

CITY OF COLUMBUS
MONDAY- January 5, 2026

CITY HALL 7:00 P.M.

****ALL MEETINGS ARE RECORDED****

*** Notes an action required by Council**

1. ***MINUTES, APPROVED AS WRITTEN, WITH OR WITHOUT ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, OR CORRECTIONS**

2. ***APPROVAL OF CLAIMS**

3. **PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Joel Moranton, Vice President of the Stillwater Chamber of Commerce to give a presentation on the Future of the Stillwater Visitor Center

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

1. Chief CVFD

2. Police Chief

3. Public Works Director

4. City Attorney

5. City Clerk

6. City Court

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS**

5. **DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS**

6. **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

7. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

*Approval of Proposal from Air Controls in the amount of \$6,933.00 for replacement of heating coil for air handler to include new piping, insulation valves and unions

*Approval of Annexation Plan for land owned by Columbus Volunteer Rural Fire District #3 – Tract S27, T02S, R20E, C.O.S. 231879, TR IN NENW

*Approval of Resolution 891-Annexing Land owned by Columbus Volunteer Rural Fire District #3 – Tract S27, T02S, R20E, C.O.S. 231879, TR IN NENW

*Approval of Pay Application #2 to Aaqua Drilling for the Heritage Well Project in the amount of \$50,975.10

*Approval to elect Tim Mayo as the new Council President – nominated by Dennis Holten

*Approval to remove Webb Mandeville and Bob Fitzgerald from the city's bank account and add Joe Morse and newly elected Council President

9. **COMMENTS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

10. ***ADJOURN**

*****All public comment will be limited to 3 minutes***
unless prior approval is granted by the Mayor**

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS,
COLUMBUS, MONTANA HELD December 15, 2025, AT 7:00 P.M.**

COUNCIL PRESENT OFFICERS PRESENT	The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Webb Mandeville began the meeting with the pledge of allegiance. The council persons present were Rick White, Dennis Holten, Cole Waltner, and Bob Fitzgerald. Staff members present were Fire Chief Rich Cowger, Chief of Police Aaron Uecker, Public Works Director Peyton Brookshire, City Attorney Ryan Addis, and Clerk-Treasurer Cherrie McAlexander.
SIDELINE IN PERSON	June Mandeville, Carlyne Fitzgerald, Kelly Ault, Phil Ault, Nick Pancheau, Joe Morse, Casey Klasna, Maurie Petterson, Forrest Mandeville, Paula Mandeville, Jim Mandeville, Karen Redman, Kiley Frank, Mina Morse, Linda Halstead-Achary, Joel Moranton, Stephen Mandeville, Emaline Mandeville
PUBLIC HEARING	Public Hearing on the Discontinuing and Alleyway in Columbus Original Townsite. The mayor opened the public hearing at 7:00 p.m. He asked for any public comment two times. There was no comment and the mayor closed the hearing at 7:01 p.m.
REGULAR MINUTES APPROVED	The mayor asked the council if they had reviewed the minutes of the December 1, 2025, regular meeting, and if there were any additions, deletions, or corrections. Cole Waltner made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting, seconded by Rick White; roll call for vote, Bob Fitzgerald, Cole Waltner, and Rick White, all yea votes. Dennis Holten abstained from voting. Motion passed.
SHUT OFF LIST	The shut-off list for the month of December 2025 was presented to the Council. Rick White made a motion to approve the list as presented, seconded by Dennis Holten; roll call for vote, Rick White, Dennis Holten, Cole Waltner, and Bob Fitzgerald, all yea votes. Motion passed.
APPROVAL OF CLAIMS	The claims list for the 1 st half of December was presented to the Council. Cole Waltner made a motion to approve the claims as presented, seconded by Dennis Holten; roll call for vote, Bob Fitzgerald, Cole Waltner, Dennis Holten and Rick White, all yea votes. Motion passed.
PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS	Letter was presented to council from Maurie Petterson, there was no discussion. The mayor swore in Joe Morse, the new mayor and three Alderman, Kelly Ault, Cole Waltner and Rick White. The Chief of Police presented Webb Mandeville and Bob Fitzgerald with a token of appreciation from the city.
FIRE DEPT.	The Fire Chief was present and provided a report.
POLICE	The Police Chief was present and provided a report.
PUBLIC WORKS	The Public Works Director was present and provided a report.
ATTORNEY	The City Attorney was present and provided a report.
CITY JUDGE	The City Judge was not present and did not provide a report.
CLERK-TREASURER	The Clerk-Treasurer was present and provided a report.
DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND EX	NONE

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS,
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PARTE COMMUNICATION	
PUBLIC COMMENT ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS:	Casey Klasna, the superintendent for the Columbus Public Schools, presented the council with a written public comment and read the comment to the council.
COMMITTEE REPORTS-	NONE
UNFINISHED BUSINESS	NONE
NEW BUSINESS	<p>Approval of Annexation Plan for property located at Tract-1B of Certificate of Survey No. 340727 owned by the Columbus Public School District. Cole Waltner made a motion to approve the plan, seconded by Dennis Holten. Dennis asked someone to explain the requirements of curb and gutters. Forrest Mandeville explained. Bob Fitzgerald asked Casey Klasna if he was asking the council to not make the school put in curbs and gutters. Casey replied yes. Bob asked Casey what his reasons were. Casey responded for financial reasons and that he did think that installing the curbs and gutters was going to fix the stormwater that runs down 11th street. Bob asked if that is why we are requiring the curbs and gutters because of the stormwater. Dennis stated he did not know and Peyton said no, we are requiring it because it makes the improvement match coming down that side of the road. Peyton stated that the curbs and gutters will be roughly 260 feet. Cole asked if there were curbs and gutters for the hospital. Peyton said yes. Dennis asked if the curbs and gutters elevation would be enough to keep the stormwater on the east side of the street. Peyton said yes that it how it is designed. Roll call for vote; Rick White (Yes), Dennis Holten (Yes), Cole Waltner (Yes), Bob Fitzgerald (No). Motion passed.</p> <p>Approval of Resolution 889-2025 Annexing Land described as Tract 1B of Certificate of Survey No. 340727. Dennis Holten made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Cole Waltner; roll call for vote, Bob Fitzgerald (No), Cole Waltner (Yes), Dennis Holten (Yes), Rick White (Yes). Motion passed.</p> <p>Approval of Resolution 890-2025 to Discontinue an Alleyway in Columbus Original Townsite of the City of Columbus. Dennis Holten made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Rick White. Dennis asked if there were any utilities in the alleyway. Peyton said no. Rick asked where the alleyway was located. The mayor explained. Roll call for vote, Bob Fitzgerald, Cole Waltner, Dennis Holten, Rick White, all yea votes. Motion passed.</p> <p>Approval of the re-appointment of Maurie Petterson to the Stillwater Historic Commission for a three-year term starting 1/1/2026. Cole Waltner made a motion to approve the re-appointment, seconded by Bob Fitzgerald; roll call for vote, Rick White, Dennis Holten, Cole Waltner, Bob Foltzgerald, all yea votes. Motion passed.</p> <p>Approval of the re-appointment of Patty Sundberg to the Board of Adjustment for a three-year term starting 1/1/2026. Bob Fitzgerald made a motion to approve the re-appointment, seconded by Dennis Holten; roll call for vote, Rick White, Dennis Holten, Cole Waltner, Bob Foltzgerald, all yea votes. Motion passed.</p>

