

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ADMINISTRATIVE PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

MISSOULA COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 199 WEST PINE STREET, ADMIN ROOM 206
February 16, 2021

ATTENDANCE

Staff present: Commissioner Strohmaier, Commissioner Slotnick, Commissioner Vero, Chris Lounsbury, Kayla Talbert, Sarah Bell, John Hart, Kyla Lehnerz, Andrew Czorny, Casey Gannon, John Stegmaier, Anne Hughes, Dave Wall, Emmie Bristow, Jamar Galbreath, Jason Emery, Violet Plummer, Shane Stack, Tim Worley, Allison Franz

Other attendees: Patrick O'Herren, Margaret Pfohl, Claire Muller - Seeley Lake Community Foundation, Martin Kidston - Missoula Current

I. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Commissioners took turns reading aloud a proclamation declaring the day as [Klaus von Stutterheim](#) day, celebrating Klaus for his contributions to the Seeley Lake Community Council and his dedication to public service. Patrick O'Herren expressed his appreciation for Klaus and the proclamation. Claire Muller, Seeley Lake Community Foundation, thanked Klaus for all of his work in Seeley Lake.

II. ACTION ITEMS

1. Request board approve FY 21 Alcohol and Other Drugs Contract Amendment No.1 with the Open Aid Alliance to amend sections 1 and 4 of the agreement. The total payment amount identified in section 1 of the agreement will be increased by \$20,821.97 to a total of \$45,159.71, and the scope of work in section 4 of the agreement will be amended to reflect increased programmatic activities made possible by the enhanced budget.

Presenter:

Kayla Talbert

Moved:

Juanita Vero

Second:

Josh Slotnick

Motion:

Motion passed as written

Vote:

Yes 3, No 0, Abstained 0

Additional Info:

Contract/Project Begin Date:

7/1/2020

Contract/Project End Date:

6/30/2021

Contract amendment filed with Clerk and Recorder/Treasurer's Office: Book 1049 Page 1243.
Electronically sent to Kayla Talbert, Community and Planning Services.

2. Request board approve FY 21 Alcohol and Other Drugs Contract Amendment No.1 with the Stepping Stones Counseling to amend sections 1 and 4 of the agreement. The total payment amount identified in section 1 of the agreement will be increased by \$8,008.45 to a total of \$41,038.24, and the scope of work in section 4 of the agreement will be amended to reflect increased programmatic activities made possible by the enhanced budget.

Presenter:

Kayla Talbert

Moved:

Juanita Vero

Second:

Josh Slotnick

Motion: Motion passed as written
Vote: Yes 3, No 0, Abstained 0
Additional Info:

Contract/Project Begin Date: 7/1/2020

Contract/Project End Date: 6/30/2021

Contract amendment filed with Clerk and Recorder/Treasurer's Office: Book 1049 Page 1244.

Electronically sent to Kayla Talbert, Community and Planning Services.

3. Request board approve chair to sign agreement with the Montana Department of Commerce for Community Development Block Grant funding to hire a consultant to produce a "Missoula County Rural Areas Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities Master Plan."

Presenter: John Stegmaier

Moved: Josh Slotnick

Second: Juanita Vero

Motion: Motion passed as written

Vote: Yes 3, No 0, Abstained 0

Additional Info:

Contract/Project Begin Date: 2/16/2021

Contract/Project End Date: 12/31/2022

Agreement filed with Clerk and Recorder/Treasurer's Office: Book 1049 Page 1338. Electronically sent to John Stegmaier, Community and Planning Services.

4. Request board appoint Richard Hall to fill the remainder of the vacant term through May 31, 2021, to the Bonner-Milltown Community Council.

Presenter: Kyla Lehnerz

Moved: Juanita Vero

Second: Josh Slotnick

Motion: Motion passed as written

Vote: Yes 3, No 0, Abstained 0

Additional Info:

Contract/Project Begin Date: 2/16/2021

Contract/Project End Date: 5/31/2021

Letter 2021-041 BCC signed to Hall. Electronically sent to Kyla Lehnerz, Commissioners' Office.

III. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Request board sign letter of support to Montana Department of Transportation to accompany grant application for the continuation of Missoula County Justice Court's ROAD Court.

Letter 2021-045 BCC signed. Kayla Talbert explained that grants staff is requesting this letter of support for their upcoming grant application for the Justice Court's ROAD Court grant.

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Legislative Session

HB 334 - Republic Services Garbage Bill: Shane Stack, Public Works, explained that Republic Services is opposed to this bill. Shane visited with Motor Carrier Services in Helena and they didn't have a strong

opinion on the bill. Kim Myer, Seeley Lake Refuse District, was pretty opposed to the bill, and had a past working with providers who were not providing the best service. Shane then left it up to the commissioners to decide whether or not they wanted to oppose the bill. The commissioners came out in opposition to HB 334.

SB 211 - This bill would remove the ability for consideration of things like agricultural soils from subdivision review process. Chris stated that he assumed that the commissioners would disagree with this bill, and asked whether they would want to testify or just have staff submit comment. Commissioner Vero stated that the BCC would want to testify. Commissioner Slotnick will be registered to testify against this bill.

SB 161- This bill allows certain subdivisions to qualify for an expedited review process, and the commissioners had previously weighed in in support of the bill. It got significant pushback from the conservation world, who were very concerned that it was not narrowly crafted and would be improperly used in other places around the state. It is headed to the house floor. It came out of committee 100 to the floor today. Several folks in the conservation world and our support vs. their opposition. Chris asked whether the commissioners still want to weigh in on the floor with their support? There are only two small areas in Missoula County that would qualify this expedited review. The bill was amended to allow it to be an optional process. Tim Worley, Community and Planning Services (CAPS) added that CAPS will be on their own timetable to implement this bill if it is enacted, and that they could adopt it as they feel they need to. Commissioner Strohmaier said that he will be okay continuing to support the bill with the caveats, conditions and limitations for where this can be applied.

HB 356- This bill prohibits anonymous reporting of child abuse and neglect cases. This is typically handled through DPHHS and not the county. This would require that people provide their name and address when making a report, and it would become public record. Chris stated that this seems like a bad way of ensuring the safety of children. I didn't know if this was something that the county would wish to take an opinion on. Chris explained that people are allegedly using reporting as a way to get back at significant others, and that is a pervasive message at the legislature, that DPHHS is removing children baselessly and needlessly. Commissioner Strohmaier asked whether the county attorneys can provide their opinion on whether the county should weigh in.

Commissioner Strohmaier brought up another bill: HB 352. It relates to requiring public access for conservation easements. This would run counter to the way that the county has utilized our open bonds money for conservation easements. Commissioner Slotnick stated that Commissioner Vero should testify on this because of her background. Chris stated that Commissioner Vero is scheduled to testify on the bill later in the day. Commissioner Slotnick elaborated that public access and conservation easements sometimes mix and sometimes don't, but that this bill's broad-brush approach doesn't work. Commissioner Vero stated that this type of bill just upends that fragile trust that makes voluntary conservation easements work.

Commissioner Slotnick stated that Five Valleys Land Trust has a new strategic plan, and that he would like to extend an invitation to them for a conversation about it. In her letter she described a major restructuring at 5 Valleys and changes, and we would love to have them come talk to us and to hear on that. Commissioner Slotnick will reach out to Chet about putting that as an agenda item on an upcoming CAPS meeting.

Commissioner Strohmaier is trying to find a bill sponsor for a bill draft that would be the enabling legislation for the state of Montana to participate in an interstate rail commission. The bill draft number is LC 1432.

2. Review of board meetings and upcoming meetings

None

3. COVID-19

Commissioner Vero brought up the impressive numbers in Missoula County. Commissioner Strohmaier asked whether the health board is planning on taking up some changes this week. Commissioner Slotnick stated that the changes are not masking, but a handful of other things related to group size, etc.

V. UPCOMING EVENTS AND INVITATIONS

None

VI. SIGNING OF ITEMS APPROVED AT PUBLIC MEETING

None

VII. OTHER COMMENTS/INSTRUCTIONS

None