

Missoula Board of County Commissioners

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES COVER SHEET



THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 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
Commissioner Josh Slotnick

Staff Present:

Cheryl Hartman, Administrative Assistant, Commissioners' Office
Vinnie Pavlish, Civil County Attorney, County Attorneys' Office
Katy Reeder, Planner, Planning, Development, and Sustainability
Jennie Dixon, Planner, Planning, Development, and Sustainability
Jason Mitchell, Director, Public Works
Christina Dewar, Administrative Assistant, Commissioners' Office
Melissa Fisher, Strategic Initiatives Manager, Commissioners' Office
Karen Hughes, Director, Planning, Development, and Sustainability
Mattie Scott, Administrative Assistant, Commissioners' Office
Chris Lounsbury, Chief Administrative Officer, Missoula County
Kathleen Davis, Planner, Planning, Development, and Sustainability

1. **CALL TO ORDER** *[Time stamp – 0:00]*
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** *[Time stamp – 0:02]*
3. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT** *[Time stamp – 0:11]*
Missoula County acknowledges that this event takes place in the aboriginal territories of the Salish and Kalispel people.
4. **PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS** *[Time stamp – 0:27]*
 - a. Closed Captioning
 - b. Proclamation: National Public Safety Telecommunications Day
 - d. Proclamation: Volunteer Recognition Week

5. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA *[Time stamp – 7:51]*

6. CURRENT CLAIMS LIST *[Time stamp – 07:51]*

Claims received as of March 26, 2025 to April 01, 2025 by the Commissioners' Office total \$2,198,756.98.

7. HEARINGS

a. Frenchtown Storage *[Time stamp – 08:11]*

Katy Reeder, Planner, Planning, Development, and Sustainability

[Postponed to Commissioners Public Meeting on May 01, 2025]

b. Open hearing for No-Parking Resolution on 40th Ave.

[Time stamp – 11:19]

Jason Mitchell, Director, Public Works

Commissioner Vero officially opened the hearing for the No-Parking zone Resolution for 40th Ave.

The closing hearing date will be at the Commissioners' Public Meeting on May 01, 2025.

[Signed RCA returned to Jason Mitchell]

8. OTHER BUSINESS *[Time stamp – 16:22]*

[None]

9. ADJOURN

Chair Vero – Called the meeting to adjourn at 2:16 p.m.

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0:02

And to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice law.

0:11

And Missoula County acknowledges that this event takes place in the aboriginal territories of the Salish and Clispe people.

0:19

OK, public announcements, Cheryl, for closed captioning.

0:26

Hello everyone.

0:27

If you're joining us for this meeting virtually today and search instructions for turning on closed caption closed captioning are on your screen.

0:35

If you're joining us in person, we'll have closed captioning on all the screens here in the Sophie Louise room.

0:41

There will be an opportunity to speak during the meeting virtually and in person.

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We ask that all speakers today speak slowly and clearly.

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This helps with the accuracy of the closed captioning.

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If you're on Microsoft Teams, we would like to.

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If you would like to speak when discussion has been opened, we ask that you use the Raise Hand feature.

0:58

This is the small hand button.

1:00

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

1:04

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

1:06

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

1:10

Thank you.

1:11

Thank you.

1:13

We have a couple proclamations.

1:14

So Commissioner Slotnick, would you like to begin?

1:20

Whereas, public safety was the first service provided by a government to its citizens, and the safety of well-being of both residents and emergency first responders continue to be one of the foremost concerns of Missoula County.

1:33

And WHEREAS, ensuring public safety and well-being requires the ability to receive calls for help and immediately dispatch responders to provide assistance and 911 is the critical first step in delivering public safety services.

1:49

And WHEREAS, the public safety telecommunicators who work in 911 demonstrate exceptional commitment, dedication and professionalism in their mission to answer calls for help from residents and visitors, dispatch emergency response agencies, and maintain a communication link with the responders to ensure their safety.

2:09

And WHEREAS these public safety telecommunicators provide this vital service 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, working long hours with difficult schedules to process more than 120,000 calls annually in Missoula County.

2:24

And WHEREAS the crucial role of public safety telecommunicators is often unseen and under recognized, now therefore, we, the Missoula Board of County Commissioners, recognize the week of April 13th to April 19th, 2025 as National Public Safety Telecommunications Week.

2:43

We thank the telecommunicators in 911 for all their efforts and hard work under very difficult circumstances.

2:49

The community truly would not be safe without them.

2:52

We also encourage the community to recognize the importance of 911 services and to thank these dedicated individuals in writing.

3:00

Signed your board of county commissioners Juanita Bare out.

3:02

Josh Slotnick and David Strohmeyer.

3:04

Thank you.

3:05

Is there anyone here to speak to National Public Safety Telecommunications Week or anyone online?

3:15

OK Commissioner Strohmeier.

3:17

OK.

3:18

And just if folks are wondering, those telecommunicators are in the basement of this building that we're in right here.