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS,
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	<p>Approval of Certificate of Final Completion for the UV Project. Dennis Holten made a motion to approve the certificate, seconded by Cole Waltner; roll call for vote, Bob Fitzgerald, Cole Waltner, Dennis Holten, Rick White, all yea votes. Motion passed.</p> <p>Approval of the final Pay Application for the UV Project in the amount of \$87,749.19. Dennis made a motion to approve the pay application, seconded by Cole Waltner; roll call for vote, Bob Fitzgerald, Cole Waltner, Dennis Holten, Rick White, all yea votes. Motion passed.</p> <p>AIRPORT *Approval of Pay application (3) for Morrison Maierle in the amount of \$1599.21. 95% is FAA and 5% split between city/county. (95%-\$1519.25, 2.5% City-\$39.98, 2.5% County-\$39.98). Cole Waltner made a motion to approve the pay application, seconded by Rick White; roll call for vote, Bob Fitzgerald, Cole Waltner, Dennis Holten, Rick White, all yea votes. Motion passed.</p> <p>Approval of order for Contractor to suspend work – waiting for spring to finish pavement maintenance / painting. Rick White made a motion to approve the order, seconded by Dennis Holten; roll call for vote, Rick White, Dennis Holten, Cole Waltner, Bob Fotzgerald, all yea votes. Motion passed.</p>
COMMENTS NOT ON THE AGENDA	<p>Cole Waltner thanked Webb and Bob for their service to the city. Dennis said he too would like to thank Webb and Bob.</p> <p>Webb gave a farewell speech thanking all staff that work for the city along with several citizens. Please see attached speech.</p>
ADJOURNMENT	<p>Webb Mandeville requested a Motion to Adjourn. Rick White made the motion to adjourn at 7:29 p.m. seconded by Bob Fitzgerald, roll call all yea votes.</p>

JOE MORSE, MAYOR

CHERRIE L MCALEXANDER, CLERK-TREASURER



STILLWATER COUNTY
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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The Future of the Stillwater County Visitor Center

A Partnership Proposal for the City of Columbus and Stillwater County

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Stillwater County Chamber of Commerce is requesting financial or staffing support from the City of Columbus and Stillwater County to keep the Stillwater County visitor center open as a stable public resource. This request is driven by the Chamber's transition away from a staffed administrative office in 2026 and the need to transform the visitor center into the essential tourism, local business promotion and community information center it should be. With modest support, targeted improvements, and consistent staffing, the center can continue to serve visitors year-round.

The visitor center plays a key role in welcoming travelers, sharing local business information, and promoting tourism throughout Stillwater County. With targeted facility improvements, modest staffing support, and ongoing operational coordination, the visitor center can continue to effectively serve visitors, businesses, and residents.

This proposal outlines:

- I. The importance of the visitor center
- II. Current challenges, practical solutions, and future vision
- III. Financials and requested support
- IV. Alternative option: Museum based visitor center
- V. Summary and closing statement

I. THE IMPORTANCE OF THE VISITOR CENTER

Local Economic Impact

A well-run visitor center creates measurable economic value for a community. It influences where visitors eat, shop, fuel up, stay overnight, and which attractions they choose to experience. Even small increases in visitor confidence and trip planning can lead to stronger spending across local restaurants, lodging, retail, events, and recreation providers. Keeping this resource open supports the local economy by guiding travelers toward Stillwater County businesses and experience with accurate, up-to-date information.

Role in Tourism

Visitor centers help shape a traveler's first impression of a community. The Stillwater County visitor center provides:

- A welcoming first point of contact for visitors
- Flyers and brochures from local businesses
- Tourist maps and regional guides
- Community highlights and event information
- Reliable information from knowledgeable staff

II. CURRENT CHALLENGES, PRACTICAL SOLUTIONS, AND FUTURE VISION

Online Visibility: The Visitor Center does not consistently appear in search results.

- **Solution:** Moranton Media will optimize Google Business Profile, Bing Places, Apple Business Connect, and Chamber website SEO to ensure proper listings and improved tourism visibility.

Walk-In Experience: The space feels like an office rather than a visitor-focused environment. Current brochure and display wall are not functional, nor does it have a professional look or layout.

- **Solution:** Reconfigure or remove the main desk, open the layout, and create dedicated areas for displays, maps, and retail.

Stillwater Partnerships: The center currently misses a great opportunity of promoting local Stillwater County partnerships.

- **Solution:** Offer a dedicated corner for rotating Museum of the Beartooth exhibits to draw interest, highlight local history, and encourage repeat visits.

Revenue and Sustainability: The center currently misses a great opportunity to promote local Stillwater County businesses by not offering products for tourists to gain critical hands-on experiences.

- **Solution:** Retail will begin with consignment and expand to wholesale for proven items using a point of sales (POS) via PayPal, QuickBooks, or Shopify. Revenue will support improvements, seasonal staffing, and long-term sustainability.

III. FINANCIALS AND REQUESTED SUPPORT

Current Situation: The Chamber will not employ an administrative staff member in 2026. While the Chamber can operate without this position, the visitor center requires dedicated staffing to remain reliably open. Board members cannot cover these hours while also fulfilling Chamber responsibilities. Summer staffing is partially funded by a Visit Yellowstone Country grant.

