

NOTICE OF SUBDIVISION MEETING

September 18, 2003

Chair Varone: Today is Thursday September 18th, it's about 10:00 in the morning and I'm sure everyone said their pledge on their way to the meeting this morning. To my left is Commissioner Murray, to my right is Commissioner Tinsley, to his right is Carole Byrnes our executive secretary and to her right is Sharon Haugen our Planning Director.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Final Plat Approval for Sweeney Creek Tracts Lot 23 Minor Subdivision. (Applicants, Mike and Gaylynn Wagner) (Jerry Grebenc)

The Commissioners will consider approving and signing the final plat.

Jerry Grebenc: Madam Chair, Commissioners, this is a four lot minor subdivision located off of Hwy 12 close to the pass. The applicants have completed their conditions of approval, taxes are paid and staff does recommend signature and approval of the final plat.

Chair Varone: By consensus Commissioners?

Commissioner Tinsley: Yes.

Montana Arts Council-Cultural & Aesthetic Projects Final Reports.

- a. Artists Group, Inc. (nunc pro tunc/Commissioner Murray signed 9/15)
- b. Helena Symphony.

Sharon Haugen: Madam Chair, Commissioners, I usually review these for Carole, I have reviewed both the Artists Group and Helena Symphony final reports and they look good and we recommend the Commissions signature.

Commissioner Murray: I move the commission signs the final reports

Commissioner Tinsley: Second.

Chair Varone: All those in favor, signify by saying 'I'

Commissioners: 'I'

Chair Varone: Motion carries

Lewis and Clark County Proclamation.

The Commissioners will consider proclaiming September 19, 2003 as National POW-MIA Recognition Day.

Chair Varone: This was a request that we attend and speak at the recognition tomorrow and the information that Carole put together, I appreciate.

Commissioner Tinsley: Madam Chair, I make a motion that we approve the

Commissioner Murray: If I may, I never. I appreciate Caroles' work and I am concerned with the last, the second to the last wordage 'moral debt', I feel we owe more than a morale debt and I think it's a sin, sentence stronger than a moral debt, I mean my freedom is in part due to the sacrifices of some people whom have given

Sharon Haugen: You're looking for a stronger word than
Commissioner Murray: and if we can't think of one

Sharon Haugen: I know what you're trying to say. Not quite insurmountable

Commissioner Tinsley: incredibly morale

Ron Alles: I don't think so

Commissioner Murray: That wouldn't be

Commissioner Tinsley: Well we can talk about it.

Sharon Haugen: We can go look up synonyms.

Commissioner Murray: If the other two are happy with that, I'll sign it and I apologize to Carole, but

Carole Byrnes: That's all right.

Commissioner Murray: I really feel

Sharon Haugen: We need a stronger sentiment

Chair Varone: I'm fine with that, Carole if you can find something like that, something stronger to replace it.
And we need to have that done hopefully soon so all three commissioners can sign it.

Commissioner Tinsley: Madam Chair, I make a motion we approve the proclamation proclaiming tomorrow
September 19, 2003 as National POW/MIA day and authorize the chair to sign and also ask Carole to find a
stronger word to replace the word 'Morale' in the sixth whereas, and run it by Commissioner Murray and the
rest of the commission and see if it's okay before we send it out.

Commissioner Murray: Second

Chair Varone: All those in favor, signify by saying 'I'

Commissioners: 'I'

Chair Varone: Motion carries

Public Comments on Matters Within the Commission's Jurisdiction.

Bill Snoddy: My name is Bill Snoddy, 3311 Hollygrape Court Helena 59602. Madam Chair, Members of the
Commission, I'd like to talk about two county employees, Mr. John Geege Environmental Health Specialist and
Mr. Kelly Blake and enforcement officer for the county commission. For the last couple months I've worked
with these two gentlemen on the clean-up of (unknown) property in East Helena. The experience has been a
very pleasant one from a very regulatory point of view. There's no doubt in my mind that the clean-up was
necessary. Mr. Levi Amstutz who is a gentleman with some challenges in his life had created quite a mess on his
property and the clean-up was very needed, so those in his church had been working with him a long time trying
to get him to do this and the county provided the importance for getting the work done. Mr. Geege and Mr.
Blake could have used the powers that they have through the county to make the clean-up happen by taking
Mr. Amstutz to court and forced to clean -up and put the bill on his taxes which he never would have been able
to pay, he works for, or his monthly income is very minimal and instead they took the higher road and looked
for folks who knew Levi and could assist him and gave us an opportunity to muster our resources and get the
clean-up done with out any further county involvement. Now the clean-up has been completed, the order has
been lifted and now we're in a maintenance situation with Levi to try to keep his property acceptable at county

levels. I would like to publicly thank these gentlemen for the work they did and encourage you to find some recognition for this kind of service. I find it exemplary, that county employees would take this kind of approach. This also is an example set a watermark for all county employees and their dealings with the public. Along those lines, I have a letter addressed to you restating these comments. Thank you for your. Time.

