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DIRECTOR'S HIGHLIGHTS

SHANE STACK, P.E.



Public Infrastructure

Construction

I am in the middle of my fourth year as the director of Public Works and I can't thank our leadership and staff at Missoula County enough. I am continually impressed with the dedication to public service and willingness to help the public, other agencies, and other county partners. The residents of Missoula County are blessed to have such a strong county.



Plans for the Lolo sewer and water systems continue to be developed and ARPA funding is being locked in for improvements. Water main improvements are planned for next spring/summer. Connections will be made from US 93 east along Lewis & Clark Drive and Farm Lane to a main east of the railroad tracks. A loop connection will be made along Tyler Way and a water main replaced along Glacier Drive from Browman

Way to Dorie Drive. There will be pump upgrades at two wells to provide necessary flows. The sewer treatment plant, lift station, and a few mains will be upgraded the following summer. There be improvements to the Lewis and Clark water/sewer system in Clinton and the Sunset West water system at the Wye over the next few summers.

Improvements to Missoula County managed sewer and water systems will total over \$8,000,000 and are planned to be completed over the next two summers.

The Building Division has kept busy with permits and inspections the entire summer and has remained steady even with increased interest rates and the beginning of fall. They continue to partner with the Health Department and Office of Lands and Communities to streamline the permitting process.

The Road and Bridge Division has made some changes from past summers that turned out to be important improvements to the division's services. In the past, dust abatement was completed through a team effort between contactors and Public Works. This year, inflation made contracting the work unaffordable. Public Works completed dust abatement on budget and on time with no outside help.

The crew reconstructed parts of 29th Avenue and North Avenue, funded through a Rural Special Improvement District (RSID) partially developed by the neighborhood. The RSID funded material costs, Public Works funded fuel, equipment, and labor. The improvements, valued over \$200,000, was completed for a material cost under \$50,000, maximizing RSID and county tax dollars. This technique will likely be used in the future to help fund roadway improvements along residential streets.

The crew paved short segments of roadway around the county including portions of Pattee Canyon, Marshall Canyon, Highton Street, several railroad crossings in Lolo, a railroad crossing on Loisselle Lane, and many other small but important improvements across the county.

Public Works partnered with Parks Trails and Open Lands to pave the parking lot at the Big Sky Little League Baseball Fields. This is a great example of collaboration between departments at Missoula County, providing a significant upgrade for park users.

The Mullan BUILD project continues. Kiewit Corporation and their subcontractors have been busy all summer constructing new roads, improving existing intersections, and installing new sewer and water systems. It's estimated that roundabouts on Mullan Road at Mary Jane Boulevard and George Elmer Drive will be open to the public by the end of the construction season. The Missoula Valley has a limited supply of plant mix which has been a cause of delays and will potentially impact the opening of England Boulevard to traffic this winter. At a minimum, the plan is to have Mary Jane Boulevard between West Broadway and Mullan Road open, as well as George Elmer Drive from the England Boulevard area to Mullan Road open, dependent on weather and availability of materials.

The staff and management in the RSIDs, the Surveyor's Office, Road and Bridge, and the Building Division continue to provide quality services to the public. They all care deeply about the work they do, and I continue to be impressed by the team at Missoula County. Thank you for all you do for the residents of Missoula County.

*As always, wishing you the best.
Shane Stack*



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Successful Collaboration Improves Little League Park



In March 2021, Parks, Trails, Open Lands (PTOL) staff were considering a major renovation for a gravel parking lot at the baseball fields at the Big Sky Park at Tower Street and Spurgin Road. They received a quote for basic site work and placing asphalt millings. When Public Works staff was asked by PTOL if that was a reasonable plan and cost, we said we could do more site work to address drainage issues and provide a new paved surface, rather than just recycled asphalt. Coordination for completing the work began in May and continued through July. After completing scheduled road maintenance projects, work began on September 7th and the finishing touches were completed on October 3rd. This project was a great opportunity for collaboration between County departments to give the taxpayers the best finished product they could expect.



Finishing touches being completed by others.



Ninemile Prairie Road Gets FaceLift With Another Successful Agency Collaboration

The Montana Department of Transportation's project on Highway 200 provided several thousand tons of millings that were repurposed to improve road conditions on NineMile Prairie Road. One mile of roadway leading to the campground on the Blackfoot River is no longer impassable thanks to a collaborative effort between MDT, Missoula County Public Works and the Bureau of Land Management.

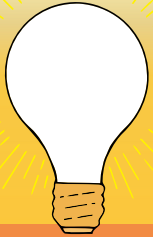
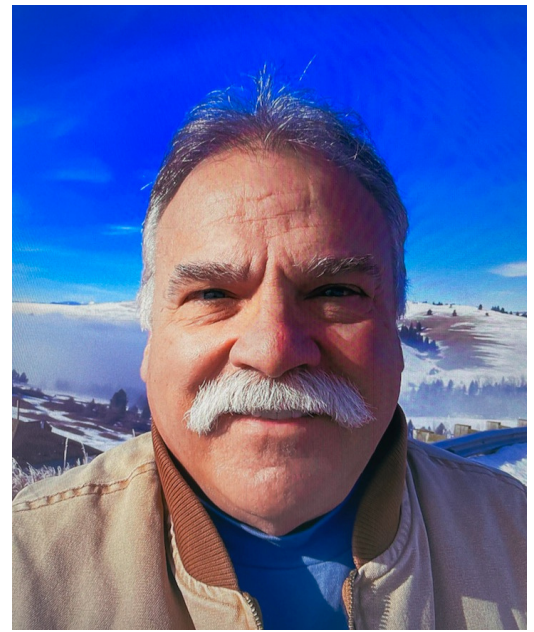
The Seeley Lake Refuse District's 2023 site permit tags will be issued beginning January 4th at the refuse district. Please call 406.677.3809 for more information.

Summer hours end at 5 p.m. Sunday, October 30th. Winter hours begin Wednesday, November 2nd.

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THE BUILDING DIVISION

MISSOULA COUNTY BUILDING OFFICIAL RECEIVES HIGHEST LEVEL DESIGNATION FROM INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL



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The International Code Council's *Building Safety Journal* highlighted Missoula County Building Division's Building Official, Dave Larkin, in July for it's series highlighting those who have achieved their prestigious Master Code Professional designation.

To read this article, please click here:

<https://www.iccsafe.org/building-safety-journal/bsj-perspectives/icc-mcp-dave-larkin/>



New Plans Examiner, Land Hansen

I was born in Anchorage, Alaska, but consider myself from the western US. I grew up living in every state in the west but Arizona, including Hawaii.

I graduated from the University of Utah with a degree in Urban Planning. In 2000 I moved back to Montana and have worked in construction in some capacity for 20 plus years.

I have my certificates in commercial and residential building inspection, plumbing inspection, and residential plans review. I'm currently working on my commercial plans review certificate.

I really enjoy my job and the diverse and unique people I work with. Everybody brings quality to the department and certainly a point of view that helps us all get the job done.