Current Overhead:

- Rent: \$800
- Internet: \$120
- Utilities: ~\$150
- Total: ~\$1,070/month or ~\$12,840/year

Potential Cost Savings:

- Transition to a combined T-Mobile internet/phone plan
- Allow board members access to the business line when the center is closed

Estimated Labor Costs (approx., \$18/hr including taxes/insurance):

- Summer only (7 days/week): ~\$27,000
- Summer (7 days + Winter 3 days): ~\$39,000
- Full year (7 days/week): ~\$54,000

Grant Offset:

Visit Yellowstone Country grant: ~\$15,000 annually (based on 2025 grant)

Proposed Hours:

- Summer (April–September): 7 days/week, 9 AM–5 PM
- Winter (October–March): Friday–Sunday, 9 AM–5 PM (or appointment)

Staff Responsibilities: Assist visitors, maintain merchandise and inventory, keep the center clean, assemble welcome bags, and maintain accurate community information.

Requested Support: The Chamber requests City and County partnership funding or staffing support to maintain consistent public hours. To operate 7 days/week in summer and 3 days/week in winter, the Chamber requests a partnership of approximately \$40,000 per year to cover staffing and core overhead after the grant. Public support will stabilize operations and allow the Chamber to focus on business development, tourism promotion, and community programming.

IV. ALTERNATIVE OPTION: MUSEUM BASED VISITOR CENTER

Community members have suggested an alternative model in which the visitor center is to be relocated to the Museum of the Beartooth.

If the museum board supports this direction, the Chamber could:

- Apply for and oversee the Visit Yellowstone Country grant
- Provide part-time seasonal staffing
- Assist with stock and maintain promotional materials for local businesses and tourism resources

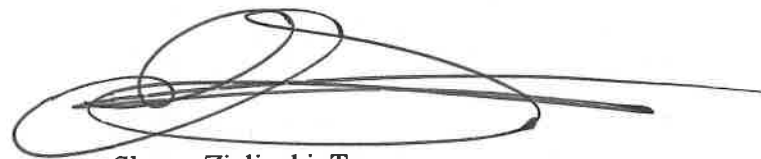
While this option would reduce overall overhead for the chamber, it does not eliminate several potential drawbacks. Moving the Visitor Center into the Museum of the Beartooth could create several challenges. Space is already limited and adding a full visitor center risks overcrowding and a diminished experience for both museum guests and tourists seeking quick information or restrooms without paying admission. The museum's core mission is historical and educational, and adding visitor services could dilute that focus while placing extra operational burden on staff and board members who may not specialize in tourism management. This option would also depend on ongoing approval from the museum board, which could change in the future, and it would limit the Chamber's control over staffing, displays, and promotional materials for local businesses.

V. SUMMARY AND CLOSING STATEMENT

As the Chamber prepares to close its staffed administrative office in February 2026, the visitor center cannot remain open without a sustainable operating partner. Membership dues and fundraising currently cover most of the visitor center overhead, limiting the Chamber's ability to invest in business support, events, and community initiatives. A City and County partnership would keep the visitor center open while enabling the Chamber to direct more resources toward its core mission of supporting economic development and strengthening the community.

This operational model moves the visitor center from a dual-purpose administrative role to a focused, dedicated part-time staff structure. Merchandise revenue will help offset expenses, and with support from the City and County, the center can maintain consistent hours—seven days per week in the summer and three days per week in the winter—preserving it as a reliable, year-round resource. The Chamber will provide quarterly reports detailing financials, visitor numbers, and progress toward long-term sustainability.

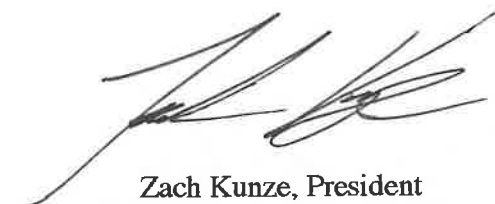
The Stillwater County visitor center is a valuable tourism and community asset with significant untapped potential. With the improvements outlined in this proposal and a stable operating partnership, the center can deliver stronger visitors experience, generate greater benefit for local businesses, bolster the tourism economy, and widen community outreach. We respectfully request your partnership to ensure its continued operation and growth.



Shawn Zielinski, Treasurer
Stillwater County Chamber of Commerce



Joel Moranton, Vice President
Stillwater County Chamber of Commerce



Zach Kunze, President
Stillwater County Chamber of Commerce



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To: Columbus City Council

From: Chief Aaron Uecker

Subj: Monthly Report

Columbus Police were involved in an Agency Assist with DCI (Department of Criminal Investigation) involving a vehicle traveling through the area. The vehicle was stopped, seized and a large number of suspected drugs were taken out of the vehicle. A Stolen pistol was also recovered during the search. The initial investigation was conducted by DCI and will continue to move through the federal courts. Columbus Police assisted with the Traffic Stop/apprehension of passengers and usage of the Police Impound Garage where we conducted the search.

Officer Jenkins has been selected to attend the next academy in Helena and will leave on 25 January and be gone for 3 months. Having the 6th position will help out tremendously with coverage. Also, I will be over 240 hours of vacation by the 1st. I have spoken with Cherrie and will be utilizing the 90-day grace period and hopefully be able to take some time off in the first few weeks. Sgt Grieshop, and SRO Zachary will be just under 240.

We have received our new Dept issued pistols. Officer Church and Officer Hankins will begin testing them and getting them ready. Officer Church has already looked at bulk orders for ammunition to start training on them. Hopefully they will be online and ready to start carrying by springtime.

The Police Department has gone through several changes in the last year and has taken big steps moving forward. I know I have asked a lot from the Council over the last 12 months, I know some of you have voted "no" on a few things and that's okay, but I hope now you at least have a better understanding of why I asked for those things. The department has been apart of several critical incidents and it's sad to say I don't think it's going to slow down anytime soon. I do believe we have the right people representing the Police Department both Full and Part Time. Each officer takes a lot of pride in what they do, and they also enjoy doing this job. You as a Council are directly involved in the bigger decisions that are made, and I want to personally thank you for making those decisions and helping the Police Department move in the right direction. We still have a ways to go, but all the officers are confident in what we've done to this point and moving forward.

Total Calls as of 13 December (We went to the new system, and I am currently not aware of how to look up numbers yet)

2024	2356
2025	3053

We are up a total of 707 Calls which is around 29% increase. This is pretty crazy since we had 5 officers the entire 2024, and we ran pretty much 4 officers the entire year. Officer Jenkins didn't go on his own until School started and Office Hankins didn't start until the end of September.



Aaron Uecker



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

January 5th Report to Council

Water

- ❖ We are continuing to make progress on the city-wide repair list. During this work, we have identified several extended sections of water main with either no isolation valves or valves that are no longer operable. In some cases, routine repairs at a single service address have required shutting off water to multiple blocks. As these issues are identified, I am compiling a prioritized list for inclusion in the next round of infrastructure improvements.

