

Missoula Board of County Commissioners

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES COVER SHEET



THURSDAY, MAY 09, 2024 – 2 PM

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

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ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners Present:

Chair David Strohmaier
Commissioner Juanita Vero

Staff Present:

Cheryl Hartman, Administrative Assistant, Commissioners' Office
Vincent Pavlish, Civil Deputy Attorney, Attorney's Office
Laura Collins, Planner I, Planning, Development, and Sustainability
Samuel Scott, Assistant Recording Director, Clerk and Recorder's Office
Tyler Gernant, Clerk and Recorder, Clerk and Recorder's Office
Michael Tester, Land Surveyor Manager, Public Works
Lisa Frost, Property Records Specialist, Clerk and Recorder's Office
Patrick Swart, Planner I, Planning, Development, Sustainability
Christina Dewar, Administrative Assistant, Commissioners' Office
Melissa Fisher, Strategic Initiative Manager, Commissioners' Office
Shyra Scott, Director, Clerk and Recorders' Office
Tim Worley, Senior Planner, Planning, Development, and Sustainability
Emmie Bristow, Community Engagement Coordinator, Commissioners' Office
Allison Franz, Communications Manager, Commissioners' Office
Carey Powers, Communications Coordinator, Commissioners' Office

1. **CALL TO ORDER** [Time stamp – 0:01]
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** [Time stamp – 0:06]
3. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT** [Time stamp – 0:25]
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. Proclamation: Kids to Parks Day

5. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA [Time stamp – 2:58]

6. CURRENT CLAIMS LIST [Time stamp – 3:23]

Claims received as of April 23, 2024 to May 09, 2024 by the Commissioners' Office total of \$1,457,566.13.

7. HEARINGS

a. Missoula Rural Fire District Annexation Petition-Lorraine Dr. [Time stamp – 04:17]

Lisa Frost, Property Records Specialist, Clerk and Recorder's Office

Commissioner Vero made the motion that the Board of County Commissioners of Missoula County approve the petition to annex 2780 Lorraine Dr. to the Missoula County Rural Fire District.

Commissioner Strohmaier seconded.

[Motion Passed 2-0.]

[Resolution 2024-063 Book:1099 Page:1197]

b. Haywood Family Transfer [Time stamp – 05:54]

Laura Collins, Planner I, Planning, Development, and Sustainability

Commissioner Vero made the motion that the Missoula Board of County Commissioners approve the Haywood family request to utilize the Family transfer exemption and aggregation exemption of tracks to create and transfer one partial as presented in the subdivision exemption affidavit.

Commissioner Strohmaier seconded.

[Motion Passed 2-0.]

[Letter 2024-107 sent to David and Jennifer Haywood in c/o Toby Dumont, PCI on May 23, 2024]

c. 2nd Hearing-Petition Unnamed Rd. between Waldo Rd. & I-90 [Time stamp – 13:14]

Michael Tester, Land Surveyor Manager, Public Works

Commissioner Vero made the motion that the Missoula Board of County Commissioners approve the petition to abandon the 1887 unnamed Road between Waldo Rd. and Interstate 90.

Commissioner Strohmaier seconded.

[Motion Passed 2-0.]

[Signed RCA was returned to Michael Tester on May 10, 2024]

d. Tax Exemption for Equipment Application Policy [Time stamp – 16:58]

Tyler Gernant, Clerk and Recorder, Clerk and Recorder's Office

Commissioner Vero made the motion that the Missoula County Board of County Commissioners adopt the Missoula County policy regarding tax abatement for manufacturing machinery, fixtures and equipment.

Commissioner Strohmaier seconded.

[Motion Passed 2-0.]

[Signed RCA was returned to Tyler Gernant on May 10, 2024]

e. Diversified Plastics, Inc. Equipment Abatement Application [Time stamp – 31:55]

Tyler Gernant, Clerk and Recorder, Clerk and Recorder's Office

[Time stamp – 31:55]

Commissioner Vero moved that the Missoula County Board of County Commissioners approve the application by Diversified Plastics incorporated for qualifying Class 8 property to receive a tax abatement at 80% conditioned upon the Montana Department of Revenue determining which property in the application is qualified as qualifying Class A property.

Commissioner Strohmaier seconded.

[Motion Passed 2-0.]

[Signed RCA was returned to Tyler Gernant on May 10, 2024]

f. UFP Bonner, LLC Equipment Abatement Application [Time stamp – 37:14]

Tyler Gernant, Clerk and Recorder, Clerk and Recorder's Office

Commissioner Vero made the motion that the Missoula County Board of County Commissioners approve the application by UFP Bonner LLC for qualifying Class A property to receive a tax abatement at 80% condition upon the Montana Department of Revenue.

Commissioner Strohmaier seconded.

[Motion Passed 2-0.]

[Signed RCA was returned to Tyler Gernant on May 10, 2024]

g. BC Concrete, Inc. Equipment Abatement Application [Time stamp – 40:37]

Tyler Gernant, Clerk and Recorder, Clerk and Recorder's Office

Commissioner Vero made the motion that the Missoula Board of County Commissioners approve the application BC Concrete for qualifying classic property to receive a tax abatement at 80% conditioned upon the Montana Department of Revenue determining which property in the application is qualifying Class A property.

Commissioner Slotnick seconded.

[Motion Passed 2-0.]

[Signed RCA was returned to Tyler Gernant on May 10, 2024]

8. OTHER BUSINESS

[None]

9. ADJOURN

Chair Strohmaier – Called the meeting to adjourn at 2:47 p.m.

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0:0:0.0 --> 0:0:0.330

Sophie Moiese Room

All right.

0:0:0.340 --> 0:0:1.380

Sophie Moiese Room

Good afternoon, everyone.

0:0:1.390 --> 0:0:6.920

Sophie Moiese Room

I'd like to call to order today's Thursday, May 9th meeting of the Missoula Board of County Commissioners.

0:0:6.930 --> 0:0:8.640

Sophie Moiese Room

Please stand and join me in the Pledge of Allegiance.

0:0:11.510 --> 0:0:23.60

Sophie Moiese Room

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.

0:0:25.560 --> 0:0:38.460

Sophie Moiese Room

Today's event takes place in the Aboriginal territories of the Salish and Kalispell, people we have a couple of public announcements today, beginning with closed captioning and just meeting logistics. Cheryl.

0:0:48.0 --> 0:0:48.810

Sophie Moiese Room

Hello everyone.

0:0:48.820 --> 0:0:54.890

Sophie Moiese Room

If you are joining us for this meeting virtually today, instructions for closed turning on closed captioning or on your screen.

0:0:55.80 --> 0:1:5.670

Sophie Moiese Room

If you're joining us in person, we will have closed captioning on all the screens here in the Sophie Louise room, there will be an opportunity to speak during the meeting for public comment virtually and in person.

0:1:5.720 --> 0:1:8.570

Sophie Moiese Room

We asked that all speakers today speak slowly and clearly.

0:1:8.630 --> 0:1:11.240

Sophie Moiese Room

This helps with the accuracy of the closed captioning.

0:1:11.570 --> 0:1:18.600

Sophie Moiese Room

If you're on Microsoft Teams, if you'd like to speak when discussion has been open for public comment, we ask that you use the raise hand feature.

0:1:18.690 --> 0:1:21.660

Sophie Moiese Room

This is the small hand button at the top of your screen.

0:1:21.920 --> 0:1:25.240

Sophie Moiese Room

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

0:1:25.250 --> 0:1:28.620

Sophie Moiese Room

Once called upon, you'll need to hit star 6 to unmute.

