

Missoula Board of County Commissioners

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES COVER SHEET



THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2025 – 2 PM

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

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ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners Present:

Chair Juanita Vero

Commissioner David Strohmaier

Staff Present:

Cheryl Hartman, Administrative Assistant, Commissioners' Office

Bryce Christiaens, Director, Ecology and Extension

Jacob Allington, Civil Deputy Attorney, County Attorneys' Office

Christina Dewar, Administrative Assistant, Commissioners' Office

Melissa Fisher, Strategic Initiatives Manager, Commissioners' Office

Kyla Lehnerz, Office Administrator, Lands and Communities

Allison Franz, Manager, Communications

Brenna Davis, Community Engagement Coordinator, Communications

1. **CALL TO ORDER** *[Time stamp – 0:03]*
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** *[Time stamp – 0:21]*
3. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT** *[Time stamp – 0:40]*
Missoula County acknowledges that this event takes place in the aboriginal territories of the Salish and Kalispel people.
4. **PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS** *[Time stamp – 0:50]*
 - a. Closed Captioning
5. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA** *[Time stamp – 01:45]*
6. **CURRENT CLAIMS LIST** *[Time stamp – 02:00]*
Claims received as of January 29, 2025 to January 31, 2025 by the Commissioners' Office total of \$1,396,642.16.

7. HEARINGS

a. Resolution- Missoula County and Ecology & Extension Food Policy Advisory Board Administrative Review *[Time stamp – 02:23]*

Bryce Christiaens, Ecology and Extension

Commissioner Strohmaier made the motion that the Board of County Commissioners of Missoula County hereby adopt Resolution to revise the administrative responsibilities fo Missoula County and the department of the Ecology and Extension for the Food Policy Advisory Board.

Commissioner Vero seconded.

[Motion Passed 2-0.]

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8. OTHER BUSINESS *[Time stamp – 05:23]*

[None]

9. ADJOURN

Chair Vero – Called the meeting to adjourn at 2:05 p.m.

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0:03

The microphone.

0:09

OK, Sorry about that.

0:11

That's OK.

0:16

We'll begin with.

0:20

Oh, my goodness.

0:20

I'm sorry.

0:21

Thank you.

0:21

OK, we'll begin with the Pledge of Allegiance.

0:25

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and security Republic for which it stands.

0:32

One nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

0:40

And Missoula County acknowledges that this meeting takes place in the traditional homelands of the Salish and Clispe people.

0:48

Is there?

0:50

Yes.

0:50

Public comments.

0:51

Cheryl, it's more of an announcement for live captioning.

0:58

Hello, everyone.

0:59

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There would be an opportunity to speak during the meeting for public comment virtually and in person.

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We ask that all speakers today speak slowly and clearly.

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1:38

If you have any questions, please find me during the meeting for who is in the room here.

1:43

Thank you.

1:44

Thanks Cheryl.

1:45

Is there any public comment on items not on the agenda?

1:51

Not seeing any.

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We'll move on to the claims list which I've given mine away.

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We only have one hearing today.

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So Bryce Christians from college and extension.

2:23

Great afternoon commissioners.

2:26

So the resolution that I have before you today is more of an administrative clean up resolution associated with the Food Policy Advisory Board.

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That board, as you know, was created as a joint city county Advisory Board in 2020, before my department really existed.

2:46

In that original resolution, there was appointment responsibilities for members of the board from both the Commission and the City Council.

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In the time this transpired between the initiation of that board and now, there's been changes within the structure of Missoula County that created my department Ecology, an extension that has the capacity to serve more as an administrative, where to serve as more of an administrative role for that board and to provide staff support for that board.

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The city has also had some transitions that allow it to have a less capacity to provide that same administrative support.

3:30

So the Food Policy Advisory Board itself has kind of discussed what makes the most sense for them moving forward.

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They have agreed with the language that's within this new resolution that reaffirms the the duties and responsibilities of that board.

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They're still going to report and advise both City Council and the Commission.

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It's just that they'll be more closely associated and attached to my department.

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This resolution also reappoints current board members that were appointed by the city and the county as the new County Food Policy Advisory Board.

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And I have this on the agenda for February 26th in front of the Public Health and Safety and Operations committee with the city for them to sign on and approve it as well.

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The current or I shouldn't say the current, the previous chair of the Food Policy Advisory Board gave an update to that council in December or that committee in December and they they know this is coming.

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They've agreed to the language and just here to put the signatures on it and I'm happy to answer any questions.

4:51

Oh, thank you so much.

4:52

Public comment trying to use a Scooby bag.

5:01

OK, I would move that we approve the resolution.

5:10
2nd further discussion.

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All in favor, aye.

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Thank you.

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Any other business, Larry, I'm so sorry that this is not a common public meeting.

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Not hearing any contentious remarks.

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