

Missoula Board of County Commissioners

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES COVER SHEET



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 02, 2025 – 2 PM

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

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ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners Present:

(Acting) Chair David Strohmaier
Commissioner Josh Slotnick

Staff Present:

Cheryl Hartman, Administrative Assistant, Commissioners' Office
Katy Reeder, Planner, Planning, Development and Sustainability
John Hart, Lead Civil County Attorney, County Attorneys' Office
Samuel Scott, Assistant Recording Director, Clerk and Records' Office
Tim Worley, Senior Planner, Planning, Development and Sustainability
Michael Tester, Manager, Surveyors' Office

1. **CALL TO ORDER** [Time stamp – 0:002]
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** [Time stamp – 0:12]
3. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT** [Time stamp – 0:23]
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
5. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA** [Time stamp – 1:16]
6. **CURRENT CLAIMS LIST** [Time stamp – 04:31]
Claims received as of September 04, 2025 to September 24, 2025 by the Commissioners' Office total \$5,336,809.36.
7. **HEARINGS**
 - a. **Petition to abandon a portion of Clar Avenue** [Time stamp – 04:44]

Samuel Scott, Assistant Recording Director, Clerk and Records' Office

[Postponed to commissioners public meeting October 23, 2025]

b. Lazy Acres RV Park Subdivision *[Time stamp – 11:57]*

Commissioner Strohmaier made the motion that the Missoula Board of County Commissioners approve the extension for the Lazy Acres RV Park Subdivision to August 10, 2029, based on the findings of fact and in the staff summary.

Commissioner Slotnick seconded.

[Motion Passed 3-0.]

[Letter 2025-172 was sent to Eli & Associates in c/o Marias Hale.]

8. OTHER BUSINESS

[None]

9. ADJOURN

(Acting) Chair Strohmaier – Called the meeting to adjourn at 2:18 p.m.

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0:02

Thursday, October 2nd public meeting of the Missoula Board of County Commissioners.

0:06

I'd like to call today's meeting to order and please stand and join me in the Pledge of Allegiance.

0:12

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

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

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Cheryl, we have a few announcements.

0:40

Hello everyone.

0:41

If you're joining us for this meeting virtually today, instructions returning on closed captioning are on all your screens.

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There be multiple chances during the meeting for public comment virtually and in person.

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Just a reminder during those times, if you would like to speak, we ask that you use the Raise Hand feature if you're on Teams, if you're in the room, please raise your hand once called upon.

1:01

If you are on Teams, this is a small hand button at the top of your screen.

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

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Then once called upon, you'll need to push *6 to unmute.

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If you have any questions, please come find me during the meeting.

1:15

Thank you, thank you Cheryl.

1:16

Is there any public comment on items not on today's agenda?

1:20

And if so, come on up to the mic, introduce yourself, and please stay within 3 minutes or less.

1:27

I'm still trying to catch my breath.

1:29

My name is Travis Metier, I'm a 25 year Missoula resident, and today I brought my nearly completed Lego project, bringing attention to what I consider a new policy by the Missoula County Sheriff's Office.

1:41

So I'm going to read this, this very important sentence that I'm very interested in and it goes like this and it references a previous press release.

1:48

The press release noted that it's department policy to treat all deaths outside of active medical supervision as homicides for investigation purposes until evidence proves otherwise.

1:59

Now, this Lego scene, I don't really think that Donald Trump is a suspect in the potential murder of my coworker Leah Hartley, whose death scene this this Lego scene sort of depicts.

2:09

She was found dead in the ditch, and it's her, her death that's being treated as a homicide.

2:14

So one of my questions is in terms of previous overdose deaths that I've been very interested in why other unattended deaths outside may not be considered homicide.

2:23

So one idea I have, and I've shared this in an interview that should be coming out soon with the Cascade County podcast, people that did a pretty in depth look at a veteran who was shot and killed by the Cascade County Sheriff's Office.