0:1:28.710 --> 0:1:35.700

Sophie Moiese Room

We also have assisted listening devices if you need one, please find me during the meeting and if you have any other questions let me know.

0:1:35.820 --> 0:1:36.210

Sophie Moiese Room

Thank you.

0:1:39.70 --> 0:1:39.560

Sophie Moiese Room

All right.

0:1:39.730 --> 0:1:40.820

Sophie Moiese Room

Thank you, Cheryl.

0:1:40.830 --> 0:1:52.70

Sophie Moiese Room

We have a proclamation to read today on kids to Parks Day, Commissioner Vero, whereas May 18th, 2024, is the 13th kids to Park Day.

0:1:52.630 --> 0:1:58.790

Sophie Moiese Room

Excuse me, kids, to parks day organized and launched by the National Park Trust and held annually on the 3rd Saturday of May.

0:1:58.800 --> 0:2:1.230

Sophie Moiese Room

And whereas kids do park, stay empowers.

0:2:1.240 --> 0:2:5.730

Sophie Moiese Room

Kids encourages families to get outdoors and visit local parks, public lands and waters.

0:2:5.880 --> 0:2:16.710

Sophie Moiese Room

And whereas we should encourage children to learn to lead a more active lifestyle, to combat public health issues like childhood obesity, diabetes, high blood pressure and high cholesterol.

0:2:16.720 --> 0:2:21.870

Sophie Moiese Room

And whereas kids do, parks stay will broaden children's appreciation for nature and the outdoors.

0:2:22.20 --> 0:2:46.360

Sophie Moiese Room

And whereas Missoula County manages 91 parks and more than 40 miles of shared use paths and trails that residents of all ages can enjoy for both active and passive recreation, and whereas kids to Park today recognizes the importance of recreating responsibly while enjoying the benefits of the outdoors now, therefore we the Missoula board of County Commissioners in the state of Montana do hereby proclaim May 18th, 2024 as kids to Parks Day.

0:2:48.590 --> 0:2:49.610

Sophie Moiese Room

Thank you for that.

0:2:49.680 --> 0:2:52.530

Sophie Moiese Room

And an early Happy Mother's Day.

0:2:52.620 --> 0:2:53.950

Sophie Moiese Room

Ohh, so well done.

0:2:55.350 --> 0:2:57.410

Sophie Moiese Room

So, kids, take your mother's to the park.

0:2:57.620 --> 0:2:58.70

Sophie Moiese Room

Yes.

0:2:58.840 --> 0:3:4.870

Sophie Moiese Room

OK, next we have an opportunity for public comment on items not on today's agenda.

0:3:4.880 --> 0:3:13.370

Sophie Moiese Room

As you might see on the agenda, there's a number of public hearings if you want to comment on any of those, please hold your comments until that point in time in the meeting.

0:3:13.740 --> 0:3:21.360

Sophie Moiese Room

But for folks online or in the room, is there anything else that you want to bring to our attention and comment on today at this point in time?

0:3:23.270 --> 0:3:44.800

Sophie Moiese Room

OK, seeing none for our current claims list, this would be claims received as of April 23rd through May 9th, 2024 by the Commissioner's Office total one million \$457,566.13 we have a number of public hearings today.

0:3:44.810 --> 0:3:49.220

Sophie Moiese Room

As I mentioned earlier, these will each begin with a staff report.

0:3:49.590 --> 0:3:53.40

Sophie Moiese Room

There will then be an opportunity for public comment on the items.

0:3:53.570 --> 0:4:2.850

Sophie Moiese Room

Well, I should say, if there's an applicant for the item, you'll have an opportunity or you're representative will have an opportunity to to present that will be followed by public comment.

0:4:3.220 --> 0:4:12.10

Sophie Moiese Room

We'll close the public comment period and then open it up for Commission discussion and questions and then take action on the item.

0:4:12.360 --> 0:4:17.430

Sophie Moiese Room

So we will begin first, Lisa, are you in the room?

0:4:17.880 --> 0:4:28.350

Sophie Moiese Room

OK, we have an annexation petition brought to us regarding the Missoula Rural Fire District and the property on Lorraine.

0:4:28.360 --> 0:4:29.330

Sophie Moiese Room

Drive, Lisa.

0:4:29.800 --> 0:4:31.50

Sophie Moiese Room

Yes, that is correct.

0:4:31.60 --> 0:4:33.670

Sophie Moiese Room

I am Lisa Frost with the clerk and recorders office.

0:4:33.680 --> 0:4:40.400

Sophie Moiese Room

A petition to annex land into the Missoula County Rural Fire District has been submitted to the clerk and recorder.

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Sophie Moiese Room

The property proposed to be annexed is legally described as tracked A2B and Cos 4088, located in the West half of the Northwest Quarter and the northeast quarter of Section 18.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Township, 12 N Range 19 W the physical address is 2780 Lorraine Dr and Missoula.

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Sophie Moiese Room

The petition has been signed by the property owners, who represent at least 40% of the acreage and 40% of the taxable value of the property to be annexed.

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Sophie Moiese Room

A notice of hearing has been published twice in the Missoulian and all property owners have been notified of this hearing.

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Sophie Moiese Room

The petition is now presented to the board for your decision.

0:5:21.740 --> 0:5:22.310

Sophie Moiese Room

Thank you.

0:5:22.320 --> 0:5:26.40

Sophie Moiese Room

Is the applicant here or online, and if so, would you like to speak to this?

0:5:28.400 --> 0:5:28.700

Sophie Moiese Room

OK.

0:5:30.550 --> 0:5:32.370

Sophie Moiese Room

Uh, any public comment on this item?

0:5:34.830 --> 0:5:36.940

Sophie Moiese Room

OK, seeing none, we'll close the public hearing.

0:5:36.950 --> 0:5:37.720

Sophie Moiese Room

Any questions?

0:5:38.210 --> 0:5:42.920

Sophie Moiese Room

No, I moved to approve the petition to Annex 2780.

0:5:42.930 --> 0:5:43.800

Sophie Moiese Room

Lorraine drive.

0:5:43.910 --> 0:5:46.40

Sophie Moiese Room

All, see the Missoula Rural Fire district.

0:5:46.170 --> 0:5:49.400

Sophie Moiese Room

I'll second that any further discussion on the motion seeing none.

0:5:49.410 --> 0:5:50.80

Sophie Moiese Room

All in favor?

0:5:50.230 --> 0:5:50.720

Sophie Moiese Room

Aye.

0:5:50.760 --> 0:5:51.280

Sophie Moiese Room

OK.

0:5:51.290 --> 0:5:52.60

Sophie Moiese Room

Thank you.

0:5:52.150 --> 0:5:52.540

Sophie Moiese Room

Done.

0:5:52.550 --> 0:5:52.910

Sophie Moiese Room

Thank you.

0:5:54.720 --> 0:6:2.780

Sophie Moiese Room

Next we have the Hayward family transfer and aggregation and this is brought to us by Laura Collins.

0:6:6.510 --> 0:6:7.740

Sophie Moiese Room

Good afternoon, commissioners.

0:6:7.750 --> 0:6:9.870

Sophie Moiese Room

For the record, my name is Laura Collins.

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Sophie Moiese Room

I'm with planning, development and sustainability.

0:6:13.10 --> 0:6:16.250

Sophie Moiese Room

Let me queue up the presentation here.

0:6:29.520 --> 0:6:33.450

Sophie Moiese Room

So today I'm presenting the Hayward family transfer and aggregation.

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Sophie Moiese Room

This request is brought forward by David and Jennifer Haywood and with representative Toby DuMont, PCI.

