

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ADMINISTRATIVE PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

MISSOULA COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 199 WEST PINE STREET, ADMIN ROOM 206

March 17, 2026

How to attend the meeting

Hybrid meeting: You can attend in person in Conference Room 206 of the Missoula County Administration Building (199 W. Pine st) or virtually by using our Microsoft Teams link found here: <http://missoula.co/bccpublicmeeting>

ATTENDANCE

Present: Josh Slotnick, David Strohmaier, Juanita Vero, Chris Lounsbury, Anne Hughes, Andrew Czorny, Elisha Buchholz, Annie Cathey, Christina Dewar, Allison Franz, John Hart, Cheryl Hartman, Mattie Scott

Other Attendees: Tenzin Lhaze, Jackson Lee, Patricia Spotted Wolf, Dan Bucks, Griffen Smith, MCAT

I. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None

II. CONSENT AGENDA

Moved: Juanita Vero
Second: David Strohmaier
Vote: Yes 3, No 0, Abstained 0
Additional Info: Consent agenda items passed as written

1. Request board approve amendment to the professional services agreement with Energy Strategies LLC to extend the date to December 31, 2027

Agreement filed with Clerk and Recorder/Treasurer's Office: Book 1125 Page 1397. Electronically sent to Svein Newman, Climate Action Program Manager.

2. Request board approve and sign subrecipient agreement with AWARE Inc. to allocate up to \$24,000 of Crisis Diversion Grant funding for FY26 for the Referral and Outreach Coordinator position. AWARE acquired this position when they legally merged with Western Montana Mental Health Center. This is not a new allocation of funding and the agreement will reimburse AWARE for expenses through March 31, 2026.

Agreement filed with Clerk and Recorder/Treasurer's Office: Book 1125 Page 1398. Electronically sent to Melissa Richards, Grants.

3. Request board approve and chair sign Montana DEQ Local Government Joint Application Form for Gleneagle Lot 83 ARM 17.36.605(2)(a) exemption

Electronically sent to John Hart, County Attorney's Office.

4. Request board approve a Grant Authorizing Statement to authorize the submission of a DNRC Nonpoint Source grant application for the Old Hellgate Village wastewater project.

Electronically sent to Matt Shimanek, Grants.

5. Request board approve and authorize Commissioner Strohmaier to sign the settlement agreement with Associated Pharmacies Inc. as part of the larger opioid settlement.

Electronically sent to Chris Lounsbury, Commissioners' Office.

6. Request board approve new Open Lands Citizen Advisory Committee (OLC) Bylaws (Voting Member Number Error on Last Version)

By-laws filed with Clerk and Recorder/Treasurer's Office: Book 1125 Page 1399. Electronically sent to Jenny Zaso, Park, Trails & Open Lands.

7. Request board approve an amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with Picture December for production and videography services at Marshall Mountain Park extending the contract end date to 6/30/2027.

Amended agreement filed with Clerk and Recorder/Treasurer's Office: Book 1125 Page 1400. Electronically sent to Jackson Lee, Lands and Communities.

8. Request board approve amendment to lease of space in the Wyckman Building for various county programs, updating the lease term through Dec 31, 2026.

Amended lease agreement filed with Clerk and Recorder/Treasurer's Office: Book 1126 Page 1. Electronically sent to Shantelle Gaynor, Community Justice Department.

III. ACTION ITEMS

None

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

None

V. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Big Sky Passenger Rail Update

VI. UPCOMING EVENTS AND INVITATIONS

VII. SIGNING OF ITEMS APPROVED AT PUBLIC MEETING

None

VIII. OTHER COMMENTS/INSTRUCTIONS

None