

August 31, 2017

Missoula County

Media Release

Contact: Steve Carey

Carey Law Firm, P.C.

(406) 728-0011

steve@carey-law.com



Missoula County Settles with Individual Landowners in Gleneagle Subdivision

Earlier this week, the Missoula County Commissioners settled with individual landowners in the Gleneagle Subdivision in lower Grant Creek. Over the course of the 1980s, the County ended up with lots in the failed subdivision through the tax deed process. The County re-deeded the lots in a settlement with two developers in 1999. One of the developers sold numerous lots to others, failed to put in infrastructure, and went bankrupt.

Retired District Judge Ed McLean ruled, as it pertained to the subsequent landowners, that the County had violated the Montana Subdivision and Platting Act by failing to require an infrastructure bond in conjunction with the 1999 Agreement. The settlement terms stipulate that Missoula County will pay the landowners \$2,265,000 and receive the lots in return. The amount is just under what the landowners paid for the lots in approximately 2006. The first payment of \$1,265,000 is due within 90 days and will be paid with insurance and an additional 1.05 mills to be levied over the next three fiscal years. The second payment is due within two years. The payment method for the remaining amount will be addressed in the fiscal year 2020 Missoula County budget.

The County continues to contest one of the developer's lawsuits involving the subdivision. The County retained the counsel of Carey Law Firm, P.C. Steve Carey will answer any media inquiries related to the settlement or the other lawsuit. Questions related to the payment of the settlement can be directed to Missoula County Chief Financial Officer Andrew Czorny.

Steve Carey

728-0011

steve@carey-law.com

Andrew Czorny

258-4919

aczorny@missoulacounty.us

###