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And so we have a shared passion for coroner's inquest and the 2 letters BS that I think the coroner's inquest sort of represents when it comes to actual information justice, you know, that kind of thing the families need once their Co workers and possibly Sean Stevenson is murdered.

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And so I'm just very interested in how this new policy is a new policy.

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According to my 25 year firefighting veteran of the fire force.

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He says that's that's a new policy and one idea I'm going to hold back.

3:00

You have to listen to the interview.

3:01

OK, The Missoula Redevelopment Agency wasn't as curious about this because they have this fancy word called jurisdiction that makes it sound like when they build infrastructure for drug addicts and people that actually need mental health services, that maybe they shouldn't be as as concerned about that because of that funny, funny word.

3:16

Jurisdiction.

3:17

Well, now at the Sheriff's Office is in their new spot by the river.

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You have a County Courthouse lawn that officially is the County Sheriff jurisdiction.

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And so when you see a very obnoxious display of a mental health needs, it's going to be interesting to see how that city county situation kind of, you know, goes forward.

3:36

One last thing, I don't know if you saw a KG VO, there was a rear naked chokehold, not Shawn Stevenson.

3:41

This happened outside of the Poverello Center.

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The person's first name is Travis, not me.

3:46

OK.

3:46

The alleged suspect, Travis Johnson is being held on aggravated assault charges.

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Johnny Lee Perry faced it briefly that situation when he assaulted by himself, allegedly Sean Sean Stevenson in the poverty center.

3:59

I'll be looking forward to the word justice.

4:01

That's my word and how to achieve that five years after the euthanization of Sean Stevenson by the Sheriff's Office.

4:07

Thank you so much.

4:08

Go Legos.

4:10

Thank you, Travis.

4:11

That might be the first Lego scene that we've ever had in this chambers before, so thank you.

4:19

Any other public comment on items not on the agenda?

4:25

Anyone online OK seeing none?

4:31

Claims received as of September 4th, 2025 through September 24th, 2025 by the Commissioner's Office total \$5,336,809.36.

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We have two public hearings today.

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The first one is a petition to abandon a portion of is it Claire or Claire Ave.

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Clara Ave.

4:52

OK Sam, are you here?

4:55

There you are sitting right in front of me.

4:59

Good afternoon.

4:59

Commissioners showing up there it is.

5:05

OK.

5:06

So a few weeks ago we first opened this hearing on an abandonment of Clara Ave.

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that was submitted to the clerk and recorders office, sorry Sam Scott with the clerk and recorder.

5:18

The petition to abandon this portion of Clark Ave.

5:22

lying north of lots 1 and 10 of Burns edition.

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We have both of the petitioners here today to recap kind of the clerical stuff.

5:31

The petition was submitted to us.

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The fee has been paid.

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It was published twice in the Missoula and all the affected land owners have been noticed.

5:38

We did have to postpone this hearing last time due to the fact that both of these properties had been incidentally or accidentally annexed into the city and the city, until they go through their de annexation process, we could not move forward with the petition.

5:55

I have received confirmation from the city that the de annexation resolutions are going to City Council on October 20th.

6:04

So now that we have confirmation that that process is being done, we can move forward with this.

6:11

We have a second hearing, third hearing scheduled for October 23rd.

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So just after that de annexation process is is hopefully completed.

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And I've no reason to believe that it wouldn't be.

6:25

Both petitioners are here.

6:27

Kirk Mace is under the weather, so I don't know that he'll want to get up to the microphone to speak.

6:31

He asked me to just reiterate what he had said last time in our hearings and some of the documentation that he provided at that time that should be in the hearing packet.

6:39

But particularly surrounding the emergency services assessment that there's no need for this alley in order to provide any services to the properties that he owns along along Clark Ave.

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right here, particularly next to Lot 10.

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So with that, I know we also have a Rd.

6:59

viewing that is or needs to be scheduled.

7:01

I can't remember if we have a date for that after the delay, but I know that the Mr.

7:08

Dodge might want to to say something as well.

7:10

And, and Sam.