3:25

So our next proclamation is for Volunteer Recognition Week.

3:29

Whereas volunteers are one of our country's greatest resources.

3:33

And whereas volunteers adapt to the changing needs of our communities and continue to show their resilience and creativity and finding new ways to help people and encourage others.

3:45

And whereas these volunteers improve Missoula County with their dedication, willingness to share time and expertise, and ability to meet community needs to make a lasting difference.

3:56

And whereas we wish to honor and recognize volunteers collectively and the many contributions they make that enhance Missoula County's quality of life.

4:06

NOW THEREFORE, we, the Missoula Board of County Commissioners, in coordination with Missoula Aging Services, do hereby proclaim the week of April 20th through the 26th, 2025 as Volunteer Recognition Week and we recognize all residents to join us in recognition of our county's volunteers this month and throughout the year.

4:28

Dated this 10th day of April 2025 by your Missoula Board of County Commissioners.

4:33

Thank you.

4:34

Would anyone like to speak to national or, excuse me, volunteer, Volunteer Recognition Week.

4:45

Oh, come on.

4:46

You're here.

4:50

Come on up.

4:51

Come on up.

4:54

That way we can.

4:55

I'm sorry.

4:55

Here.

4:56

Actually.

4:57

Here for the person.

4:58

Oh.

4:58

Oh, unless you're here for the person.

4:59

Are you here for something else?

5:03

Oh, and then just hit the so it turns green.

5:07

Yeah.

5:08

There you go.

5:09

Hi, I'm Judy Douglas.

5:10

I'm a volunteer coordinator with Missoula Aging Services and we have three of our wonderful volunteers here today that help us.

5:22

Missoula Aging Services has over 550 volunteers.

5:26

We have 50 employees, so volunteers are very important to us.

5:31

And we have nominated these volunteers because they are so dedicated.

5:36

And would you introduce yourselves?

5:41

Yeah.

5:41

Come on.

5:41

Come on up.

5:42

So that way the microphone can pick it up.

5:45

Thanks, Rick.

5:49

See, they knew my name without me even introducing myself.

5:52

I'm recall.

5:53

You're in real life.

5:58

Sorry.

5:58

I am one of the volunteers at Tech Cafe at Missoula Aging Service.

6:03

We started it a while ago.

6:04

And what we do is help older adults with their cell phones, their laptops, their portable devices active, everything from activating a phone to understanding how they work.

6:18

And we've been doing it for a while.

6:20

We do it on the first Monday of each month from 1:00 to 3:00 in the afternoon.

6:25

And it has been very well received.

6:27

And it gives me a chance to put my nerdiness to good use.

6:32

So yeah, I'm going to thank Missoula Aging Services for that.

6:37

They've also showed me about the Casa program.

6:41

So I'm a court appointed special advocate for kids in the foster care system.

6:44

That was something that MAS did for me in retirement.

6:48

Boredom is one of our worst enemies.

6:50

So they found outlets for me to be able to put some of my skills to you.

6:56

So thank you very much.

6:58

Thank you.

6:58

Thank you, Rick.

7:01

Thank you, Rick.

7:02

And then we have Bill and Linda Hall who are right here and they are Meals on Wheels drivers.

7:11

The Meals on Wheels program is thriving at Missoula Aging Services.

7:16

We deliver hundreds of meals a day during the weekdays, and Bill and Linda are very crucial in our efforts to get meals to homebound adults and people with disabilities.

7:32

Thank you.

7:32

Thank you, Bill and Linda.

7:33

Thank you.

7:38

Anyone else not named Hall, I'm saying the same thing.

7:46

Well, thank you.

7:47

Thank you for your work.

7:51

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

7:57

OK.

7:57

Current claims list as of March 26, 2025 to April 1st, 2025 by the Commissioner's Office total \$2,198,756.98.

8:11

We had a hearing for the Frenchtown Storage building for a lease that's been postponed to May 1st, but we're taking public comment.

8:19

Is there any public comment on this item?

8:34

Apparently there's a phone number ending in.

8:36

What was that again, 0900?

8:48

Does it look like they're muted or I can't?

8:50

I can't see anything.

8:54

All right here, Danette, we can hear you.

9:03

Oops.

9:04

We could hear you for a moment there, Danette.

9:09

I think you've muted yourself.

9:14

There we go.

9:26

Danette, you can you can type your comments into the chat if you want.

9:31

Or is that possible?

9:32

Yeah.

9:32

Hey, this is Greg Bilbrey.

9:35

I actually worked with Danette, but I'm a resident at 15700 Roman Creek Rd., and I was just having a little bit of audio difficulty.

9:43

So I'm not exactly sure where we're at with this, but we can hear you, Greg.

9:48

Go ahead.

9:49

OK, So, yeah, this is not like, can I oppose this?

9:53

I guess that's what I'm trying to do.

9:54

Like you can, you can say whatever you'd like to say.