Sewer

- ❖ We are working to address operational concerns with the UV disinfection system, specifically the apparent need to operate all three lamp banks to achieve adequate treatment of effluent flows. Given our relatively low flow rates (GPM) and consistently low total suspended solids (TSS) concentrations, it is unclear why multiple lamp banks must be operated simultaneously. This operating condition is resulting in significantly increased electrical costs and warrants further evaluation.

Streets/Drainage

- ❖ Nothing new to report.

Parks

- ❖ The water line replacement project at Itch Kep Pe park has been completed. I will conduct the pressure and chlorination testing in the spring before the line is put in service for the season.
- ❖ I am requesting Council direction regarding the lower park service line. This line currently serves only two temporary spigots, and staff have repeatedly observed individuals filling RVs and other large containers at no cost. At one point, I considered removing these spigots entirely, as the current configuration allows unrestricted use of municipal water via garden hoses. Guidance is requested on whether Council wishes to retain, modify, restrict, or remove this service moving forward.

Other

- ❖ Nothing new to report.

January 5, 2026

**REPORT FROM THE CITY CLERK-TREASURER
CHERRIE L MCALEXANDER**

1. I have decided to start sending employees their W-2 forms electronically. To do this I must get consent from all employees who would like their W-2 form sent electronically. I have created a consent form and had the city attorney review. The consent form will be given to all current and future employees. Any past or current employee that does not complete the form will continue to get a W-2 form mailed. Sending W-2 forms electronically will save administrative work plus cost of postage.
2. Starting in 2026 I will start adding all council agenda packets to the city website. The packets will be available on our website on the Friday before the Council Meetings.
3. The City applied for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to help fund a new Capital Improvement Plan for the city. The current CIP expires in June 2026. This grant was denied, see attached letter. The council will need to decide on how the city will fund a new Capital Improvement Plan. Fund 4120 – Capital Improvement Program has the available funds to pay for the CIP. I will get a Task Order from Interstate Engineering with the cost of a new CIP.
4. Please see attached Council Committee Designations for 2026. The mayor will be appointing all committee designations at the Council Meeting on January 20, 2026. The committee designations are the same as 2025 except for the addition of Kelly Ault which replaced Bob Fitzgerald. Please let me know if you have any concerns with the committee you may be assigned to.
5. ****reminder**** Council is allowed 1 excused absence from a council meeting per calendar year.
6. The audit for FY24/25 was completed on December 8-10. Please see attached Schedule of Findings. The first three findings are standard findings that are accessed every year for the city due to limited number of employees, budget restraints and limited resources. The Finding 2025-004 Noncompliance with procurement, suspension and debarment requirements is part of a Special Audit that must be performed if a city receives more than \$750,000 in federal funding in one fiscal year. During that audit it was found that the city did not provide the proper suspension/debarment certifications to the auditor. The city and the engineering firm are seeking further clarification on this issue with the DNRC and auditors to make sure that this finding is resolved for future projects funded with federal money.

Please feel free to call, email or stop by my office anytime with questions or concerns

 **COMMERCE**

December 23, 2025

Webb Mandeville, Mayor
Town of Columbus
408 E 1st Ave North
Columbus, MT 59019

Dear Mayor Mandeville:

The Montana Department of Commerce Community Resource Development Program has completed an evaluation of all applications submitted for funding for the fall 2025 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Planning Grant application cycle 1. Applications were evaluated by a review committee according to CDBG's Planning Grant Application Guidelines developed in alignment with the federal CDBG Program enabled by the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. Regretfully, your proposed project was not selected for funding in this grant cycle due to an especially competitive applicant pool and limited funding.

We realize your application represented many hours of hard work and we thank you for your continued interest in the CDBG Planning Grant program. We will be reaching out to set up a time to discuss the review committee's specific findings, talk about other potential sources of funding, and about reapplying in future grant cycles. If you have any questions, we encourage you to contact Tara Green, Community Resource Development Manager at tara.green2@mt.gov or 406-841-2991.

Sincerely,



Mandy Rambo
Deputy Director

City of Columbus – Council Committee Designations:
Made this 20th Day of January 2026

Committee Name	Mayor or Staff Representative	Council Member	Council Member
Finance	Mayor City Clerk/Treasurer	Council President	Dannen Johannes
Streets and Alleys	Public Works Director	Rick White	Tim Mayo
Water and Sewer	Public Works Director Deputy Clerk	Cole Waltner	Dennis Holten
Parks and Recreation	Public Works Director City Clerk/Treasurer	Cole Waltner	Danen Johannes
Fire and Police	Mayor Fire Chief Police Chief	Tim Mayo	Cole Waltner
Sanitation (solid waste)	Public Works Director Deputy Clerk	Rick White	Tim Mayo
Airport	Mayor City Clerk/Treasurer	Dannen Johannes	Kelly Ault
Zoning	Public Works Director	Kelly Ault	Dennis Holten
Cemetery	Public Works Director Deputy Clerk	Rick White	Dennis Holten

CITY OF COLUMBUS
 SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
 For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Type of auditor's report issued: qualified

Internal control over financial reporting:

- Material weaknesses identified? yes no
- Significant deficiencies identified? yes none reported
- Noncompliance material to the financial statements noted? yes no

FEDERAL AWARDS

Internal control over major programs:

- Material weaknesses identified? yes no
- Significant deficiencies identified? yes none reported

Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major programs: qualified

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance 2 CFR section 200.516(a)? yes no

Major programs:

<i>Assistance Listing No.</i>	<i>Name of Federal Program or Cluster</i>
21.027	Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B programs? \$750,000

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee? yes no

FINDINGS - FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT

2025-001. SEGREGATION OF DUTIES

Criteria: Duties should be segregated to provide reasonable assurance that transactions are handled appropriately.

Condition: There is a lack of segregation of duties among personnel.

Cause: There are a limited number of personnel for certain functions.

Effect: Transactions could be mishandled.

Recommendation: The duties should be separated as much as possible, and alternative controls should be used to compensate for lack of separation. The governing board should provide some of these controls.

Views of Responsible Officials and Planned Corrective Actions: The government agrees with this finding and will adhere to the attached corrective action plan.

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2025-002. AUDITOR PREPARED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Criteria: As part of its internal control structure, it is the government's responsibility to prepare its financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).

Condition: The government does not prepare its own financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The government uses the auditor to prepare its financial statements.

Cause: The government is a small organization with limited resources.