7:11

So just to be clear today, no action a Rd.

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viewing will occur and then add a later date in October.

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We'll take this up again.

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October 23rd will be the next hearing.

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So Rd.

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viewing before then.

7:23

Sam, just to be clear, the chunk of Rd.

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that is looking to be abandoned as along the northern edge here, the northern edge of these two properties, the IT was a 60 foot right of way that went up into these properties as well that has already been abandoned and is pertinent to to the two properties to the north.

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So it's just the 30 foot chunk along Clark Ave.

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next to lots 1 and lot 10.

7:47

OK, thank you.

7:47

Mr.

7:48

Dodge.

7:48

Anything you'd like to add today?

7:49

It's a reiteration, but my Rep is here today.

7:55

And if you could just state your name for the record, please, W James Dodge.

7:58

That's my house, 21 O 5 27th Ave.

8:03

Unfortunately, the lot lines are very accurate.

8:06

My boundary is about 18 inches away from my building, as you can see there.

8:11

My current zoning says it should be a 15 foot set back, but I'm pursuing this instead.

8:17

As you said, it was 60 feet wide.

8:18

It has been whittled down to 30 feet now, and the city was trying to run an entire Rd.

8:27

through there.

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It is a road, not an alley.

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It has a name.

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It is a road.

8:30

It needs sidewalks and two lanes and parking and it won't fit in 30 feet.

8:36

It's served no purpose.

8:37

Every every house, every lot can be served by 27th Central or Klar.

8:45

Yeah, I I have been waiting on this for over three years to try and get this petition in front of you.

8:52

I'll have to wait longer because the city improperly annexed us.

8:59

Yeah, I mean, I can't proceed with the improvements that I'm trying to do to my house.

9:08

I can't finish my master bedroom in the basement because I need to dig an egress, and an egress has to be bigger than 15 inches.

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I can't build on that because I can't get a permit.

9:18

I can't fence it because it's doesn't belong to me.

9:22

Like I said, I've been working on it for three years and finally it's in front of you, but it seemingly isn't exactly right yet.

9:32

Unfortunately, I'll have to take a third day off to address this on the 23rd.

9:38

Other than that, I mean, it's, it's too small to be a road.

9:41

So let's, you know, encompass it in mine and get it taxed.

9:47

I don't mind paying the extra taxes.

9:49

I just want to get busy.

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The this whole process is taking back the one thing that I can't replace.

9:54

I can always make more money.

9:55

I can buy different property, but I can't get back the time.

9:59

And the fact that it's still being drug out is I have to hold my tongue.

10:04

So I mean, it's just a reiteration, but I may have to do this again.

10:11

Thank you for your time.

10:13

Thank you.

10:13

And unfortunately you will have to do it again on the 23rd if you want.

10:16

Sorry for how long this has taken, but this will come to closure this month in October.

10:23

Any other public comment on the proposed abandonment of Clark Ave.

10:28

Yes.

10:30

Good afternoon.

10:31

Michael Tester with the surveyor's office.

10:33

I don't think it affects his petition, but just to be clear, I have no records of there ever being a 60 foot right away in that location.

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There was nothing abandoned north of Clark on the North End.

10:45

Again, I don't think it affects it, but just to be clear.

10:48

So yeah, it was a 1957 plat, approximately 40 feet on the West side, 30 feet on the north.

10:56

And in regards to utilities, MCA 714-2617 discontinuance of St.

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not to affect utility easements.

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The vacation authorized by 714-2616 shall not affect the right of way of any public utility to continue to maintain its plant and equipment in any such St.

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rally.

11:15

Just want to put that out there.

11:18

Thank you.

11:19

And and do we have a time for the road viewing yet?

11:21

Next Tuesday, I think we're going, I think Michael and I are going next week.

11:24

Tuesday, 1:00.

11:25

Yep.

11:26

Tuesday, October 7th.

11:29

Great.

11:29

Any other public comment from folks in the room or online related to this proposed abandonment?