9:57

This is public comment.

9:59

Yeah.

9:59

So absolutely 100% oppose the building of any type of storage units or structures of that type directly across the street from my house because that's what I would be looking at as I looked out of my front door or in my yard or anything like that.

10:15

I have young daughters.

10:18

One of them was just starting to drive.

10:20

The increased traffic around that area would probably be somewhat insane, especially going right by the high school.

10:27

Those kids come in and going to always all kinds of practice and stuff like that.

10:32

So just not a good idea in that specific location right there as far as I'm concerned.

10:38

Thank you, Greg, and that's my opinion.

10:40

I appreciate that, thank you.

10:42

And did you know that the hearing has been postponed till May 1st May, No.

10:47

So is this not what we're doing today then?

10:49

Correct.

10:50

But we're because the postponement didn't happen until a couple days ago, we're still taking public comment, but we won't be discussing this until May 1st.

11:01

May 1st at same location.

11:03

And what time?

11:04

2:00 at 2:00, same location, correct.

11:08

OK OK, Sophie, moist room in the courthouse.

11:10

OK.

11:11

Yep.

11:11

Thank you so much.

11:11

I appreciate that.

11:12

Thank you.

11:12

Is there any other comments on this?

11:19

OK, we'll open the hearing for the no parking resolution on 40th Ave.

11:25

Shane or sorry, Jason Mitchell.

11:31

Thank you.

11:32

And I hope I can share my screen here one second.

11:56

OK, so Public Works would like to open a hearing to and propose a resolution for no parking on 40th Ave.

12:05

just east of Target Range Elementary School and then read the OK.

12:13

So this would be regulating parking on 40th Ave.

12:17

in Section 36, Township 13 N, Range 20 W.

12:22

Whereas vehicles parked on 40th Ave.

12:24

adjacent to the Target Range School block motorists, line of sight and pedestrians.

12:30

Whereas, in order to address operational and safety concerns, including the safety of pedestrians, Target Range School has requested vehicles not to be allowed to park on 40th Ave.

12:42

adjacent to and across the street from the school parking lot.

12:47

And WHEREAS, 40th Ave.

12:48

is a County Road as defined in Montana Code Annotated 7-14, Dash 21014 B.

12:58

And WHEREAS the Missoula Board of County Commissioners may do whatever is necessary for the best interest of the County Road is provided in Montana Code Annotated 7-14-2102.

13:11

And WHEREAS the Board of County Commissioners, sorry, is authorized by Montana Code Annotated 7-14-2106 to adopt regulations governing parking on county roads.

13:24

And whereas Montana Code Annotated 61-877-O5 authorizes the removal of illegally parked vehicles in conjunction with Montana Code Annotated And NOW Therefore it resolved it sorry.

13:40

Be it RESOLVED that parking on 40th Ave.

13:43

from South Avenue approximately 360 feet S in Sections 36, Township 13 N, Range 20 W is hereby prohibited as shown on Exhibit A.

13:54

Be it further resolved that the County Chief Public Works Officer provide appropriate signs indicating the restrictions and that vehicles may be towed.

14:03

Be it further resolved that Missoula County Sheriff is hereby requested to take such action as is required to assure compliance with the parking regulations and the affected right of way, including having vehicles towed if necessary.

14:17

And that I'd like to share the exhibit showing the constituents where this would be the area that would be affected.

14:26

So here's target range elementary school.

14:30

Oh, sorry.

14:31

Let me.

14:32

Oh, ship ship screens real quick.

14:34

There's a typo with my name on that, is there?

14:39

Oh, it's been fixed.

14:40

OK, cool.

14:41

I can't.

14:41

Sorry about that, Myers.

14:44

All right, I'm here.

14:46

I see the typo.

14:55

OK, might have to stop sharing and start sharing again.

14:57

No worries.

15:10

OK.

15:10

So here's 40th Ave.

15:14

and then just to the north there S Avenue.

15:18

And then so we're proposing no parking just along the stretch of 40th Ave.

15:24

that's adjacent to the Target Range Elementary School, Right.

15:30

Thank you.

15:31

And so when does this hearing close?

15:33

I set up the closing, I believe for May 1st at 2:00 PM.

15:37

OK.

15:39

And how can people comment?

15:43

Yeah, feel free to contact me by e-mail, J Mitchell at missoulacounty dot US or call the Public Works office.

15:52

And we would be glad to accept any and all public comment on this issue.

15:57

Thank you.

16:00

Well, is there any public comment on this in the room or online right now, Griffin?

16:08

OK, This is super hot and interesting, man.

16:11

Exciting.

16:12

OK.

16:16

This is going to bring the stock market back.

16:20

OK.

16:21

Thank you, Jason.

16:22

Any other business?

16:24

Nope.

16:24

Thank you all.

16:25

Yeah, we're adjourned.

16:27

Have a great afternoon, everyone.

16:28

A good time.