Effect: It is common for a small organization to rely on the audit firm to prepare the financial statements; however, an audit firm cannot be considered part of the government's internal control by professional standards currently in effect. Since some presentations and disclosures may be material to the financial statements, this weakness in internal control would be classified as material.

Recommendation: While it may not be cost effective to do so, we recommend the government consider hiring a qualified person to evaluate the auditor prepared financial statements.

Views of Responsible Officials and Planned Corrective Actions: The government agrees with this finding and will adhere to the attached corrective action plan.

2025-003. TOTAL PENSION LIABILITY NOT RECORDED

Criteria: U.S. generally accepted accounting principles require the total pension liability and related expense be recorded in the financial statements.

Condition: The government did not record the total pension liability and related expense (GASB Statement No. 73) in the financial statements.

Cause: The government did not engage an actuarial firm to assist in determining the total pension liability and related expense as of and for the year ended June 30, 2025.

Effect: The governmental activities liabilities are understated, net position is overstated and expenses would change.

Recommendation: The government should engage an actuarial firm to determine the total pension liability and related expense.

Views of Responsible Officials and Planned Corrective Actions: The government agrees with this finding and will adhere to the attached corrective action plan.

2025-004. NONCOMPLIANCE WITH PROCUREMENT, SUSPENSION & DEBARMENT REQUIREMENTS, CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS; AL No. 21.027, YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

Criteria: Per section 13 of Treasury's Final Rule FAQs and 2 CFR 200.214, counties must comply with the procurement standards set forth in 2 CFR 200.318, through 2 CFR 200.327, when using their SLFRF award funds to procure goods and services to carry out the objectives of their SLFRF award. In addition, 2 CFR 200.214, prohibits recipients from using SLFRF funds to enter into subawards and contracts with parties that are debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation in Federal assistance programs.

Condition: The city did not verify that program recipients/participants were not suspended, debarred, or otherwise excluded from participation in the program.

Cause: The city does not have procurement policies and procedures in place that allows it to comply with procurement standards outlined in the Uniform Guidance.

Effect: Non-compliance with program terms and conditions.

Questioned Costs: None

Recommendation: Management should develop procedures that will provide reasonable assurance that procurement of goods and services are made in compliance with applicable federal regulations and other procurement requirements specific to a federal award or subaward, and that no subaward, contract, or agreement for purchase of goods or services is made with any

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suspended or debarred party.

Views of responsible officials and planned corrective action: The government agrees with this finding and will adhere to the attached corrective action plan.

FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS – MAJOR FEDERAL AWARD PROGRAMS AUDIT

U.S DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY:

2025-005. CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS, ASSISTANCE LISTING No. 21.027, DIRECT ALLOCATION AND GRANT NUMBER AC-22-0096, GRANT PERIOD - YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

Finding 2025-005 applies to this federal award program.

PROPOSAL



2115 2nd Avenue North
Billings, Montana 59101
(406) 245-6416
FAX (406) 245-3479

PROPOSAL SUBMITTED TO:

Columbus City Hall

ATTENTION:	DATE OF PLANS:
Cherrie	
PHONE	DATE:
	12/19/2025
JOB NAME:	
Leaking heating coil	
JOB LOC	
JOB PHONE:	FAX:

Air Controls proposes to

New heating coil for air handler with new piping, isolation valves and unions

\$6,933.00

We Propose hereby to furnish material and labor - complete in accordance with above specifications, for the sum of:

As Stated Above _____ dollars (\$ As Stated).

Payment to be made as follows:

Net 30 days

All material is guaranteed to be as specified. All work to be completed in a workmanlike manner, according to standard practices. Any alteration or deviation from above specifications involving extra costs will be executed only upon written orders, and will become an extra charge over and above the estimate. All agreements contingent upon strikes, accidents or delays beyond our control. Owner to carry fire, tornado, and other necessary insurance. Our workers are fully covered by Workman's Compensation Insurance.

Authorized
Signature: _____

NOTE: This proposal may be withdrawn _____ **30** _____ days.
by us if not accepted within

Acceptance of Proposal -The above prices, specifications and conditions are satisfactory and are hereby accepted. You are authorized to do the

Signature: _____

Date of Acceptance: _____

Signature: _____



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Legal Description:

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Stillwater County, Montana

BEING TRACT- S27, T02 S, R20 E, C.O.S. 231879, TR IN NENW

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City Council Meeting by _____, Councilperson, seconded by _____
Councilperson.

The vote on the motion was _____ in favor and _____ opposed.

City of Columbus, Joe Morse, Mayor

Date

Attest:

Cherrie McAlexander
Cherrie McAlexander, City Clerk

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Dated this 15th day of December, 2025.

By: [Signature] - For Columbus Rural Fire Dist #3
Owners' Signature

The following Resolution was introduced by Councilperson _____, who moved its adoption.

RESOLUTION NO. 891-2026

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, MONTANA,
ANNEXING LAND DESCRIBED AS S27, T02 S, R20 E, C.O.S. 231879, TR IN NENW**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Columbus shall annex said property and extend City services to said property on substantially the same basis and in the same manner as such services are provided within the rest of the City; and

WHEREAS, subject to Section 7-2-4601, MCA Columbus Rural Fire District #3 has submitted a written petition for annexation of the above-mentioned property; and

WHEREAS, the petition signatures represent 100% of the owners of land proposed to be annexed and said annexation is in accordance with the City's adopted growth policy; and

NOW, THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GRANTED UNDER SECTION 7-2-4606(2), MCA BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, MONTANA:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the above described real property is hereby annexed and the boundaries of the City shall be extended so as to embrace and include said property.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the city services, (subject to the annexation plan which shall become a part of said resolution as Exhibit A, per Sections 7-2-4610 and 7-2-4732 MCA) shall be extended to said property substantially the same basis and manner as such services are provided within the rest of the City upon payment of all applicable fees by the property owner.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Clerk shall file a certified copy of this Resolution in the office of the Stillwater County Clerk and Recorder.

BE IT RESOLVED, that from and after the date of the filing of said document in the office of the Stillwater County Clerk and Recorder, the annexation of the above described property shall be deemed and shall be complete and annexed property, to all intents and purposes a part of the City of Columbus.

The MOTION for the adoption for the foregoing RESOLUTION was seconded by Councilperson

_____ and upon being put to a vote, _____
voted for; and _____ voted against; and thereupon the Mayor declared the MOTION passed and the
RESOLUTION adopted.