11:37

OK, We will keep the public hearing open until October 23rd and we'll get this wrapped up one way or another then.

11:47

OK, so much for that unless there's anything else, nothing else.

11:52

Sam.

11:52

OK, thank you, Mr.

11:54

Dodge.

11:57

Our 2nd and final public hearing today is related to the Lazy Acres RV Park subdivision and Katie Reader.

12:26

Good afternoon commissioners.

12:27

For the record, my name is Katie Reader, Planner with the Office of Planning, Development and Sustainability.

12:33

Today I'm presenting the Lazy Acres RV Park preliminary plat extension request.

12:38

This extension request is This extension is requested by Lazy Acres LLC, represented by Brandon Grosvenor, who we have here today.

12:52

The subject property is located at 3064 Highway 83 N, which is on the South side of Seeley Lake near the Highway 83 and Riverview intersection.

13:08

Some background, some some project background for you all here.

13:12

The Board of Commissioners approved the three lots and 70 RV spaces on August 10th, 2023.

13:18

The original final plat deadline for the subdivision is August 10th, 2026.

13:27

The applicant is requesting an extension for three years, bringing the final plat deadline to August 10th, 2029.

13:36

Staff reviews the extension request based on the Missoula County Subdivision Regulations.

13:41

I'll go through these quickly change circumstances affecting the timing of the final plan submittal.

13:48

According to the applicants request for the extension, the Seeley Lake Sewer District's decision to move forward with a community sewer system which will serve the RV park property has created new circumstances beyond the subdividers control.

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The applicant indicates that the delay is to connect to the community system, which will reduce infrastructure costs, lessen environmental impacts and support regional wastewater solutions.

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The subdivider can meet the new deadline.

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The additional three-year time frame will allow sufficient time to complete all conditions of approval and submit the final plat for filing despite the change circumstances.

14:26

Validity of the governing bodies decision on the preliminary plat.

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If the extension is granted, the proposed extension will not modify any aspects of the governing bodies original decision, including findings of facts, conclusions of law, and conditions of approval.

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All will remain valid if the extension is granted.

14:47

No significant changes in the general area of the subdivision.

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No.

14:51

No significant changes in the general area subdivision have occurred or are expected to occur that would change the evaluation of the preliminary plat.

15:01

And lastly, the disruption of public facilities and services if, if extension is granted, we did not identify the proposed extension would disrupt the planning or provision of public facilities and services in the area of the subdivision.

15:16

This request was circulated to applicable agencies for comment and no comments were received.

15:22

In conclusion, staff is recommending approval with the motion on the screen before you today.

15:26

Commissioners, here's your language.

15:29

Thank you.

15:29

Would the applicant like to say a few words at all?

15:33

Not required, but you can't.

15:34

Brandon Grosvenor Lazy Acres RV Park.

15:37

No, I'm just excited that the Cedar Lake Sewer District has decided to move forward with you.

15:43

A city municipal planner, whatever.

15:46

Not city, but and using that facility versus an on site treatment facility that was in the original plan would just be much better for the environment, not only and and my checkbook.

15:59

And so that was the two big things is supporting the Sea Lake sewer district in their venture moving forward.

16:07

So thank you.

16:09

Great, thank you.

16:10

Well, it looks like the room kind of cleared out here at the courthouse, but is there anyone online who would like to comment on this proposed extension?

16:22

See you none questions motion.

16:24

I'm I'm good.

16:24

I'm happy to make a motion.

16:25

Please do I move to approve the preliminary plat extension extending the Lazy Acres RV Park subdivision final plat submittal deadline to August 10th, 2029, subject to the master conditions of approval.

16:38

I'll second that.

16:39

Any further discussion?

16:41

All in favor?

16:42

Aye.

16:43

Go sewer.

16:45

Are we a well oiled machine or what?

16:47

We got this done, so thank you.

16:51

Well, OK, thank.

16:53

Thank you, Brandon.

16:53

Anything else to come before the Commission today?

16:57

Seeing none, we'll be adjourned.

16:58

Thank you.