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Sophie Moiese Room

The proposed family transfer and aggregation is located on Sleeman Creek Rd.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Just about a mile and 1/2 West of Travelers Rest State Park right off of Hwy 12.

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Sophie Moiese Room

This is the existing conditions of the track at 11895 Sleeman Creek.

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Sophie Moiese Room

The Hayward family is proposing to create and transfer one new acre and 1/2 tract to give to their daughter Alyssa.

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Sophie Moiese Room

They will retain the 18 1/2 acre tract and will continue to reside there.

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Sophie Moiese Room

There are additionally requesting an aggregation of two tracks identified by the clerk and Records Office on Certificate of Survey for 155.

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Sophie Moiese Room

The subject property is subject to the low regional plan.

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Sophie Moiese Room

It is designated rural residential.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Recommendation is 1 dwelling per five acres.

0:7:54.300 --> 0:8:0.710

Sophie Moiese Room

There's also some open resource land designation outside of the proposed transfer area on the property.

0:8:5.440 --> 0:8:11.130

Sophie Moiese Room

The property is zoned so this and zoning 44 and it's in sub District 5.

0:8:11.520 --> 0:8:15.750

Sophie Moiese Room

Theme Max density is 1 dwelling per 2 1/2 acres.

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Sophie Moiese Room

This proposal would create an average density of two dwellings per 20 acres.

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Sophie Moiese Room

This is the proposed transfer, so the gifted track there in the lower corner and the aggregated boundary line right there where it's indicated.

0:8:39.80 --> 0:8:46.250

Sophie Moiese Room

So those will eliminate that existing boundary line and gift though 1 1/2 acre track.

0:8:49.420 --> 0:8:52.970

Sophie Moiese Room

We sent this proposal out for agency comments on the clerk room.

0:8:52.980 --> 0:8:58.380

Sophie Moiese Room

Recorders identified those two tracks, so they just mentioned and the applicant is requesting to aggregate.

0:9:1.900 --> 0:9:4.690

Sophie Moiese Room

Portion of the driveway is in the zone a floodplain.

0:9:7.740 --> 0:9:11.930

Sophie Moiese Room

The floodplain administrator and myself visited the site.

0:9:12.740 --> 0:9:19.170

Sophie Moiese Room

His comments is that the transfer doesn't substantially conflict with the floodplain regulations.

0:9:19.480 --> 0:9:22.430

Sophie Moiese Room

The applicant provided elevations in the exhibit.

0:9:25.550 --> 0:9:26.440

Sophie Moiese Room

Do you recommendation?

0:9:26.450 --> 0:9:36.110

Sophie Moiese Room

Is that the floodplain is shown on the final certificate of survey and any future development just has to comply with regulations, floodplain and construction.

0:9:38.960 --> 0:9:47.350

Sophie Moiese Room

The Health Department noted that it will be subject to sanitation review or applicable exemptions.

0:9:49.330 --> 0:9:52.910

Sophie Moiese Room

And reviewing this request, no general evasion criteria.

0:9:52.920 --> 0:9:55.990

Sophie Moiese Room

We're triggered no rebuttable presumptions were triggered.

0:9:58.700 --> 0:10:1.920

Sophie Moiese Room

So there does not appear to be any attempt to evade subdivision review.

0:10:5.420 --> 0:10:7.300

Sophie Moiese Room

Is the applicant online or in the room?

0:10:8.130 --> 0:10:8.670

Sophie Moiese Room

Come on up, Sir.

0:10:11.990 --> 0:10:12.610

Sophie Moiese Room

Are both of you?

0:10:14.450 --> 0:10:15.60

Sophie Moiese Room

OK.

0:10:15.70 --> 0:10:15.360

Sophie Moiese Room

Yeah.

0:10:16.360 --> 0:10:17.30

Sophie Moiese Room

My daughter, Alyssa.

0:10:17.90 --> 0:10:18.800

Sophie Moiese Room

You'll need to hit the button on the.

0:10:18.890 --> 0:10:22.420

Sophie Moiese Room

I'm David Haywood and this is my daughter, Alyssa, that we're transferring to.

0:10:22.480 --> 0:10:22.740

Sophie Moiese Room

OK.

0:10:22.750 --> 0:10:23.50

Sophie Moiese Room

Thank you.

0:10:23.60 --> 0:10:24.440

Sophie Moiese Room

Fantastic. Umm.

0:10:24.990 --> 0:10:26.620

Sophie Moiese Room

So you stated your name for the record.

0:10:26.690 --> 0:10:27.200

Sophie Moiese Room

Thank you.

0:10:27.630 --> 0:10:30.190

Sophie Moiese Room

Did you buy the property with the intent of dividing it?

0:10:31.910 --> 0:10:32.550

Sophie Moiese Room

But we did not.

0:10:32.950 --> 0:10:35.360

Sophie Moiese Room

Ohh in that it looks like the light came OK.

0:10:35.370 --> 0:10:35.560

Sophie Moiese Room

Yeah.

0:10:35.570 --> 0:10:36.420

Sophie Moiese Room

No, we did not.

0:10:36.430 --> 0:10:37.140

Sophie Moiese Room

You can just leave it on.

0:10:38.750 --> 0:10:43.600

Sophie Moiese Room

Do you or your transferee intend to transfer the property within the next year?

0:10:44.130 --> 0:10:44.470

Sophie Moiese Room

No.

0:10:45.850 --> 0:10:49.700

Sophie Moiese Room

Have you talked to anyone at the county about going through subdivision review?

0:10:50.210 --> 0:10:50.460

Sophie Moiese Room

No.

0:10:51.460 --> 0:10:53.170

Sophie Moiese Room

Will the property be developed?

0:10:53.980 --> 0:10:57.610

Sophie Moiese Room

No, with a resident mean she'll build their house on it.

0:10:57.700 --> 0:10:58.140

Sophie Moiese Room

Fantastic.

0:10:58.150 --> 0:10:58.590

Sophie Moiese Room

Thank you.

0:10:59.240 --> 0:11:3.90

Sophie Moiese Room

Will the recipients of the property be residing on the property?

0:11:3.500 --> 0:11:5.90

Sophie Moiese Room

Yes, I will. OK.

0:11:7.790 --> 0:11:10.600

Sophie Moiese Room

We are recommending approval of the request.

0:11:10.660 --> 0:11:11.700

Sophie Moiese Room

Here is your language.

0:11:13.170 --> 0:11:13.640

Sophie Moiese Room

OK.

0:11:13.690 --> 0:11:16.960

Sophie Moiese Room

David Arlissa anything else that you like to add or share?

0:11:18.540 --> 0:11:19.410

Sophie Moiese Room

Not at this time.

0:11:19.620 --> 0:11:20.410

Sophie Moiese Room

OK.

0:11:20.500 --> 0:11:21.370

Sophie Moiese Room

Well, thank you.

0:11:21.380 --> 0:11:23.80

Sophie Moiese Room

Hopefully that wasn't too painful so.

0:11:25.110 --> 0:11:30.520

Sophie Moiese Room

Yeah, you can go ahead and obviously if there's any other questions, we'll give you a heads up.

0:11:30.530 --> 0:11:38.60

Sophie Moiese Room

So let's see how about any public comment on this proposed family transfer and aggregation?

0:11:38.130 --> 0:11:40.970

Sophie Moiese Room

Anyone in the room or online who would like to comment on this?

0:11:43.120 --> 0:11:46.390

Sophie Moiese Room

OK, seeing none, we will close the public hearing.

0:11:46.400 --> 0:11:47.160

Sophie Moiese Room

Any questions?