DATED this ____ day of January 2026

Joe Morse, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cherrie L McAlexander, City Clerk-Treasurer



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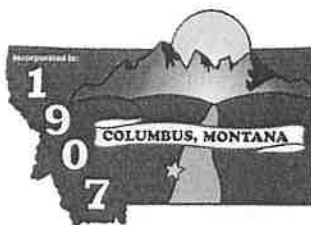
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CITY OF COLUMBUS, MONTANA

PETITION FOR ANNEXATION

I. PURPOSE

Pursuant to Section 7-13-4314, MCA, the undersigned hereby petition the City of Columbus for annexation of the property described in Exhibit A and shown in Exhibit B, as a condition for receiving municipal water and/or sewer service. The consent to annexation is limited solely to the tract or parcel, or portion thereof, that is clearly and immediately being served by municipal utilities.

II. PROPERTY INFORMATION

Property Address: 126 N. 12th St.

Legal Description: (Attach as Exhibit A)

Parcel Number(s): S27, T02 S, R20 E, C.O.S 231879, TR in NENW

Total Acreage: .63

Service Requested: Water Sewer Both

City Zoning Designation: Highway Commercial

III. PETITIONER INFORMATION

Name(s) of Property Owner(s): Columbus Rural Fire District # 3

Mailing Address: P.O Box 285, Columbus, MT 59019

Phone: 406-355-4302

Email: rcowger@columbusfirerescue.com

Type of Ownership: Individual Corporation LLC Trust Other: Government

IV. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CONDITIONS

1. Annexation of the property into the City of Columbus is a condition precedent to receiving municipal water and/or sewer service.
2. The consent to annexation is limited to the parcel or tract served, as permitted under §7-13-4314, MCA.
3. Petitioner(s) agree to comply with all applicable City ordinances, codes, and standards, and to pay all fees, assessments, and charges associated with municipal utility service and annexation.
4. This Petition constitutes the property owner's formal written consent to annexation by the City of Columbus.
5. Petitioner(s) acknowledge and agree that, as a condition of receiving municipal water and/or sewer service and annexation approval, they hereby waive the right to protest the creation of future Special Improvement Districts (SID) or the assessment of SID costs reasonably associated with the extension, maintenance, or improvement of municipal infrastructure serving the property described herein. This waiver shall run with the land and bind all successors in interest.

V. SIGNATURES

Property Owner(s):

Signature: *Richard Conner* - for Columbus Rural Fire Dist # 3

Printed Name: RICHARD CONNER

Date: 12/16/2025

X Signature: *Curt Robbins*

Printed Name: CURT ROBBINS

Date: 12/16/2025

VI. CITY ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT

Reviewed by: *Peyton Brookshire*

Peyton Brookshire, Public Works Director

Date: 12/15/2025

ATTEST:

Cherrie McAlexander

Cherrie McAlexander, Clerk-Treasurer

ATTACHMENTS

Exhibit A: Legal Description

Exhibit B: Map of Property to be Annexed

Editing Map



12/9/2025

126 N 12th Street



Tax Year: 2025

Scale: 1:3684.85 Basemap: Imagery Hybrid



Summary

Primary Information

Property Category: RP	Subcategory: Government Property
Geocode: 32-0814-27-2-99-01-0000	Assessment Code: 0008020065
Primary Owner: COLUMBUS VOLUNTEER RURAL FIRE DISTRICT #3 PO BOX 285 COLUMBUS, MT 59019-0285 Note: See Owners section for all owners	Property Address: 12TH ST N Columbus, MT 59019
Certificate of Survey: 231879	Legal Description: S27, T02 S, R20 E, C.O.S. 231879, TR IN NENW
Last Modified: 10/16/2025 18:21:38 PM	

General Property Information

Neighborhood: 232.003.C	Property Type: Exempt Property
Living Units: 0	Levy District: 32-1848-6
Zoning:	Ownership: 100
LinkedProperty: No linked properties exist for this property	
Exemptions: No exemptions exist for this property	
Condo Ownership:	Limited: 0
General: 0	

Property Factors

Topography: n/a	Fronting: n/a
Utilities: n/a	Parking Type: n/a
Access: n/a	Parking Quantity: n/a
Location: n/a	Parking Proximity: n/a



Cadastral Property Report

Tax Year: 2025

Land Summary

Land Type:	Acres:	Value:
Grazing	0	0
Fallow	0	0
Irrigated	0	0
Continuous Crop		
Wild Hay	0	0
Farmette	0	0
ROW	0	0
NonQual Land	0	0
Total Ag Land	0	0
Total Forest Land	0	0
Total Market Land	0.63	84210

Deed Information

Deed Date	Book	Page	Recorded Date	Document Number	Document Type
11/10/2021			11/10/2021	385034	Warranty Deed
9/9/2009			9/9/2009	341668	Quit Claim Deed
3/14/2005	TD 3	21475	N/A		
5/3/1999	293	590	N/A		

Owners

Party #1

Default Information:	COLUMBUS VOLUNTEER RURAL FIRE DISTRICT #3 PO BOX 285 COLUMBUS, MT 59019-0285
Ownership %:	100
Primary Owner:	Yes
Interest Type:	Fee Simple
Last Modified:	11/30/2021 13:48:47 PM

Appraisals

Appraisal History

Tax Year	Land Value	Building Value	Total Value	Method
2025	84210	17230	101440	COST
2024	65593	14320	79913	COST
2023	65593	14320	79913	COST

Market Land



Cadastral Property Report

Tax Year: 2025

Market Land Item #1

Method: Acre	Type: Primary Site
Width: n/a	Depth: n/a
Square Feet: n/a	Acres: 0.63
Class Code: 2153	Value: 84210

Dwellings

No dwellings exist for this parcel

Other Buildings

Outbuilding/Yard Improvement #1

Type: Residential	Description: AAP1 - Pole Frame Bldg, 4 sides closed, metal
Quantity: 1	Year Built: 1994
Grade: A	Condition: Res Average
Functional: n/a	Class Code: 3150

Dimensions

Width/Diameter: 30	Length: 64
Size/Area: 1920	Height: n/a
Bushels: n/a	Circumference: n/a

Commercial

No commercial buildings exist for this parcel

Ag/Forest Land

No ag/forest land exists for this parcel



Cadastral Property Report

Tax Year: 2025

Conservation Easements

No conservation easements exist for this parcel

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Contractor's Application For Payment

Owner: City of Columbus, MT Owner's Project Number: _____
 Engineer: Interstate Engineering, Inc. Engineer's Project Number: _____
 Contractor: Aaqua Drilling, Inc. Contractor's Project Number: _____
 Project: Heritage Park South Well Project
 Contract: City of Columbus Heritage Park South Well

