

**BOARD OF MADISON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PRELIMINARY BUDGET HEARINGS
May 1, 2019, Minutes**

On Wednesday, May 1, 2019, the Board of Madison County Commissioners conducted Preliminary Budget Hearings beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' Conference Room of the Madison County Administrative Office Building in Virginia City, Montana, with Commissioners Ron Nye, Chairman, Jim Hart, and Dan Allhands present. Laurie Buyan, Commissioners Assistant, was present to take minutes.

Those people in attendance at the hearings were Pam Birkeland, Shelly Burke, and Karen Miller.

Superintendent of Schools Preliminary Budget Hearing: Pam Birkeland, Superintendent of Schools, presented the Board with the preliminary budget for her office. Pam requested a 2.4% increase which would bring her up to the elected official hourly rate. She further requested that if an additional cost of living increase (2.4%) is given, she would also like to get that amount to keep her rate consistent with elected official rate. She stated that she has the same level of responsibility as an elected official. She noted that a 2.4% increase would be \$460.80 annually and an additional 2.4% would be an annual increase of \$960, bringing her annual salary to \$21,260, or \$26.25 per hour.

Treasurers' Preliminary Budget Hearing: Shelly Burke, Treasurer, presented the Board with the preliminary budget for the Treasurer's Office. Shelly stated that she doesn't need anything major, no new equipment. She noted that a couple printers went bad and that she is now using a thumb drive rather than micro-film which saves a lot of money. She added that she keeps a copy both on-site and off-site. She noted that her new person starts on Monday, and that Brianna will be a deputy on July 1, 2019. Shelly also discussed delinquent taxes stating that she currently has 8 delinquents, with no personals or mobiles.

Clerk of Courts Preliminary Budget Hearing: Karen Miller, Clerk of Courts, presented the Board with the preliminary budget for the Clerk of Courts Office. Karen stated that she has absolutely no changes from last year.

With no further business, the hearings concluded at 11:30 a.m.

Ronald E. Nye, Chairman
Board of Madison County Commissioners

Date Approved: May 21, 2019

Minutes prepared by:

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Attest: _____
Kathleen Mumme, Clerk and Recorder, Madison County