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## **MISSOULA COUNTY IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE NEW FAIRGROUNDS DIRECTOR**

Missoula, MT – Missoula County is pleased to announce that Steve Earle has accepted the position of Fairgrounds Director. Steve currently works as the general manager for Mountain Line, the Missoula Urban Transportation District and will start his new position on July 1<sup>st</sup>. The County Commissioners and Selection Committee interviewed five strong finalists for the position earlier this week.

“We’re thrilled Steve has accepted the position with the County,” commented Chief Administrative Officer, Dale Bickell. “Steve’s strong connection to the community and proven track record in public sector management and capital planning will be a tremendous asset to the Western Montana Fair and Missoula County.

Among the new director’s first duties will be to complete the Fairgrounds planning process the County started last year. “I am excited to continue the discussion with the community on how the fairgrounds and the fair itself will look over the next 20 years and how we can implement those changes” commented Earle.

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