Application No.: 2 Application Date: 12/23/2025
 Application Period: From 10/9/2025 to 12/23/2025

1. ORIGINAL CONTRACT PRICE	\$	<u>281,083.58</u>
2. Net change by Change Orders	\$	<u>4,800.00</u>
3. CURRENT CONTRACT PRICE (Line 1 + 2)	\$	<u>285,883.58</u>
4. Total Work completed and material stored to date (Column L Unit Price Total)	\$	<u>78,882.50</u>
5. RETAINAGE:		
a. 5.0% x Work Completed	\$	<u>3,944.13</u>
b. 5.0% x Stored Material	\$	<u> </u>
c. Total Retainage (Line 5.a + 5.b)	\$	<u>3,944.13</u>
6. SET-OFFS:		
a. Direct Expenses (Reimbursable)	\$	<u> </u>
b. Direct Expenses (Non-Reimbursable)	\$	<u> </u>
c. Total Direct Expenses (Line 6.a + 6.b)	\$	<u> </u>
7. AMOUNT ELIGIBLE TO DATE (Line 4 - Line 5.c - Line 6.c)	\$	<u>74,938.38</u>
8. LESS PREVIOUS PAYMENTS (Line 7 from prior Application)	\$	<u>23,448.38</u>
9. GROSS AMOUNT DUE THIS APPLICATION	\$	<u>51,490.00</u>
10. 1% MT GROSS RECEIPTS TAX	\$	<u>514.90</u>
11. NET AMOUNT DUE THIS APPLICATION	\$	<u>50,975.10</u>
12. BALANCE TO FINISH + RETAINAGE (Line 3 - Line 4 + Line 5.c)	\$	<u>210,945.21</u>

Contractor's Certification

The undersigned Contractor certifies, to the best of its knowledge, the following:

- (1) All previous progress payments received from Owner on account of Work done under the Contract have been applied on account to discharge Contractor's legitimate obligations incurred in connection with the Work covered by prior Applications for Payment;
- (2) Title to all Work, materials and equipment incorporated in said Work, or otherwise listed in or covered by this Application for Payment, will pass to Owner at time of payment free and clear of all Liens, security interests and encumbrances (except such as are covered by a bond acceptable to Owner indemnifying Owner against any such liens, security interest or encumbrances); and
- (3) All Work covered by this Application for Payment is in accordance with the Contract Documents and is not defective.

Contractor: Aaqua Drilling, Inc.
 Signature: *[Handwritten Signature]* Date: 12/23/25

Recommended by Engineer:
 By: *[Handwritten Signature]*
 Title: Travis West, PE, RS
 Date: 12/23/2025

Approved by Owner: City of Columbus, MT
 By: _____
 Title: Mayor
 Date: _____

Approved by Funding Agency:
 By: _____
 Title: _____
 Date: _____

By: _____
 Title: _____
 Date: _____

Progress Estimate - Unit Price Work

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Engineer:	Interstate Engineering, Inc.	Engineer's Project Number:	
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Project:	Heritage Park South Well Project		
Contract:	City of Columbus Heritage Park South Well		

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A	B	C				D				J	K	L	M	N
		Item Quantity	Units	Unit Price (\$)	Value of bid Item (CxE) (\$)	Estimated Quantity Incorporated Previously	Estimated Quantity Incorporated This Period	Estimated Quantity Incorporated To Date	Value of Work Completed to Date (E*) (\$)					
		Contract Information				Work Completed				Materials Currently Stored (not in G or H) (\$)		Work Completed and Materials Stored to Date (J+K) (\$)	% of Value of Item (L / F)	Balance to Finish (F - L) (\$)
Original Contract														
Schedule I														
S1-1	Mobilization and Demobilization	1	LS	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	0.5		0.50	\$12,500.00		\$12,500.00	50.00%	\$12,500.00	
S1-2	Taxes, bonds, & insurance	1	LS	\$14,765.00	\$14,765.00	0.5		0.50	\$7,382.50		\$7,382.50	50.00%	\$7,382.50	
S1-3	16" Diameter O.D.A-53B Steel Well Casing (includes casing, drive shoe, 16" x10' Steel Sreen, K-Packer, and	54	LF	\$ 575.00	\$31,050.00		55	55.00	\$31,625.00		\$31,625.00	101.85%	\$ (575.00)	
S1-4	Well Development	8	Hrs	\$ 365.00	\$ 2,920.00		5	5.00	\$ 1,825.00		\$ 1,825.00	62.50%	\$ 1,095.00	
S1-5	Pumping Test Setup & Removal	1	LS	\$18,430.00	\$18,430.00		1	1.00	\$18,430.00		\$18,430.00	100.00%	\$ -	
S1-6	8-Hour Pumping Step Test	1	LS	\$ 2,320.00	\$ 2,320.00		1	1.00	\$ 2,320.00		\$ 2,320.00	100.00%	\$ -	
S1-7	72-Hour Pump Test	1	LS	\$ -	\$ -		1	1.00	\$ -		\$ -		\$ -	
S1-8	Well Video Inspection	1	LS	\$ 3,125.00	\$ 3,125.00				\$ -		\$ -		\$ 3,125.00	
S1-9	Site Work and Site Reclamation (Removal of Drilling Spoils, Seeding, Fertilizing and Mulching)	1	LS	\$ 8,210.00	\$ 8,210.00				\$ -		\$ -		\$ 8,210.00	
Schedule II														
S2-1	Baker Monitor Watertight Well Cap with Screened Air Vent (Materials & Installation)	1	LS	\$ 3,110.00	\$ 3,110.00				\$ -		\$ -		\$ 3,110.00	
S2-2	Baker Monitor 16" I.D. Industrial Pitless Unit (Materials and Installation)	1	LS	\$38,751.00	\$38,751.00				\$ -		\$ -		\$38,751.00	
S2-3	Electrical Conductors & PVC Conduit (Electrical Components, Materials & Installation)	54	LF	\$ 274.77	\$14,837.58				\$ -		\$ -		\$14,837.58	
S2-4	Submersible Well Pump & Well Control Unit (Franklin Electric 450 GPM 8" STS Sub-Turbine Pump or approved equivalent) (Franklin Electric Cerus X-Drive VFD XS4BH030-3A or approved equivalent) (Materials &	1	LS	\$42,736.00	\$42,736.00				\$ -		\$ -		\$42,736.00	
S2-5	6" Dia. HDPE Well Drop Pipe (Materials, Fittings, Check Valve & Installation)	46	LF	\$ 119.00	\$ 5,474.00				\$ -		\$ -		\$ 5,474.00	
S2-6	6" Dia. HDPE Water Main Pipe (Materials, Fittings, Check Valve & Installation)	220	LF	\$ 133.00	\$29,260.00				\$ -		\$ -		\$29,260.00	
S2-7	Chlorinator Pump & Controls (Stenner Classic Series Model 170 DMPS or approved equivalent) (Chlorinator Pump, Pump Control Module & Tubing) (Materials &	1	LS	\$ 3,794.00	\$ 3,794.00				\$ -		\$ -		\$ 3,794.00	
S2-8	100-gallon Sodium Hypochlorite Solution Tank (Double Wall Containment)	1	LS	\$ 3,334.00	\$ 3,334.00				\$ -		\$ -		\$ 3,334.00	
S2-9	Well Transducer & Diaplan Panel (Global Water's WL400 Water Level Sensor Submersible Transducer or approved equivalent) (EZ100 Sensor Display or approved equivalent)	1	LS	\$ 6,717.00	\$ 6,717.00				\$ -		\$ -		\$ 6,717.00	

