

Missoula Board of County Commissioners

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES COVER SHEET



MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 2023 – 2 PM

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

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ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners Present:

Commissioner David Strohmaier

Commissioner Juanita Vero (Acting Chair)

Staff Present:

Cheryl Hartman, Administrative Assistant, Commissioners' Office

Matt Heimel, Planner, Planning, Development, and Sustainability

Vincent Pavlish, Civil County Attorney

1. **CALL TO ORDER** [Time stamp – 0:02]
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** [Time stamp – 0:05]
3. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT** [Time stamp – 0:15]
Missoula County acknowledges that this event takes place in the aboriginal territories of the Salish and Kalispel people.
4. **PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS** [Time stamp – 0:32]
 - a. **Closed Captioning**
5. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA** [Time stamp – 1:30]
6. **CURRENT CLAIMS LIST** [Time stamp – 7:14]
Claims received as of August 17, 2023 to August 18, 2023 by the Commissioners' Office total \$598,859.97.
7. **HEARINGS**
 - a. **Adopt Final Resolution to amend Floodplain regulations** [Time stamp – 7:28]
Matt Heimel, Planner, Planning, Development, and Sustainability

Commissioner Strohmaier made the motion that the Board of County Commissioners of Missoula County approve the final resolution to amend the Floodplain Regulations which include but not limited to adopting the final flood hazard determinations for the Clearwater River.

Commissioner Vero seconded.

[Motion Passed 2-0.]

[Resolution 2023-066 Book 1092 Page 679]

8. OTHER BUSINESS

[None]

9. ADJOURN

Acting Chair Vero – Called the meeting to adjourn at 2:20 p.m.

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0:0:0.0 --> 0:0:1.450

Sophie Moiese Room

OK, it's two o'clock.

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Sophie Moiese Room

We'll call this meeting to order and begin with the pledge.

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Sophie Moiese Room

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

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Sophie Moiese Room

And here at Missoula County, we recognize that this event takes place in the Aboriginal territories of the Salish and Kalispell people.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Closed caption is available, Cheryl.

0:0:36.90 --> 0:0:36.920

Sophie Moiese Room

Hello everyone.

0:0:36.930 --> 0:0:50.940

Sophie Moiese Room

If you are joining us for this meeting today, virtually instructions for turning on closed captioning or on your screen if you're joining us in person, we'll have closed captioning on all the screens here in the Sophie Louise room, and we also have assisted listening devices available.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Please come to me if you would like one and I'll get one for you.

0:0:54.690 --> 0:1:0.460

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 will help 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 during those times.

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Sophie Moiese Room

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

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Sophie Moiese Room

If you're on Microsoft Teams, this is a small hand button.

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Sophie Moiese Room

If you're calling in on the phone, you'll 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.

0:1:21.590 --> 0:1:29.910

Sophie Moiese Room

If you have any questions or concerns, please find me during the meeting and let me know is there any public comment on items not on the agenda?

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Sophie Moiese Room

Come on up.

0:1:34.60 --> 0:1:40.80

Sophie Moiese Room

And then just make sure to, yeah, turn on the microphone and bring it up close to your mouth.

0:1:40.90 --> 0:1:40.380

Sophie Moiese Room

Yeah.

0:1:40.390 --> 0:1:41.0

Sophie Moiese Room

There we go.

0:1:41.390 --> 0:1:43.510

Sophie Moiese Room

Mike Harrison, I spoke with you guys.

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Sophie Moiese Room

I'll probably a month or so or better about the Sheriff's Department and one of the things I wanted to address today is the no parking out at the Sharon and I took pictures, very good pictures, no parking stuff, the officer told me he can't go off of that.

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Sophie Moiese Room

I told him I'm willing to sign a complaint because he doesn't know who's driving the truck.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Well, to me that's a fallacy, because if he goes out there and issues a ticket and has the truck towed, he don't know who's driving the truck.

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Sophie Moiese Room

So to me, that's just passing the buck.

0:2:22.220 --> 0:2:22.790

Sophie Moiese Room

Uh.

0:2:22.860 --> 0:2:32.50

Sophie Moiese Room

The sergeants and the powers to be don't wanna talk to me, and that's frustrating because they know I'll give him a piece of my mind.

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Sophie Moiese Room

My other question is, have you guys addressed the officers living out of county for particularly the Ravalli County?

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Sophie Moiese Room

I don't know which ones live where.

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Sophie Moiese Room

I don't wanna get into that.

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Sophie Moiese Room

As far as stalking, when I met with the sheriff, he assured me they all crossed the county line at 6:00 AM and 6:00 PM.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Yeah, to go on and off a shift, I would be quite inquisitive to know if that's truthful or not.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Right now, you gotta deputy 490 parked over here in the shade.