0:11:48.30 --> 0:11:54.650

Sophie Moiese Room

You know, other than the clerk and recorders comment about the two, the the aggregation, I didn't quite understand.

0:11:54.660 --> 0:11:56.790

Sophie Moiese Room

It looks like we have the clerk and recorder in the room.

0:11:56.800 --> 0:11:57.750

Sophie Moiese Room

Yeah, exactly so.

0:12:0.260 --> 0:12:22.650

Sophie Moiese Room

It was just noting that or I I can't speak to this specific property, but generally speaking, if there are deeds underlying a track that has been surveyed, our office takes the position that if you were to transfer those deeds, it would create separate tracks and thus aggregating them and expressly doing that satisfies a portion of the law to make sure that it doesn't cause confusion in the future.

0:12:22.830 --> 0:12:24.250

Sophie Moiese Room

OK, so they're set.

0:12:24.420 --> 0:12:24.870

Sophie Moiese Room

Yes.

0:12:24.920 --> 0:12:25.590

Sophie Moiese Room

OK.

0:12:25.720 --> 0:12:26.140

Sophie Moiese Room

Thank you.

0:12:27.600 --> 0:12:35.10

Sophie Moiese Room

I don't have any further questions and OK if you could pull back up the motion again, there we go.

0:12:35.100 --> 0:12:50.350

Sophie Moiese Room

I moved to approve the request that David G and Jennifer L Haywards request utilize the Family transfer exemption and aggregation exemption of tracks to create and transfer one partial as presented in the subdivision exemption affidavit.

0:12:51.650 --> 0:12:56.660

Sophie Moiese Room

I'll second that and we are doubly requesting today.

0:12:56.670 --> 0:13:3.280

Sophie Moiese Room

It looks so double request belt and suspenders, so any further discussion on the motion seeing none.

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Sophie Moiese Room

All in favor?

0:13:3.950 --> 0:13:4.780

Sophie Moiese Room

Aye.

0:13:4.830 --> 0:13:5.270

Sophie Moiese Room

All right.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Thank you.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Good luck.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Our third public hearing is on a request that the board of County Commissioners approve a petition to abandon an unnamed petition Rd between Waldo Road and I-90.

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Sophie Moiese Room

How intriguing we have with us today.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Michael Tester, please introduce this for us.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Good afternoon, commissioners.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Michael Tester with the surveyor's office.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Yes, this is on the and Michael, you're gonna have to eat that microphone.

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Sophie Moiese Room

You can bend that.

0:13:43.680 --> 0:13:44.140

Sophie Moiese Room

There we go.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Alright, sorry.

0:13:46.80 --> 0:13:46.650

Sophie Moiese Room

Yes.

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Sophie Moiese Room

So First off, I'd like to start with the road investigation report on the 1887 unnamed petition Rd in Missoula, Mt, located on the North South section Lines common to section 161720 and 21 in Township 14 N, range 20 W Principal, Meridian, Montana between Waldo Road and I-90.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Between Waldo Road and I-90, uh, the date of an investigation was May 7th, 2024.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Myself, Juanita Vero, Commissioner and Toby DuMont met on site at approximately 2:00.

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Sophie Moiese Room

PM A brief discussion about the petition ensued in we recognize the developments on either side of the section line that have been approved by the county and the road investigators recommend abandonment of the public road right away, as petitioned for.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Alright, thank you for that.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Do we have any petitioners either in the room or online?

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Sophie Moiese Room

Come on up, Sir, if you wanna.

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Sophie Moiese Room

If you wanna speak.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Hello, I'm Toby DuMont. With PCI.

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Sophie Moiese Room

I'm just if you have any questions, I'm available.

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Sophie Moiese Room

OK.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Uh, before you sit down.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Any questions?

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Sophie Moiese Room

No questions.

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Sophie Moiese Room

You have abandoned.

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Sophie Moiese Room

It's OK.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Thanks.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Thanks, Toby.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Anyone else wanna comment either in the room or online?

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Sophie Moiese Room

OK, seeing none will close this public hearing.

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Sophie Moiese Room

I would entertain a motion.

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Sophie Moiese Room

I move that the board approve a petition to abandon the unnamed 1887 petition road between, Waldo wrote.

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Sophie Moiese Room

And I-90, I'll second that.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Any further discussion on the motion seeing? None.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Ohh God yes, late breaking news.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Come on.

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Sophie Moiese Room

I just think we need to make it clear that this decision supersedes the 2009 ohh petition because there was that one that they came into abandon and it was.

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Sophie Moiese Room

They did not abandon, they altered based on a conditional alteration based on.

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Sophie Moiese Room

It's gonna be the development to the West that has not happened yet, so I just wanna make that clear.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Should I read that again?

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Sophie Moiese Room

Sure.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Why don't you?

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Sophie Moiese Room

OK, so I move that the board approve a petition to abandon the unnamed 1887 petition road between Waldo Road and I-90, and this petition supersedes the What's the date?

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Sophie Moiese Room

The 2009 petition.

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Sophie Moiese Room

OK.

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Sophie Moiese Room

I will second that any further discussion, seeing none.

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Sophie Moiese Room

All in favor?

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Sophie Moiese Room

Aye. OK.

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Sophie Moiese Room

The unnamed Rd petition is dealt with.

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Sophie Moiese Room

All right.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Thank you.

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Sophie Moiese Room

So next we have a cluster of items that are all related and it begins with a policy proposal.

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Sophie Moiese Room

This is, uh, policy related to tax exemption for manufacturing equipment.

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Sophie Moiese Room

And I'll turn it over to our clerk and recorder, Tyler Gernand, to introduce this.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Thank you, Commissioner strohmeyer.

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Sophie Moiese Room

So for the record, I am Tyler Richland.

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Sophie Moiese Room

The Missoula County Clerk and Treasurer, I have the privilege, I suppose, of introducing the Missoula County policy regarding tax abatement for manufacturing machinery, fixtures and equipment.

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Sophie Moiese Room

This is a policy necessitated by the passage during the 2023 legislative session of Senate Bill 530.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Senate Bill 530 gave a guaranteed tax exemption of 80% of the value of new manufacturing machinery, fixtures and equipment.

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Sophie Moiese Room

It was designed primarily to attract new manufacturing businesses to Montana or to encourage existing businesses to expand.

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Sophie Moiese Room

The exemption initially started off under Senate Bill 5:30, and I believe this was part of Governor Gene Fortes, business equipment tax reduction efforts initially started off at 100% of the value of that new manufacturing machinery, fixtures and equipment.

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Sophie Moiese Room

At the urging of the Montana Association of Counties, it was lowered to 80% and counties were then given the authority to grant U to 100% tax abatement in 10% increments.

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Sophie Moiese Room

So essentially you can grant an abatement at 80 percent, 90%, or 100%.

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Sophie Moiese Room

The legislature and adopting it was clear that it was trying to strike a balance between predictability, which was the 100% initial percentage, and maintaining service levels, which was, at the urging of Mako, reducing it to 80%.

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Sophie Moiese Room

So your function essentially, when evaluating these is to decide First off whether the granting of the abatement will affect service levels and to whether the granting of the abatement will.

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Sophie Moiese Room

So I guess to maybe characterize or mischaracterize depending on your perception of the legislatures intent would so increase growth in Missoula County if you were to grant the abatement at 100% that it would cover the additional services required of that.

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Sophie Moiese Room

So basically that if you were, you would be encouraging manufacturing growth if you granted it at a greater than 80%.

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Sophie Moiese Room

The intent of this policy is to strike that balance as best we can with a recognition that for the most part this has a pretty detrimental impact on Missoula County's tax base.