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Original Contract													
S2-10	Site Work and Site Reclamation (Seeding, Fertilizing, &	1	LS	\$11,250.00	\$11,250.00				\$ -		\$ -		\$11,250.00
S2-11	6-foot Chain Link Security Fence & Gate (Materials and	40	LF	\$ 400.00	\$16,000.00				\$ -		\$ -		\$16,000.00
				\$ -	\$ -				\$ -		\$ -		\$ -
Schedule I Totals				\$281,053.58					\$74,082.50	\$ -	\$74,082.50		\$207,001.08
Change Orders													
1	Test well in Northern area of park	1	Unit	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 4,800.00		1	\$ -	\$ 4,800.00		\$ 4,800.00	100.00%	\$ -
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Change Order Totals				\$ 4,800.00					\$ 4,800.00	\$ -	\$ 4,800.00		\$ -
Original Contract and Change Orders													
Project Totals				\$285,853.58					\$78,882.50	\$ -	\$78,882.50		\$207,001.08

Unit Price

AAQUA DRILLING INC.
2639 Belknap Ave
Billings, MT 59101
4069623202

INVOICE

INVOICE # 14487
DATE 12/23/2025
DUE DATE 01/02/2026
TERMS Net 10 days

BILL TO
City of Columbus
PO Box 549
Columbus, MT 59019

SHIP TO
City of Columbus
45.6421, -109.2572
E 1st Ave North
Columbus, MT 59019

PLEASE DETACH TOP PORTION AND RETURN WITH YOUR PAYMENT.

SHIP DATE
12/04/2025

TECH
CD

GWIC #
340432

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	QTY	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT
Well Drilling	Progress Bill 2: S1-3 Well 16" Steel from +2 ft to 48 ft 16" Screen w/ Slots .020 from 47 ft to 55 ft 14" Steel from 55 ft to 60 ft 62.50 % of S1-4 Well Development S1-5 Pumping Test Setup & Removal S1-6 8-Hour Pumping Step Test	1	54,200.00	54,200.00

SUBTOTAL 54,200.00
TAX 0.00
TOTAL 54,200.00
BALANCE DUE **\$54,200.00**

Pay invoice

A service charge of .833% per month will be charged on all amounts 30 days past due. Annual rate is 10%

We impose a 3% surcharge on all credit card transactions. This is not greater than our cost of acceptance.



1% Contractor's Gross Receipts
Gross Receipts Withholding Return

Form CGR-2 is required to be completed and mailed to the Department of Revenue within 30 days after each payment is made to the prime contractor or subcontractor.

1.	Contract Awarded by: Enter the federal employer identification number, business name and address. Place an "X" in "Government Entity" box if you are remitting the 1% contractor's gross receipts payment on behalf of a prime contractor. Place an "X" in the "Prime Contractor" box if you are allocating the 1% contractor's gross receipts from your prime contractor's account to your subcontractor's account. <div style="text-align: center;"> Government Entity <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prime Contractor <input type="checkbox"/> </div> Federal Identification Number (FEIN): Name: City of Columbus, MT Address: 408 E 1st Ave N City: Columbus State: MT Zip Code: 59019	
2.	Contract Awarded to: Enter the federal employer identification number, business name and address. Place an "X" in the "Prime Contractor" box if you are remitting the 1% contractor's gross receipts on behalf of a prime contractor. Place an "X" in "Subcontractor" box if you are allocating the 1% contractor's gross receipts from your prime contractor's account to your subcontractor's account. <div style="text-align: center;"> Prime Contractor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sub-Contractor <input type="checkbox"/> </div> Federal Identification Number (FEIN): Name: Aagua Drilling, Inc. Address: 2639 Belknap Ave City: Billings State: MT Zip Code: 59101	
3.	Enter the Government Issued Purchase Order Number here.....	3. WR23-01-075
4.	Enter the contract award date here.....	4. 7/21/2025
5.	Enter the month and year this payment was earned.....	5. 9/1
6.	Enter the gross dollar amount due to the prime contractor or sub-contractor here.....	6. \$51,490.00
7.	Multiply the amount on line 6 by 1% (.01) and enter the result here. This is your 1% Contractor's Gross Receipts.....	7. \$514.90
8.	Subtract line 7 from line 6 and enter the result here. This is the net amount paid to the prime contractor or subcontractor.....	8. \$50,975.10
9.	Check the box below that identifies the type of return you are filing and enter the date the payment was made to the prime contractor or subcontractor.....	9.
9(a)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I am enclosing the amount reported on line 7 for credit to my prime contractor's account.	
9(b)	<input type="checkbox"/> I am allocating the amount reported on line 7 for credit to my subcontractor's account.	
10.	Enter a description of work to be performed under this contract. Heritage Park South Well Project City of Columbus Heritage Park South Well	
11.	Enter the location in Montana where this work is performed. Be specific with your description. Columbus, MT - Heritage Park	
Withholding return submitted by: Select the appropriate box identifying which entity is completing this return; sign this return and enter the information requested below. <div style="text-align: center;"> Government Entity <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prime Contractor <input type="checkbox"/> Sub-Contractor <input type="checkbox"/> </div>		
Preparer's Signature: _____ Date: _____ Preparer's Title: _____ Fax Number: _____ Telephone Phone: _____		

Please mail this registration to:
Department of Revenue, P.O. Box 5835, Helena, MT 59604-5835