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Sophie Moiese Room

I'm bet you a nickel.

0:3:10.300 --> 0:3:17.470

Sophie Moiese Room

He didn't pay the city coffers parking meter fee, but he's got a whole sheriff's parking lot over here to park in.

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Sophie Moiese Room

But he's parked under a nice shade tree there.

0:3:19.800 --> 0:3:25.340

Sophie Moiese Room

So you know, it just rolls on and on and on that they're not.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Being held accountable and like I told, the Josh Slotnick when I talked to her a while back is, you know, you guys as Commissioners, you dabble in a little everything in this county and you expect the people that are the powers to be in different offices to ohh tell you the truth.

0:3:50.310 --> 0:3:52.280

Sophie Moiese Room

And I don't think you're hearing the whole truth.

0:3:52.290 --> 0:3:55.500

Sophie Moiese Room

And those sheriff's cars are not cheap to drive.

0:3:55.550 --> 0:3:58.900

Sophie Moiese Room

They don't need to take them out of state when they go to other officers.

0:3:58.910 --> 0:3:59.360

Sophie Moiese Room

Funerals.

0:4:0.220 --> 0:4:5.670

Sophie Moiese Room

Ohh, they need to be held accountable for the money that they're spending to drive those cars.

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Sophie Moiese Room

I'm not, and I'll say it again and I've said it to a lot of people, I'm not defunding the police period.

0:4:12.80 --> 0:4:15.670

Sophie Moiese Room

They need more, but I've been hearing for the last 15 years.

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Sophie Moiese Room

They're five or six men short up there and you would think that they would have gotten those problems resolved, but ohh to reiterate, uh, with the sheriff told me is they've been taking their cars home since the days of Doug Chase with was the sheriff and he explained to me why?

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Sophie Moiese Room

Because they only had six cars in the county, and when one of them wasn't quite wrapped up, another one was standing around twiddling their thumbs waiting for the deputy to show up to be able to go to work.

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Sophie Moiese Room

That's understandable.

0:4:51.550 --> 0:5:2.90

Sophie Moiese Room

And the reason I got on this kick several years ago is when a deputy sheriff point Blank tells me F Missoula County and their taxes.

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Sophie Moiese Room

That's why I moved to Valley County.

0:5:4.440 --> 0:5:6.30

Sophie Moiese Room

That really ***** me off.

0:5:6.520 --> 0:5:7.910

Sophie Moiese Room

I thanks Mike.

0:5:7.920 --> 0:5:10.310

Sophie Moiese Room

And real quick to respond.

0:5:10.320 --> 0:5:16.130

Sophie Moiese Room

I don't know that we've we've talked about the parking out at well, Commissioner, store buyer just spent some time out there this weekend.

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Sophie Moiese Room

I don't know if you have anything to add.

0:5:18.590 --> 0:5:26.930

Sophie Moiese Room

Yeah, my, I don't know when when it was that you spoke to the deputy, but vehicles have been towed from out there.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Umm, in the recent past, since we put the signs up, so towing is going on based on availability for law enforcement to actually be out there.

0:5:38.340 --> 0:5:55.590

Sophie Moiese Room

So not every single vehicles getting towed, but there have been vehicles towed and I went out there and looked at the Brickyard Hill signage, and this morning we requested additional signs go up so that nobody has an excuse for not knowing that it's no parking.

0:5:55.600 --> 0:6:40.410

Sophie Moiese Room

So hopefully that will continue to improve and as far and we can, we'll be seeing Sheriff Peterson soon and we can rehash the the concerns you brought up about deputies living in across county lines and we have we have this, we have discussed it OHH recently, just saw I've talked to the directory human resources that deals with the contracts and I've talked with the risk management people and they're all

curious about that too and also the county auditor is curious about that and the county auditor point Blank told me that he was not able to get along with TJ.

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Sophie Moiese Room

TJ tried to bully everybody and hopefully this Jeremiah isn't that way.

0:6:46.610 --> 0:6:51.800

Sophie Moiese Room

OK, but my my big kick is is don't lie to me about.

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Sophie Moiese Room

I don't know who's driving the truck, because if they ticket the truck, they don't know who's driving the truck and it it makes them look foolish in the long run because you point blank lied to me and I when I call up there and tell him I want to file a complaint, nobody wants to call you back.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Understood.

0:7:8.540 --> 0:7:8.930

Sophie Moiese Room

OK.

0:7:9.20 --> 0:7:9.730

Sophie Moiese Room

Well, thank you.

0:7:9.780 --> 0:7:9.930

Sophie Moiese Room

Yeah.

0:7:9.940 --> 0:7:10.440

Sophie Moiese Room

We'll be in touch.

