

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ADMINISTRATIVE PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

MISSOULA COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 199 WEST PINE STREET, ADMIN ROOM 206
January 19, 2021

ATTENDANCE

Staff present: Commissioner Strohmaier, Commissioner Slotnick, Commissioner Vero, Kyla Lehnerz, Andrew Czorny, Erica Grinde, Jason Emery, Chris Lounsbury, John Hart, Casey Gannon, Emmie Bristow, Melissa Gordon, Andrew Hagemeyer, Shantelle Gaynor, Allison Franz, Anne Hughes, Anna Conley, Violet Plummer

Other attendees: Dan Corti, Ross Miller, Shannon MacNeil, Martin Kidston

I. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Commissioner Strohmaier announced that tomorrow afternoon from 3-5 pm the Big Sky Passenger Rail Authority will hold it's second board meeting.

II. ACTION ITEMS

1. Request board approve client engagement letter and acknowledgement and waiver of conflict of interest from Elizabeth Erickson, Esq. of Worden Thane, P.C. to allow Elizabeth to provide Missoula County legal advice related to the possible sale of county-owned real property in the Grant Creek area for conservation purposes.

Presenter:

Erica Grinde
Juanita Vero
Josh Slotnick

Moved:

Second:

Motion:

Motion passed as written

Vote:

Yes 3, No 0, Abstained 0

Additional Info:

Contract/Project Begin Date:

1/19/2021

Contract/Project End Date:

Electronically sent to Erica Grinde, Risk and Benefits.

2. Request board approve contract amendment to the scope of services in the Sxwtpqyen (Mullan) Neighborhoods Master Plan contract with Dover Kohl and Partners dated the 14th day of January, 2020, to provide for staff trainings and a development community workshop.

Presenter:

Andrew Hagemeyer
Josh Slotnick
Juanita Vero

Moved:

Second:

Motion:

Motion passed as written

Vote:

Yes 3, No 0, Abstained 0

Additional Info:

Contract/Project Begin Date:

Contract/Project End Date:

6/30/2021

Contract filed with Clerk and Recorder/Treasurer's Office: Book 1048 Page 369. Electronically sent to Andrew Hagemeyer, Community and Planning Services.

3. Request board revoke the \$19,900 Missoula County Small Business Job Creation grant award to Morgan-Pierce, PLLP, based on failure to meet eligibility criteria.

Presenter:

Melissa Gordon

Juanita Vero

Josh Slotnick

Moved:

Second:

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 Melissa Gordon, Community and Planning Services.

4. Request board approve Chief Information Officer, Jason Emery, to sign agreement with Information Technology Core for VRTX with 5 year Support.

Presenter:

Jason Emery

Josh Slotnick

Juanita Vero

Moved:

Second:

Motion:

Motion passed as written

Vote:

Yes 3, No 0, Abstained 0

Additional Info:

None

Contract/Project Begin Date:

Contract/Project End Date:

Electronically sent to Jason Emery, Technology Services.

5. Request board approve contract between the County and the City of Missoula supporting advocacy and prevention services in the Department of Relationship Violence Services.

DATE RANGE 7/1/20 – 6/30/21

AMOUNT: \$176,013 for 12 months

Presenter:

Shantelle Gaynor

Juanita Vero

Josh Slotnick

Moved:

Second:

Motion:

Motion passed as written

Vote:

Yes 3, No 0, Abstained 0

Additional Info:

None

Contract/Project Begin Date:

1/19/2021

Contract/Project End Date:

7/1/2020

Contract filed with Clerk and Recorder/Treasurer's Office: Book 1048 Page 879. Electronically sent to Shantelle Gaynor, Community Justice Department.

6. Request board approve grant application signature page for the Relationship Violence Services, Crime Victim Advocate Division submitted to the Montana Board of Crime Control Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funding.

DATE RANGE 7/1/21 – 6/30/23

Award of \$500,000 and match of \$100,000

Presenter:

Shantelle Gaynor

Josh Slotnick

Juanita Vero

Moved:

Second:

Motion:

Motion passed as written.

Vote:

Yes 3, No 0, Abstained 0

Additional Info:

None

Contract/Project Begin Date:

1/19/2021

Contract/Project End Date:

7/1/2021

Electronically sent to Shantelle Gaynor, Community Justice Department.

7. Request board appoint member to the Health Board.

Presenter:

Kyla Lehnerz

Moved:

Josh Slotnick

Second:

Juanita Vero

Motion:

To appoint Dan Corti to the Missoula County Health Board

Vote:

Yes 3, No 0, Abstained 0

Additional Info:

None

Contract/Project Begin Date:

1/1/2021

Contract/Project End Date:

12/31/2023

Letter 2021-011 BCC signed to Corti.

III. CORRESPONDENCE

None

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Legislative Session

Chris Lounsbury, Missoula County Chief Administrative Officer, brought to the attention of the commissioners several bills that may be of interest currently being discussed in the state legislature. Two of them (HB 11 and HB 14) related to long-range planning and infrastructure, and letters of support will be crafted for two relevant sewer projects in the community. Another, SB 80, is designed to limit the term of interlocal agreements to 5 years. Chris recommended the commissioners oppose this limitation, as it causes funding conundrums with big capital projects and there are certain governmental services that have to be created by interlocal agreement and can't go away. Lastly, Chris reviewed SB 108, which is another bill aimed at health authorities. Chris explained that this bill would make it so that local health authorities could only provide recommendations to governing bodies, which is problematic because they would not be able to issue a health order until a governing body could call a special meeting and vote.

Commissioner Slotnick asked whether anyone in our delegation is speaking out against the anti-trans bills going through the legislature. Allison Franz, Communications Manager, Communications Division, stated that Danny Tenenbaum has been vocally opposed to it. Commissioner Slotnick offered that if it would be helpful, he would like to speak about it.

2. Review of Board meetings and upcoming meetings

Kyla Lehnerz, Administrative Assistant, Commissioners' Office, stated that January's All Community

Council meeting will be taking place next Wednesday, the 27th.

Commissioner Slotnick stated he will be travelling on Thursday afternoon and unable to attend the public meeting.

3. COVID-19

Chris Lounsbury, Missoula County Chief Administrative Officer, stated that it might be worth reaching out to Senators Daines and Tester regarding the upcoming \$1.9 Trillion stimulus bill. Chris states that the last stimulus bill was confusing regarding money for local governments, so it would be good to bring this to the attention of our delegation before the bill is brought forth. The letter will be drafted to go out Thursday or next Tuesday.

V. UPCOMING EVENTS AND INVITATIONS

None

VI. SIGNING OF ITEMS APPROVED AT PUBLIC MEETING

None

VII. OTHER COMMENTS/INSTRUCTIONS

Martin Kidston, Missoula Current, asked the commissioners whether they were concerned over the trend of certain legislators, who often argue for states' rights, reaching out to usurp the rights of cities and counties across the state to make their own regulations and ordinances. Commissioner Strohmaier and Commissioner Slotnick replied that it definitely was. Martin then asked if it is frustrating to the commissioners when the county or city takes action to improve the quality of life locally to see people from afar with different opinions say that that they can't do that? Commissioner Slotnick assented and said that the commissioners are held very accountable for the decisions they make because they are elected and unelected. Commissioner Strohmaier added that the connection is tenuous at best if people claim that the decisions made locally affect other jurisdictions across the state.