

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ADMINISTRATIVE PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

MISSOULA COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 199 WEST PINE STREET, ADMIN ROOM 206
September 1, 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, Elisha Buchholz, Annie Cathey, Christina Dewar, Melissa Fisher, Allison Franz, Andrew Hagemeyer, Cheryl Hartman, Tenzin Lhaze, Carey Powers, Mattie Scott, Brian West, Jessica Yang

Other Attendees: Jenny Zaso, Melissa Richards, John Wilke, Jordan Hess, Patricia Spotted-Wolf, Griffen Smith, Martin Kidston, MCAT

I. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None

II. CONSENT AGENDA

Moved: David Strohmaier

Second: Juanita Vero

Vote: Yes 3, No 0, Abstained 0

Additional Info: All consent agenda items passed as written

1. Request board approve agreement between the Office of the Court Administrator (OCA) and the Fourth Judicial District and Missoula County for pretrial program

Electronically sent to Shatelle Gaynor, Community Justice Department.

2. Request board approve contract extension with Compliance Monitoring to provide alcohol and drug testing for programs, including pre-trial and misdemeanor probation, for an additional 2 years.

Contract extension filed with Clerk and Recorder/Treasurer's Office: Book 1133 Page 509. Electronically sent to Shatelle Gaynor, Community Justice Department.

3. Request board authorize chair to sign the Healing and Ending Addiction Through Recovery and Treatment (HEART) grant Contract Amendment Number Four with the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services' Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Division (DPHHS-BHDD) for \$212,686.99 in grant funding for FY27 (contract amendment from state sent via DocuSign).

Electronically sent to Melissa Richards, Grants.

4. Request board approve professional services agreement with Ellis Consulting LLC for technical and strategic advisory support while the County evaluates the feasibility of working with NeighborWorks Montana to establish a homebuyer assistance program for Missoula County residents. This contract will be paid for through the Housing Innovation Fund.

Agreement filed with Clerk and Recorder/Treasurer's Office: Agreement -Book 1133 Page 517/
Memorandum - Book 1133 Page 561. Electronically sent to John Wilke, Community & Economic
Development.

5. Request board approve professional service agreement with Republic Services Inc. for recycling and waste removal. Total contract value \$38,700.

Agreement filed with Clerk and Recorder/Treasurer's Office: Book 1133 Page 508. Electronically sent to Jason Hauser, Facilities Management.

III. ACTION ITEMS

1. Request board approve resolution converting the loan to Stepping Stones Behavioral Health Services Inc. to a grant from the Mental Health Revolving Loan Fund.

Presenter: Chris Lounsbury
Moved: Juanita Vero
Second: David Strohmaier
Motion: Motion passed as written
Vote: Yes 3, No 0, Abstained 0
Additional Info:

Contract/Project Begin Date:

Contract/Project End Date:

Resolution 2026-110 filed with Clerk and Recorder/Treasurer's Office: Book 1133 Page 510.
Electronically sent to Chris Lounsbury, Commissioners' Office.

2. Request board appoint member to the Tom Green Memorial Park Advisory Group.

Presenter: Mattie Scott
Moved: David Strohmaier
Second: Juanita Vero
Motion: Motion passed as written
Vote: Yes 3, No 0, Abstained 0
Additional Info:

Contract/Project Begin Date:

Contract/Project End Date:

Electronically sent to Mattie Scott, Commissioners' Office. BCC signed letter 2026-190 to Jack Reed new appointment through June 30, 2029.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Letter 2026-192 in support of Trout Unlimited's Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART Enhancing Water Resources grant proposal requesting \$3 million to rehabilitate the Grass Valley French Ditch diversion on the Clark Fork River.

2. Letter 2026-191 in support of Mountain Line federal grant application

V. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Notice and Request to Acknowledge Lawsuit: *Karen Truscelli as Personal Representative of the Estate of Logan, et al. v. Missoula County, et al.*, DV-26-273

VI. UPCOMING EVENTS AND INVITATIONS

None

VII. SIGNING OF ITEMS APPROVED AT PUBLIC MEETING

None

VIII. OTHER COMMENTS/INSTRUCTIONS

None