

Missoula Board of County Commissioners

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES COVER SHEET



THURSDAY, MAY 26, 2022 – 2 PM

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

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1. **CALL TO ORDER** *[Time stamp – 00:02]*
Commissioners Present:
Chair Vero
Commissioner Slotnick
Commissioner Strohmaier

Staff Present:
Violet Plummer, Administrative Assistant, Commissioners' Office
John Hart, Civil Deputy County Attorney, Attorney's Office
Shane Stack, Director, Public Works
Kyla Lehnerz, Administrative Assistant, Commissioners' Office
Mel Fisher, Strategic Initiatives Manager, Communications and Projects
Erik Dickson, Transportation Engineer, Public Works
Sam Scott, Assistant Recording Director, Clerk and Recorder's Office
2. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT** *[Time stamp – 00:02]*
Missoula County acknowledges that this event takes place in the aboriginal territories
of the Salish and Kalispel people.
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** *[Time stamp – 00:24]*
4. **PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS** *[Time stamp – 00:35]*
5. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA** *[Time stamp – 00:35]*
6. **CURRENT CLAIMS LIST** *[Time stamp – 00:49]*
Claims received as of May 5, 2022 to May 18, 2022 by the Commissioners' Office total
\$3,728,947.45.
7. **HEARINGS** *[Time stamp – 01:10]*
 - a. **Resolution to Create Rural Special Improvement District 8505**
John Hart, Deputy County Attorney, Attorney's Office

[Resolution 2022-065. Book: 1075 Page: 1258]

8. **OTHER BUSINESS** *[Time stamp – 11:10]*
9. **ADJOURN**
Chair Vero – Called the meeting to adjourn at 2:11 p.m.

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Speaker1: [00:00:02] We'll get started. It was a land acknowledgement that Missoula County acknowledges this event takes place in the Aboriginal territories of the Salish and Kalispell people and will begin with a pledge. Pledge allegiance to the flag, the United.

Speaker2: [00:00:24] States of America.

Speaker1: [00:00:25] And to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for.

Speaker3: [00:00:32] All.

Speaker1: [00:00:35] It's a public announcements. Oc public comment on items not on the agenda. Stormare thinks that we're going to be out of here by 208. What do you say?

Speaker2: [00:00:48] I am hoping for that.

Speaker1: [00:00:49] Okay. Current claims list received as of May 5th to 2022 to May 18th, 2022 by the Commissioner's office totals \$3,728,947.45. We have one hearing today. So, John Hart.

Speaker3: [00:01:10] Good afternoon, commissioners. You may recall on April 7th in this same room, you passed a resolution of intent to create a rural special improvement district to do some road improvements on 29th and North Avenue West. That was the first step. You pass that resolution and that was the first step to creating the CED. After that meeting, then the Clerk and Recorder's Office made sure that that resolution was published twice in the Missoulian, once on April 17th and again on April 24th, as required by law, and they mailed by certified mail a copy of the resolution of intention to all of the property owners in that proposed district. And the the mailing, coupled with the first date of publication, April 17th, started a 30 day protest period or any property owner in that proposed district could provide written protest to you. The Commission against creating this remedy and the CED, for the record, is 8505 there. The clerk and recorder received no written protest by the by the May 17th deadline for doing so. However, somebody could come as late as today and offer comments, of course, on the the whether or not this district should be created.

Speaker3: [00:02:53] And the purpose is the purpose of this hearing today is to hear and pass on those protests. But having received no written protest, there isn't anything to pass on. And now the the next step and the process is for you to consider passing a resolution, creating the district. And because there were no protests and assuming there aren't any there, you know, all the residents aren't waiting out in the hall and they're going to rush us right now. My recommendation is that you that you do pass this resolution creating RC 8505 and that will complete the fifth step in the process of creating an outside the county finance department right now is trying to secure a bond to and an interest rate on the bond such that we can finance part of the improvements as proposed in the resolution to of intention at such time as we can get a bond, then we will do a levy of assessment, another resolution and a third and final hearing, and

that will complete the process of creating this district. And there will be an assessment on the property tax bills for all the property owners in the district.

Speaker2: [00:04:29] And then would work commence.

Speaker3: [00:04:33] Work can commit actually. I mean, I don't want to speak for public works, but I think public works is prepared to do some or all of the work this this season even, you know, even before the assessments appear on the 2022 tax bill, which first installments do on December 1st. So they might just do that work and then get reimbursement as when the bond is sold and some of the property tax payments start.