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Sophie Moiese Room

So the policy has a purpose provision there, which you can see on your screen and then I will get kind of to the heart of the policy, which is this nice little grid.

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Sophie Moiese Room

So Commissioner Strohmeyer had requested that I give a bit of a primer on tax, and I think we all have a sense on that, but I'm gonna.

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Sophie Moiese Room

I'll do it to repeat.

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Sophie Moiese Room

So income taxes and property taxes are substantially different animals, but a lot of times folks tend to think of property taxes in the same way they think of income taxes.

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Sophie Moiese Room

I, for the purposes of this discussion, I would sort of compare them to a balloon being income taxes, where as you let air out of the balloon.

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Sophie Moiese Room

So say you cut the tax rate for corporate income taxes.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Air comes out of the balloon and the balloon shrinks.

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Sophie Moiese Room

And So what government has to spend shrinks.

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Sophie Moiese Room

If you increase tax levels or increase growth, more air goes into the balloon, the balloon gets bigger.

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Sophie Moiese Room

There's more to spend.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Property taxes are substantially different primarily because they are meant to fund essential services such as fire, police, roads, schools, things like that.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Things that can't really withstand the fluctuations of a market, or in this case a shrinking balloon O they have a pretty determined amount so that they're more like a pie and the size of that pie is set in Montana.

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Sophie Moiese Room

The size of that pie.

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Sophie Moiese Room

All else being equal, can grow at half the average rate of inflation for the last three years, and then you add on new growth and new growth is ultimately where most local governments make up the difference between half the rate of inflation and actual inflation, because that is what provides us with our additional tax revenue to fund naturally, services don't go up at half the rate of inflation.

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Sophie Moiese Room

May also follow inflation and go up at the rate of inflation so.

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Sophie Moiese Room

This this policy is really designed to recognize that, and I'll get into some of the little bit of the details of how this effects that new growth piece in a bit.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Umm, one thing that I do want to point out is that primarily at least the legislature seemed to be trying to promote growth in the oil and gas industry as well as sand, gravel, concrete and asphalt production.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Those were the primary.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Proponents of this legislation, the biggest impact would be in Yellowstone County, is what they were discussing in in additional equipment for refineries.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Umm, the fiscal note for Senate Bill 530 indicated that this would create an additional .2% property tax on all other classes of property.

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Sophie Moiese Room

And that's because like that, pie being the same size anytime you reduce the size or the slice that one piece is paying, that necessarily increases the amount that other slices or pieces of that pie are paying.

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Sophie Moiese Room

And so the legislature, on a statewide basis, determined that that would be an increase of .2% of property taxes.

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Sophie Moiese Room

That is probably higher in Missoula County than it would be in other counties.

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Sophie Moiese Room

So that's just an average statewide.

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Sophie Moiese Room

This only effects, at least according to the current interpretation by the Department of Revenue.

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Sophie Moiese Room

This bill only affects manufacturing equipment, machinery and fixtures that produce a tangible piece of property.

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Sophie Moiese Room

So certainly concretes oil, gas, things like that are things you can hold in your hand.

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Sophie Moiese Room

What it would not include according to current interpretations of this bill, is things like solar or wind farms or Bitcoin mining operations, for instance, because those all produce intangible things.

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Sophie Moiese Room

And so those would not be according to the current interpretation, which could well be challenged.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Those would not be eligible for these tax abatements at all, but there is also an addition to this tax abatement \$1,000,000 exemption for all business equipment taxes across Montana.

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Sophie Moiese Room

All of these things create some difficulty in developing this policy.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Some of those difficulties are primarily we don't classify property that is a function of the Department of Revenue.

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Sophie Moiese Room

We asked the Department of Revenue if they would be able to classify these before you considered applications and the indication was that they didn't think they would be able to.

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Sophie Moiese Room

So this policy recognizes that you won't have that information at the time that you're making a decision and conditions your decision on the Department of Revenue, determining that it is eligible or qualifying Class 8 property.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Additionally, there is that \$1,000,000 exemption that applies to all their other property and they may have property across different jurisdictions and so we don't know how the interplay of that exemption amount.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Plus, if they have any additional business equipment going in other jurisdictions across the state, we won't have that information at the time you're making this decision.

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Sophie Moiese Room

And so we're again, that's going to be subject to the Montana Department of Revenue making that determination after you've already made the percentage determination.

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Sophie Moiese Room

So with all of that said.

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Sophie Moiese Room

At this policy is heavily they're sort of guidelines more than a strict set of sideboards, but the idea behind this is that this directly effects by definition.

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Sophie Moiese Room

This is all new growth because it is new machinery, fixtures, equipment and so when you take away the new growth, that is something that carries forward year after year, new growth and when you take that away, you don't recover it.

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Sophie Moiese Room

And so business equipment is slightly different than most other classes of equipment because the way that it is valued is the cost of the equipment.

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Sophie Moiese Room

And then it is depreciated over time as long as it is in service it will never go below 20%.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Is what the department of revenues current calculations are.

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Sophie Moiese Room

So it will always be taxed at 20%, but if you were to grant an abatement at 100% of the taxable value, we would miss out on that new growth until it was depreciated and we would get the depreciated value of new growth.

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Sophie Moiese Room

So that affects us not just in the next fiscal year, but every fiscal year after that because it carries forward in our mail calculations.

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Sophie Moiese Room

So this does have a pretty detrimental impact going forward in terms of the counties revenue and as a result of that, the policy guidelines are pretty tight.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Uh, the recommendation is that between zero and \$10,000, you would do the abatement rate at 100% with the estimated impact on services across local governments in Missoula County being likely minimal and the perceived economic benefits to the community outweighing the minimal fiscal impacts between 10,001 dollar and 20,000, it would be at 90% abatement rates.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Again, the estimated impact on services across local governments in Missoula County is determined in that case to be small, but significant within the context of our budgetary constraints and the perceived economic benefit to the Community may be equivalent to the fiscal impact.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Anything beyond 20,000 and \$1.00 would be getting the 80% exemption amount because the impact is deemed to be significant within the context of the entire tax system in Missoula County, all of that being said, this policy is not meant to deprive you of your discretion in granting a greater amount than that.

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Sophie Moiese Room

If there is for instance, some kind of new technology that is looking to come into Missoula County, you would retain the authority to grant that abatement at a higher percentage in order to attract that industry into Missoula on the premise that it would grow, provide economic growth in other areas or classes of property that it would pay for the services that it is.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Otherwise, we're otherwise losing out on by not having that taxable value.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Oh, I think I hit all of my main points in what is likely a very boring tax discussion.

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Sophie Moiese Room

But if you have any questions, I'm certainly here to answer those questions and there is motion.

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Sophie Moiese Room

One would be the motion that you would use to approve this.

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Sophie Moiese Room

We scroll.

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Sophie Moiese Room

I was struggling with the sentence and maybe I'm just misreading it.

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Sophie Moiese Room

On the third paragraph of the very first page, something about other states.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Uh, OK.

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Sophie Moiese Room

The last sentence of the third paragraph begins with according to one study, yes, so this is largely a reflection of a lot of times what you'll hear, especially in the legislature, is that Montana has a relatively low property tax rate.

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Sophie Moiese Room

We ranked 17th in the nation in terms of the percentage of value that is taxed.

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Sophie Moiese Room

So in other words, we are the 17th best in the nation when it comes to tax property taxes as a percentage of value of the property.

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Sophie Moiese Room

This is a.

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Sophie Moiese Room

This is an acknowledgement that while that may be true, we also ranked 37th in the nation in terms of the percentage or the amount of taxes that you pay as a percentage of your income.