0:7:12.500 --> 0:7:13.770

Sophie Moiese Room

OK, we only have.

0:7:13.820 --> 0:7:14.430

Sophie Moiese Room

Oops, sorry.

0:7:14.440 --> 0:7:19.370

Sophie Moiese Room

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Sophie Moiese Room

By the Commissioner's Office, total \$598,859.97 we have one hearing today with Matt Hamill.

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Sophie Moiese Room

\$9.97 we have one hearing today with Matt Hamill.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Umm.

0:7:30.100 --> 0:7:33.940

Sophie Moiese Room

On adopting the final resolutions to amend the floodplain regulations.

0:7:44.110 --> 0:7:45.340

Sophie Moiese Room

Hey, good afternoon, commissioners.

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Sophie Moiese Room

I'm Matt Heimel with the Department of Planning, Development and sustainability.

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Sophie Moiese Room

I have a short presentation about our final resolution to adopt amendments of the floodplain regulations.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Uh, excuse me?

0:7:58.460 --> 0:7:59.510

Sophie Moiese Room

Need to share the screen first.

0:8:11.550 --> 0:8:24.870

Sophie Moiese Room

OK, so to bring us up to speed on July 27th, the Commission adopted a resolution of intent to adopt the amendments of the floodplain, where regulations can you can you put it in presentation view?

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Sophie Moiese Room

So it's a little bit ohh excuse me larger.

0:8:29.70 --> 0:8:30.880

Sophie Moiese Room

Looks like we're in the wrong view.

0:8:31.450 --> 0:8:31.860

Sophie Moiese Room

Wrong view.

0:8:38.110 --> 0:8:39.110

Sophie Moiese Room

Maybe I just do screen.

0:8:53.200 --> 0:8:53.750

Sophie Moiese Room

That do it.

0:8:53.880 --> 0:8:54.890

Sophie Moiese Room

Yeah. Thank.

0:8:58.160 --> 0:9:6.490

Sophie Moiese Room

OK, so the Clearwater River mapping project has been in the works since 2012 to modernize floodplain mapping.

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Sophie Moiese Room

There was approximate floodplain mapping for the Clearwater River done in the 1970s, and so today's hearing is for the final step on the process, which is adopting the final flood insurance study and flood insurance rate maps.

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Sophie Moiese Room

We have had a MAP viewer that has been available for several years.

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Sophie Moiese Room

I've actually, and we've had some some property owners and and callers who've been interested in their properties and and these floodplain maps are actually adopted as best available data in a 2022 as well.

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Sophie Moiese Room

So the preliminary maps that were issued a couple years ago were validated by FEMA.

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Sophie Moiese Room

There were no changes, so the final flood insurance study for the Clearwater rivers effective on October 5th, 2023, there were no appeals received by by FEMA.

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Sophie Moiese Room

And so for continued participation in the National Flood Insurance program, the floodplain regulations need to be updated or shown to be in compliance with state and FEMA standards every time the flood insurance study is updated.

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Sophie Moiese Room

So that is the impetus for these changes.

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Sophie Moiese Room

So the amendments of the floodplain regulations that are being considered by this resolution are really references to the flood insurance study date and the adoption dates of the amendments being considered do not include any the the there are no changes to the construction standards, for example, so really references to the updated study for to the Clearwater River.

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Sophie Moiese Room

So that is a very brief overview of what we had.

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Sophie Moiese Room

If there is any background information that you you'd like as well, I'd I'd be happy to go through through the maps.

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Sophie Moiese Room

I over this is, as I said, the final step in a long process and also a requirement for Missoula County under the NFIP.

0:11:15.420 --> 0:11:15.600

Sophie Moiese Room

Umm.

0:11:18.990 --> 0:11:20.380

Sophie Moiese Room

You have anything to add?

0:11:21.740 --> 0:11:22.820

Sophie Moiese Room

You know, I guess there's any.

0:11:27.280 --> 0:11:27.550

Sophie Moiese Room

Betty.

0:11:29.990 --> 0:11:32.550

Sophie Moiese Room

OK, what's the most?

0:11:35.840 --> 0:11:43.620

Sophie Moiese Room

I moved to approve the resolution to amend the Missoula County Floodplain Regulations, adopting final flood hazard determinations for the Clearwater River.

0:11:44.510 --> 0:11:47.180

Sophie Moiese Room

Second, any further discussion?

0:11:48.450 --> 0:11:49.100

Sophie Moiese Room

All in favor?

0:11:49.290 --> 0:11:49.910

Sophie Moiese Room

Aye, aye.

0:11:50.930 --> 0:11:52.690

Sophie Moiese Room

Thanks for your work on this.