

**BOARD OF MADISON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PRELIMINARY BUDGET HEARINGS
May 8, 2019, Minutes**

On Wednesday, May 8, 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. Jane Bacon, Commissioner's Clerk, was present to take minutes.

Those people in attendance at the hearings were Suzanne Nellen, Chris Christensen, Bob Bates, Bonnie O'Neill, Denny Lueck, Kacey Smart, and Vicki Tilstra.

Justice of the Peace Preliminary Budget Hearing: Suzanne Nellen, Justice of the Peace, presented the Board with the preliminary budget for Justice Court. She provided spreadsheets of 2018-2019 Justice Court expenses including office supplies and jury claims sheets. Suzanne is not making any changes to the budget, and may come in below budget for this fiscal year. Current trial expenses, jury procedures and courts were discussed.

County Attorney Preliminary Budget Hearing: Chris Christensen, County Attorney, presented the Board with the preliminary budget for the County Attorney's Office. He pointed out Line 357 – Other Professional Services, which is for Lisa Brubaker's mental health evaluations in criminal cases, and Line 214 – Other Office Supplies, stating that they are changing their source for office supplies after finding themselves over budget for the first time. Chris reviewed several areas that have gone up or down, but overall is requesting no change to his budget.

Victim's Advocate Preliminary Budget Hearing: This hearing was rescheduled for Friday, May 10, 2019, at 9:30 a.m.

Safety Preliminary Budget Hearing: Bob Bates, Safety Coordinator, presented the Board with the preliminary budget for the Safety Department. Bonnie O'Neill, Chief Administrative Officer, was present for this portion of the hearings. Bob discussed several line items of his budget, some of which remained the same, several of which were reduced, and one was increased, for an overall budget reduction of \$2,000. Conducting in-house training whenever possible, as well as the use of MACo instructors, has saved money over hiring outside trainers, and he mentioned that there are 125-135 people within the County that must stay current with CPR training. He is hoping for a raise this year, and will add his position to the list of Department Heads to be reviewed for salary increases.

Solid Waste, Junk Vehicle and Recycling Preliminary Budget Hearing: Denny Lueck, Solid Waste Foreman, and Kacey Smart, Sanitarian's Assistant, presented the Board with the preliminary budget for Solid Waste and Recycling. Vicki Tilstra, Finance Officer, and Bonnie O'Neill, Chief Administrative Officer, were present for this portion of the hearings. Kacey reviewed increases and decreases in the budget and pointed out several details. The overall budget will be significantly less for the coming year, but the exact amounts are not yet determined. Denny reviewed timing, progress and logistics for the new Harrison site, meant to replace the Pony and Cardwell sites, asked about proceeds from the sale of solid waste sites and had insurance questions, and Vicki discussed funds. Crew clothing needs and costs were briefly discussed. Denny reviewed new legislation and procedures for the junk vehicle program, said that he and his staff will attend training, but the budget is not ready to be discussed and was postponed to a later date.

With no further business, the hearings concluded at 3:45 p.m.

Ronald E. Nye, Chairman
Board of Madison County Commissioners

Date Approved: May 28, 2019

Minutes prepared by:

Jane Bacon, Commissioner's Clerk

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