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Sophie Moiese Room

So in other words, when you look at the income that Montanans have, we ranked pretty poorly about our property taxes.

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Sophie Moiese Room

And so this is just an acknowledgement of that.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Thank you.

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Sophie Moiese Room

I had to read it like four times, and now I finally look a little confusing.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Got it.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Thanks.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Is there any public comment on this proposed policy or anyone online or in the room would like to make public comment?

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Sophie Moiese Room

OK.

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Sophie Moiese Room

One additional question for you, Tyler.

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Sophie Moiese Room

So so could you hit again the the \$1,000,000 threshold as far as a equipment tax goes and how that plays into this?

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Sophie Moiese Room

Because it sounds like we're making a decision that ultimately is the the outcome of which will be predicated on a decision that Dr makes.

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Sophie Moiese Room

That is correct.

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Sophie Moiese Room

So there is an the.

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Sophie Moiese Room

And again, this is the way that do are currently reads the law that could also change.

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Sophie Moiese Room

But there is \$1,000,000 exemption for business equipment tax period and so if you had, if you had no business equipment and you came and applied to this body for \$900,000 worth of equipment exemption, it actually wouldn't matter what you guys did because that would be under the threshold of the \$1,000,000.

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Sophie Moiese Room

But that is \$1,000,000 for that entity statewide and so they may have property in various jurisdictions.

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Sophie Moiese Room

They may have \$500,000 in three different jurisdictions.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Well, they would only get that \$1,000,000 exemption for all of that property.

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Sophie Moiese Room

So that's 1.5 million, but they only get a million of that.

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Sophie Moiese Room

They prorate that exemption based on the amount of property located in that jurisdiction, and then this abatement is on top of that exemption amount.

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Sophie Moiese Room

But we won't know that until after you've made this decision, because the statute requires you to make it within a certain time frame.

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Sophie Moiese Room

So we don't basically, we don't know at this point, umm, definitively whether what we are granting the abatement to is in excess of the \$1,000,000 or not that is correct and we we did have a direct discussion with the Department of Revenue asking them for that information but they indicated they didn't think they'd be able to do it prior to these hearings and we essentially what I said is maybe we could condition it upon whatever you determine after the fact and they said that's what Yellowstone County is doing.

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Sophie Moiese Room

So this is essentially the Yellowstone County model as well.

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Sophie Moiese Room

OK, thank you.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Any other questions or public comment?

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Sophie Moiese Room

Yeah.

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Sophie Moiese Room

What do you think so far as emotion?

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Sophie Moiese Room

Ohh, there's A and the audience.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Oh yeah, sorry I missed you.

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Sophie Moiese Room

There are so many people in the audience.

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Sophie Moiese Room

I didn't notice you wanted to say anything.

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Sophie Moiese Room

Come on up and we're focused on just the policy right now, not the end of not the individual applications for businesses.

0:31:24.580 --> 0:31:25.670

Sophie Moiese Room

So if you.

0:31:25.680 --> 0:31:26.90

Sophie Moiese Room

Yeah.

0:31:26.140 --> 0:31:27.230

Sophie Moiese Room

OK, OK.

0:31:27.400 --> 0:31:28.150

Sophie Moiese Room

If you're.

0:31:28.550 --> 0:31:38.190

Sophie Moiese Room

If yeah, if anyone's wanting to talk specifically about diversified plastics, UFP Bonner or BC concrete, that is yet to come, this is just the policy.

0:31:39.870 --> 0:31:41.380

Sophie Moiese Room

OK, how about a motion?

0:31:41.390 --> 0:31:41.880

Sophie Moiese Room

OK.

0:31:41.970 --> 0:31:48.360

Sophie Moiese Room

I move to approve and adopt the Missoula County policy regarding tax abatement for manufacturing machinery, fixtures and equipment.

0:31:48.610 --> 0:31:48.900

Sophie Moiese Room

OK.

0:31:48.910 --> 0:31:51.860

Sophie Moiese Room

I'll second that any further discussion on the motion seeing none.

0:31:51.870 --> 0:31:52.500

Sophie Moiese Room

All in favor?

0:31:52.550 --> 0:31:55.940

Sophie Moiese Room

Aye, now we get into the nitty gritty.

0:31:55.950 --> 0:32:0.400

Sophie Moiese Room

So Tyler, would you like to introduce diversified plastics application?

0:32:2.210 --> 0:32:6.260

Sophie Moiese Room

Yes, if it will load it slowly loading.

0:32:6.270 --> 0:32:8.790

Sophie Moiese Room

So this is diversified plastics application.

0:32:8.800 --> 0:32:9.400

Sophie Moiese Room

There we go.

0:32:10.290 --> 0:32:14.660

Sophie Moiese Room

This is for some manufacturing to be totally blunt.

0:32:14.670 --> 0:32:33.380

Sophie Moiese Room

I gave you most of the information beforehand, so really the only relevant things for you to look at are this is diversified plastics and you can certainly ask the applicant what this machinery or fixture equipment does to determine the economic impact to Missoula County.

0:32:33.730 --> 0:32:38.160

Sophie Moiese Room

That's not a necessary part of the application itself, so we don't necessarily have that information.

0:32:38.740 --> 0:32:44.310

Sophie Moiese Room

Umm, in terms of the value, these are the amounts that were submitted with.

0:32:46.760 --> 0:32:51.680

Sophie Moiese Room

With the application so as you can see, each of the pieces of equipment is listed separately there.

0:32:53.890 --> 0:33:4.10

Sophie Moiese Room

And that is essentially my report with the exception that that we would recommend this based on the policy that we just did or that you just adopted to be approved at the 80% abatement rate.

0:33:4.890 --> 0:33:5.280

Sophie Moiese Room

OK.

0:33:5.350 --> 0:33:6.60

Sophie Moiese Room

Thank you, Tyler.

0:33:6.70 --> 0:33:8.860

Sophie Moiese Room

Is there anyone from diversified plastics who would like to speak to this?

0:33:8.870 --> 0:33:12.740

Sophie Moiese Room

Come on up and please state your name for the record.

0:33:12.750 --> 0:33:13.440

Sophie Moiese Room

Turn your mic on.

0:33:14.690 --> 0:33:15.0

Sophie Moiese Room

Thank you.

0:33:16.500 --> 0:33:18.430

Sophie Moiese Room

Hi, I'm Jasmine rosnel.

0:33:18.440 --> 0:33:28.410

Sophie Moiese Room

I'm the admin, administrator, manager at the recipe Plastics, so I met with Amanda, gave her a tour of our facility and kind of she was like you should apply.

0:33:28.640 --> 0:33:29.270

Sophie Moiese Room

Great.

0:33:30.360 --> 0:33:39.470

Sophie Moiese Room

But we're accustomed manufacturer are only location is here in Missoula, where a second family owned company working on the 3rd generation.

0:33:39.700 --> 0:33:42.330

Sophie Moiese Room

Umm, all of our products are.

0:33:44.560 --> 0:33:56.770

Sophie Moiese Room

They're custom, but they're industrial, so for water treatment, agriculture, food processing, lumber, mill mining, so nothing like no consumer type products that we would be making there.

0:33:57.510 --> 0:34:5.160

Sophie Moiese Room

Umm, the equipment that we put in here was just additions to our current expansion that we just completed.

0:34:5.170 --> 0:34:7.600

Sophie Moiese Room

We're now working on another expansion Outback.

0:34:8.730 --> 0:34:24.240

Sophie Moiese Room

The equipment listed, one is a big injection molding machine that would be the first one on the list and it is making a lot of those products that we use as well as the the chillers that component.