Speaker2: [00:05:07] To come in. So if I understand it right, you and Shayne did a lot of work to put this process together in a way that was more user friendly for neighbors and. I think with the idea, if I was on the outside of it that it would it made it more user friendly for the neighbours, but also for the next set of folks who want to do a similar thing in a different neighborhood. It might the path may be clear with more obvious benchmarks a template. Is that correct? Or am I seeing it with rose colored glasses?

Speaker3: [00:05:37] Generally correct. It's the next time a neighborhood or a group of citizens asks us to create an ID. It'll definitely be easier for me because I'm more familiar with the law and more familiar with the complexities of the finance component. If the residents want to finance a portion of the improvements, and I and I do, I can't say with confidence on this that myself and others in the county, notably in the Public Works Department, we're a little bit more fluent in being able to forecast for people a timeline and what to expect and, you know, sort of help them weigh their their options and the details of how they might want to create a district for themselves.

Speaker2: [00:06:23] Great. That's wonderful. I'm just imagining that as construction costs continue to skyrocket and our ability to meet road needs everywhere decreases because of our lack of revenue, that this may be a more used format than it has been in the past.

Speaker3: [00:06:41] Yeah, I know Shane Stack's on the line and I'm sure you would love to ask some.

Speaker2: [00:06:45] Shane, what do you think?

Speaker4: [00:06:47] I would agree with everything John said, and yeah, I think you're right. In fact, we were up in Sealy yesterday and Eric mentioned that there's another group in the Sealy area considering an R side. And we've we've had discussions with folks in the Lolo area. So I think I think you're spot on that this is potentially the one of the tools that we end up having to use more just because of lack of funding.

Speaker2: [00:07:13] A good job for you guys making that tool sharp.

Speaker3: [00:07:16] Yeah. And let me just add one, one thing. This this ride is for road improvement. But you can create an ID for all sorts of other public improvements, including if you have a neighborhood park that you want to have more funding for, that is an option. In other. You know, water, sewer, those kinds of things are also an opportunity for our city.

Speaker2: [00:07:47] Does maintenance on a park, would that count or is it only capital improvements?

Speaker3: [00:07:50] Nope. Maintenance on a park would be certainly appropriate know, especially if especially if you made some capital improvements and then wanted to show that there would be revenue to maintain that. That investment in capital improvement going forward.

Speaker2: [00:08:12] That's.

Speaker3: [00:08:12] Great. But it could be a stand alone maintenance for a park.

Speaker2: [00:08:18] To some folks who live near Rose Crest Park, which is kind of near Big Sky Park and as a more of a habitat wild area, but it backs up on people's houses. So they really wanted it mowed and cared for. But it isn't something we've ever done and don't really have staff to do. And a neighbor approached me the other day and I said, Maybe you all could do on our side. And they seemed quite excited because it wouldn't cost that much money to have it mowed a couple of times a year. But we don't have the staff to do it right now.

Speaker1: [00:08:46] It could be anywhere in the county that.

Speaker3: [00:08:49] It can be anywhere in the county outside of the city limits. It, but it has to involve publicly owned infrastructure. You know, it can't be for your own no home park or your own sort of county park.

Speaker2: [00:09:07] Exactly. Well, I am happy to.

Speaker3: [00:09:13] Let's hope. Sorry. Let's ask if there's any public comment just to make sure.

Speaker1: [00:09:18] Is there any public comment? Yes. Come on.

Speaker5: [00:09:25] Our experiment.

Speaker1: [00:09:26] Civic participation, but actually go ahead in the state. And then you're.

Speaker5: [00:09:32] Okay.

Speaker1: [00:09:33] Oc And your name, please?

Speaker5: [00:09:35] Nancy Isler. I've been the chairperson so far of the ad hoc committee for this side, and I just want to thank all of you immensely. This has been a wonderful process and it's so great that we can have this work done. We really had a bad street situation, unfortunately, and it's going to be so nice to get it fixed up. And all of you guys, Shane Stack, have done so much work to help us. Eric's job is probably mostly coming up, but you've all just been completely wonderful to work with. And I've been bragging all of you up to everybody I know about a fine example of government work to help the people. So it's very, very nice. Thank you.

Speaker1: [00:10:23] Thank you.

Speaker2: [00:10:24] That is the most refreshing thing I've heard in so long.

Speaker1: [00:10:30] Thank you, Nancy. Any more comment? There's a7361 or a412 area code. Okay.

Speaker2: [00:10:49] All right. I would move. We passed this resolution to create Rural Special Improvement District 8505 second.

Speaker1: [00:10:59] Any further discussion. All in favor, I. Thanks. Yeah.

Speaker2: [00:11:06] I think I can hear the road equipment beginning.

Speaker1: [00:11:10] Okay. Any other business? We're adjourned. It's.