

Thank you.

1:41:49.130 --> 1:41:50.240

Sophie Moiese Room

Just a slight correction.

1:41:50.250 --> 1:41:52.750

Sophie Moiese Room

It is a Mozilla County voice page right now.

1:41:53.910 --> 1:41:54.360

Sophie Moiese Room

Thank you.

1:41:54.410 --> 1:42:0.240

Sophie Moiese Room

It is apparently this presentation is already up somebody's Emmy or carry back on the other side is apparently already got it uploaded.

1:42:0.610 --> 1:42:1.60

Sophie Moiese Room

OK.

1:42:1.150 --> 1:42:1.460

Sophie Moiese Room

Thanks.

1:42:1.470 --> 1:42:6.550

Sophie Moiese Room

Wait phone number for folks to call if they don't have we're access.

1:42:7.140 --> 1:42:7.610

Sophie Moiese Room

You bet.

1:42:7.620 --> 1:42:18.360

Sophie Moiese Room

So sorry, that would be the Commissioner's Office and the phone number in the Commissioner's Office is area code 406258 and then the extension is 4877. Thanks.

1:42:18.450 --> 1:42:18.630

Sophie Moiese Room

Yep.

1:42:21.690 --> 1:42:21.910

Sophie Moiese Room

OK.

1:42:21.920 --> 1:42:25.940

Sophie Moiese Room

Then, unless there's any anybody else would like to say anything, we were done.

1:42:27.440 --> 1:42:27.980

Sophie Moiese Room

Thanks everybody.

1:42:29.260 --> 1:42:29.600

Sophie Moiese Room

Thank you.