0:34:24.370 --> 0:34:29.60

Sophie Moiese Room

Some of these are components of this machine that we had to buy in addition to make it function properly.

0:34:29.710 --> 0:34:43.990

Sophie Moiese Room

We also have a TL2 on there that was to expand our capabilities as well as we've also now currently have 67 employees, another two starting at the end of this month.

0:34:46.310 --> 0:34:48.220

Sophie Moiese Room

Umm, what else do I have on here?

0:34:48.390 --> 0:35:3.440

Sophie Moiese Room

The one is for robotics as well to help because we do have somewhat of a shortage of being able to hire here, the robotics is able to help us kind of expand what we would hope to get from having the additional.

0:35:3.490 --> 0:35:14.510

Sophie Moiese Room

Having this abatement is we'd like to reinvest it in our employees, help them afford to live in Missoula and not leave as well as like all of our products.

0:35:14.520 --> 0:35:20.590

Sophie Moiese Room

And we're bringing in lots of revenue from out of the state's most of our products are not in state.

0:35:20.840 --> 0:35:32.90

Sophie Moiese Room

We ship international lots to Australia, Singapore, Canada, Mexico, New Zealand, China.

0:35:32.220 --> 0:35:32.980

Sophie Moiese Room

No, not China.

0:35:36.450 --> 0:35:37.830

Sophie Moiese Room

Lots of places.

0:35:40.0 --> 0:35:40.880

Sophie Moiese Room

Do you have any questions?

0:35:42.50 --> 0:35:43.720

Sophie Moiese Room

Uh, I do not.

0:35:43.730 --> 0:35:49.270

Sophie Moiese Room

We had a chance to tour your facility here while back and and you guys are doing great work out there.

0:35:49.800 --> 0:35:50.300

Sophie Moiese Room

Thank you.

0:35:50.370 --> 0:35:53.360

Sophie Moiese Room

I recently bought L2 for my garage.

0:35:53.550 --> 0:35:54.510

Sophie Moiese Room

So no.

0:35:54.770 --> 0:35:58.920

Sophie Moiese Room

Uh, well, you could some of our guys do have their own little.

0:36:1.440 --> 0:36:2.370

Sophie Moiese Room

Any questions?

0:36:2.480 --> 0:36:4.730

Sophie Moiese Room

No, and it was a great tour with.

0:36:4.800 --> 0:36:6.30

Sophie Moiese Room

Yeah, we got to be with Brad.

0:36:6.40 --> 0:36:8.350

Sophie Moiese Room

And yeah, I did one of the tours and he was doing one.

0:36:8.360 --> 0:36:8.890

Sophie Moiese Room

Yeah, yeah.

0:36:8.940 --> 0:36:9.440

Sophie Moiese Room

In September.

0:36:9.450 --> 0:36:9.890

Sophie Moiese Room

Wonderful.

0:36:10.320 --> 0:36:10.790

Sophie Moiese Room

OK.

0:36:10.800 --> 0:36:11.510

Sophie Moiese Room

Well, thank you.

0:36:11.520 --> 0:36:15.400

Sophie Moiese Room

Any public comment on diversified plastics application?

0:36:17.250 --> 0:36:17.710

Sophie Moiese Room

Right.

0:36:17.930 --> 0:36:18.480

Sophie Moiese Room

Thank you.

0:36:18.530 --> 0:36:19.260

Sophie Moiese Room

Thank you.

0:36:19.990 --> 0:36:21.440

Sophie Moiese Room

Yeah, I'm ready to make a motion.

0:36:21.570 --> 0:36:22.640

Sophie Moiese Room

Let's let's do it.

0:36:22.650 --> 0:36:37.0

Sophie Moiese Room

I move to approve the application by diversify plastics incorporated for qualifying Class 8 property to receive a tax abatement at 80% conditioned upon the Montana Department of Revenue determining which property in the application is qualified as qualifying Class A property.

0:36:37.290 --> 0:36:40.980

Sophie Moiese Room

I'll second that any further discussion on the motion seeing none.

0:36:41.20 --> 0:36:41.690

Sophie Moiese Room

All in favor?

0:36:41.940 --> 0:36:42.670

Sophie Moiese Room

Aye aye.

0:36:42.800 --> 0:36:50.350

Sophie Moiese Room

OK, application is approved Commissioners just so that you know to as a part of the process, these have to be set by resolution.

0:36:50.360 --> 0:36:56.370

Sophie Moiese Room

So after you've made your decision about it, what will happen is resolution will hit admin that's consistent with your decision.

0:36:56.900 --> 0:37:2.940

Sophie Moiese Room

Probably a consent agenda item that you know just memorializing the way that the statute calls for.

0:37:4.120 --> 0:37:4.890

Sophie Moiese Room

OK.

0:37:5.980 --> 0:37:6.730

Sophie Moiese Room

Thank you. Yes.

0:37:9.390 --> 0:37:14.760

Sophie Moiese Room

More to come, but I I think it will probably be approved in that resolution.

0:37:14.770 --> 0:37:21.820

Sophie Moiese Room

So our our third motion and 3rd item to come before us on this topic is an application from UFP Bonner.

0:37:23.80 --> 0:37:25.450

Sophie Moiese Room

So again, these are relatively simple.

0:37:25.460 --> 0:37:34.150

Sophie Moiese Room

This is you, FP Bond or LC out at the old Bonner Mill site, and they again applied for manufacturing equipment.

0:37:35.390 --> 0:37:38.260

Sophie Moiese Room

Let's see, this is hopefully going to load.

0:37:38.550 --> 0:37:41.140

Sophie Moiese Room

They have quite a bit that they are applying for.

0:37:41.470 --> 0:37:46.920

Sophie Moiese Room

You can see their list of equipment as part of their upgrade to their facilities.

0:37:47.680 --> 0:37:53.90

Sophie Moiese Room

Ohm, this is all of the stuff that they're applying for.

0:37:53.100 --> 0:37:54.430

Sophie Moiese Room

And then here are the values for that.

0:37:56.860 --> 0:38:3.250

Sophie Moiese Room

So pretty significant as you can see, well exceeding the \$20,000 that the policy would would envision.

0:38:3.460 --> 0:38:12.0

Sophie Moiese Room

So again, this would be a recommended approval at 80% tax abatement, which is again the default that the legislature set.

0:38:14.0 --> 0:38:16.350

Sophie Moiese Room

OK anyone from UFP you want to speak to this?

0:38:18.400 --> 0:38:19.730

Sophie Moiese Room

And you went online from UFP.

0:38:22.460 --> 0:38:23.310

Sophie Moiese Room

OK.

0:38:23.320 --> 0:38:26.160

Sophie Moiese Room

Any public comment on UFO's application?

0:38:29.0 --> 0:38:29.960

Sophie Moiese Room

All right.

0:38:30.20 --> 0:38:32.350

Sophie Moiese Room

I Tyler I do have a question.

0:38:32.360 --> 0:38:35.300

Sophie Moiese Room

So I guess this goes back to the the million dollar thing, so.

0:38:37.370 --> 0:38:37.780

Sophie Moiese Room

Yeah.

0:38:37.790 --> 0:38:56.80

Sophie Moiese Room

If hypothetically you have a a whole laundry list here that clearly exceeds, uh, \$20,000, but what if, uh, after the determination from from Department of Revenue it?

0:38:57.130 --> 0:39:2.650

Sophie Moiese Room

Barely cracks the million dollar amount and and so we're we're basically making a.

0:39:4.340 --> 0:39:18.630

Sophie Moiese Room

Approving something that the 80% level because in aggregated exceeds \$20,000, but ultimately it might be within that sub \$20,000 range in excess of \$1,000,000.