Chair Varone: Thank you Mr. Snoddy. It's not very often that County Commissioners or County staff receive compliments and to have you take the time to come in here personally to thank our staff means a tremendous amount to us and we will make sure that it's passed on to them. Tell us, was it your church that helped Levi with his clean-up or was it just neighbors or

Madam Chair, Members of the Committee, the LDS Church took the lead role in the clean up but with the help of the Independent Record got the word out to the community, the community outpouring was tremendous, we had folks from all over the valley call me at home volunteer to work, I believe we had ten businesses maybe more who volunteered everything from equipment to food to safety supplies from as far away as Deer Lodge and Townsend to help get the job done. It was an expensive task and many hands made light work and it was truly a community involvement situation. The Good Samaritan store where Levi works helped us get things organized, helped Levi stay on track and understand what was going on. I've never seen anything like it the way a community pulled together.

Chair Varone: That's Great. Commissioners.

Commissioner Tinsley: Madam Chair, Commissioner Murray, Mr. Snoddy, thank you. I saw the article I think it was this last weekend, and thank you for stepping up to the plate and taking a lead role in this, we appreciate that as well as you coming in and saying thanks about our employees. That was a very neighborly thing of you to do and we appreciate it.

Bill Snoddy: Madam Chair, Commissioner Tinsley, Helena's home and if we can't help each other it makes for a very sad environment and I hope we can keep this kind of atmosphere in town.

Chair Varone: Thank you.

Commissioner Murray: Madam Chair, Commissioner Tinsley. Mr. Snoddy, with your permission I'd like to ask the other two commissioners to forward a copy of this to the two newspapers in town with the intent that they would publish this as a letter to the editor if that's agreeable with you.

Bill Snoddy: Madam Chair, Commissioner Murray, I think that would be fine. I would encourage you to add your support to my remarks because these gentlemen need the backing of the commission and others in the county, their work truly is exemplary and it should be held up as models.

Commissioner Murray: and your letter truly does that. I don't think there is more that can be said to your letter. But with your permission, I encourage my peers to do that.

Chair Varone: Mr. Snoddy, how did, how was removal of that handled. Where did you take all that stuff to and how did you dispose of it.

Bill Snoddy: Commissioner Varone it was a multi-focus event. We worked with the folks at the transfer station for disposal of 140 refrigerators, he built a fence completely around his property out of refrigerators over the years. There were a number of things that were recyclable; we arranged for recycling, there were rocks and debris that could be land filled into areas in the valley where people were looking for clean fill. People like Les Schwab took, they took over 100 tires themselves and rims and disposed of them at their cost. It was a large effort, the county did sent me a tonnage weight of how many tons we disposed of at the transfer station but it was significant. Other people used their dump pass, we had people call me and donate transfer station passes saying we probably won't need it this year and if we do we'll just pay for our garbage that we dispose of and mailed me their transfer station passes and donated those.

Chair Varone: If there's a cost commissioner that's out of Mr. Snoddys pocket or others pockets would you consider not having to pay for that extra amount that they used to help clean this up for Mr. Amstutz?

Commissioner Murray: Madam Chair, I think that would be an insult to Mr. Snoddy and the volunteers, they did it freely and willingly and we'd be detracting from their volunteer work, insult them by trying to offer them money for

Chair Varone: No, I don't mean, I'm not offering them money, but if they have to pay beyond what their dump pass says, I think it would behoove the county to maybe forgive that extra cost.

Commissioner Tinsley: Madam Chair, Commissioner Murray, Mr. Snoddy, I sit on the Scratchgravel Board that would be something we would have to run by the board, but I could certainly bring it up. I can't say that we would but. That kind of issue goes by the Board and when it gets passed by the Board then it comes to us. So, I'll bring it up. But let's be in touch and I'll bring it up.

Bill Snoddy: Madam Chair, Commissioner Murray and Tinsley. The service we provided Levi, while there were out of pocket expenses I think everyone involved no-one expects to be compensated for those, that was a, that was something everyone wanted to do. I know county resources are stretched just like everyone elses and it was not our intention to ask for any compensation for expenses incurred. I appreciate the offer; I don't believe it would be necessary.

Chair Varone: Thank you Mr. Snoddy.

Adjourn.