0:39:19.320 --> 0:39:20.350

Sophie Moiese Room

That is correct.

0:39:20.360 --> 0:39:21.610

Sophie Moiese Room

Basically, we don't.

0:39:21.700 --> 0:39:38.590

Sophie Moiese Room

We won't have that information in time, the statutes, if you don't approve the statute, requires that they apply by a certain date, and then you have to make a decision within 120 days of their application and we won't have that information prior to, uh, you guys making this decision and as a result of that, we don't.

0:39:38.640 --> 0:39:40.790

Sophie Moiese Room

We don't have a way to control for that right now.

0:39:40.980 --> 0:39:47.150

Sophie Moiese Room

I don't know that this process was particularly well thought out, but maybe that's just my judgment.

0:39:47.880 --> 0:39:49.240

Sophie Moiese Room

But yeah, that is a distinct possibility.

0:39:51.300 --> 0:39:51.830

Sophie Moiese Room

OK.

0:39:51.840 --> 0:39:52.190

Sophie Moiese Room

Thanks.

0:39:52.200 --> 0:39:57.630

Sophie Moiese Room

I have never heard of a process that's not been particularly well thought out, so I'm glad I'm sitting down when I heard that.

0:39:57.640 --> 0:39:59.370

Sophie Moiese Room

So any any questions?

0:40:1.10 --> 0:40:12.450

Sophie Moiese Room

Umm, I will move to approve the application by UFP Bonner LLC for qualifying Class A property to receive a tax abatement at 80% condition upon the Montana Department of Revenue.

0:40:12.460 --> 0:40:15.940

Sophie Moiese Room

Determining which property in the application is qualifying Class A property.

0:40:16.380 --> 0:40:20.90

Sophie Moiese Room

I'll second that any further discussion on the motion seeing none.

0:40:20.150 --> 0:40:20.870

Sophie Moiese Room

All in favor?

0:40:21.170 --> 0:40:22.390

Sophie Moiese Room

Aye, aye.

0:40:23.160 --> 0:40:23.850

Sophie Moiese Room

OK.

0:40:24.140 --> 0:40:29.630

Sophie Moiese Room

And finally, last but not least, we have an application from BC Concrete Tyler.

0:40:30.160 --> 0:40:30.610

Sophie Moiese Room

Thank you.

0:40:30.620 --> 0:40:33.730

Sophie Moiese Room

I am actually quite hopeful that you might be with BC concrete.

0:40:33.740 --> 0:40:35.710

Sophie Moiese Room

OK, concrete.

0:40:35.720 --> 0:40:37.70

Sophie Moiese Room

This is up.

0:40:37.180 --> 0:40:37.510

Sophie Moiese Room

Yeah.

0:40:37.520 --> 0:40:49.410

Sophie Moiese Room

No, and this is particularly helpful because BC concrete obviously is applying, but this particular application contains a number of things that I don't think will qualify as Class 8, largely because they are.

0:40:49.940 --> 0:41:16.0

Sophie Moiese Room

They're the labor to install, which generally wouldn't be taxed, and so I would be super, super excited to hear an explanation of exactly what you're applying for in terms of the equipment and also the cost of that, because what I have here is mostly this the loan amount, which is \$618,000 and would then as a result be falling in that over \$20,000 mark to recommend an 80%.

0:41:16.60 --> 0:41:17.720

Sophie Moiese Room

Oh, thank you.

0:41:17.910 --> 0:41:18.120

Sophie Moiese Room

Yeah.

0:41:18.890 --> 0:41:19.450

Sophie Moiese Room

All right.

0:41:19.810 --> 0:41:21.360

Sophie Moiese Room

Yeah, you'd state your name, please.

0:41:21.410 --> 0:41:26.410

Sophie Moiese Room

Yeah, I'm Adam Bauer with BC concrete, otherwise known as Missoula concrete construction.

0:41:27.440 --> 0:41:37.760

Sophie Moiese Room

And this is for the mixer and the building that we put in so we can increase the amount of products that we produce by four times.

0:41:38.490 --> 0:41:44.960

Sophie Moiese Room

Umm and the the loan that we got was from a local bank to help us get this thing going.

0:41:44.970 --> 0:41:53.240

Sophie Moiese Room

But the cost of the machinery and the building itself far exceeds that which I believe was listed in that application.

0:41:54.190 --> 0:42:2.170

Sophie Moiese Room

So it would be for the building and the actual mixer system that we that we purchased that we're asking for this tax abatement for.

0:42:4.450 --> 0:42:13.440

Sophie Moiese Room

Tyler, do you have any other questions as far as needing to tease out the the labor piece, I I mean this is going to be asking some real technical questions that I don't know.

0:42:13.450 --> 0:42:21.980

Sophie Moiese Room

You're gonna have the answers to class at is generally gonna be just the equipment fixtures and the manufacturing equipment, machinery and fixtures.

0:42:22.230 --> 0:42:25.980

Sophie Moiese Room

The building itself would generally be real estates and not necessarily includable.

0:42:25.990 --> 0:42:37.600

Sophie Moiese Room

Do you have a sense of what just I mean, I can't even honestly because this isn't something we do, so I can't give you an exact definition of what it is, but you have a sense of what the actual equipment itself would be or the fixtures.

0:42:38.870 --> 0:42:49.590

Sophie Moiese Room

Umm yes, the the actual fixtures and equipment for this project was just under \$1,000,000.

0:42:51.950 --> 0:42:52.650

Sophie Moiese Room

OK, thanks.

0:42:52.660 --> 0:42:53.360

Sophie Moiese Room

I think we're safe.

0:42:53.370 --> 0:42:53.790

Sophie Moiese Room

Yep.

0:42:54.20 --> 0:42:54.600

Sophie Moiese Room

OK.

0:42:55.110 --> 0:42:55.520

Sophie Moiese Room

Yes.

0:42:56.510 --> 0:42:57.250

Sophie Moiese Room

Any questions?

0:42:57.940 --> 0:42:59.220

Sophie Moiese Room

Uh, alright.

0:42:59.230 --> 0:43:5.920

Sophie Moiese Room

Is there any public comment on this application from BC concrete, otherwise known as Missoula Concrete?

0:43:5.970 --> 0:43:7.310

Sophie Moiese Room

OK, anyone online?

0:43:10.50 --> 0:43:11.140

Sophie Moiese Room

OK, how about a motion?

0:43:11.210 --> 0:43:17.160

Sophie Moiese Room

I move to approve the application by BC concrete for qualifying is or we call Missoula concrete.

0:43:17.170 --> 0:43:17.340

Sophie Moiese Room

What?

0:43:18.920 --> 0:43:30.60

Sophie Moiese Room

BBC Concrete Missoula Concrete for qualifying classic property to receive a tax abatement at 80% conditioned upon the Montana Department of Revenue determining which property in the application is qualifying Class A property.

0:43:30.480 --> 0:43:33.170

Sophie Moiese Room

I'll second that any further discussion, seeing none.

0:43:33.180 --> 0:43:33.810

Sophie Moiese Room

All in favor?

0:43:33.980 --> 0:43:36.920

Sophie Moiese Room

Aye, thank you, Adam, and thank you all.

0:43:37.910 --> 0:43:40.130

Sophie Moiese Room

Anything else to come before the Commission today?

0:43:41.940 --> 0:43:43.570

Sophie Moiese Room

If not, we will be adjourned.

0:43:43.580 --> 0:43:44.130

Sophie Moiese Room

Thank you everyone.

0:43:45.420 --> 0:43:45.760

Sophie Moiese Room

Thank you.