

**BOARD OF MADISON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**March 28, 2016, Meeting Minutes**

On Monday, March 28, 2016, a meeting of the Board of Madison County Commissioners came to order at 11:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Conference Room of the Administrative Office Building in Virginia City, Montana, with Commissioners Jim Hart and Ron Nye present. Commission Chair David Schulz was absent as he was attending a biomass conference in Laramie, Wyoming. Laurie Buyan, Commissioners' Assistant, was present to take minutes.

Those people in attendance at the meeting were Lynda Holt.

**Approval of Minutes:** Ron Nye moved to approve the March 21, 2016, meeting minutes and the March 24, 2016, special meeting minutes, as presented. Jim Hart seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

**Code Red:** Lynda Holt, Communications Coordinator, met with the Board to give an update on Code Red, a mass notification system implemented by the President of the United States. Lynda noted that by using this system, emergency notifications can be sent by text, email, or telephone. Everyone who has a cell phone can be notified of National or local incidents. Groups can be created for specific notifications such as law enforcement, road crews, fire departments, dispatch, etc. Users can download apps for specific notifications such as weather alerts, emergency alerts, general alerts, and much more. Notifications can also be made through social media such as Facebook or Twitter. Code Red will do an advertising campaign to make local citizens aware of the system and will try to notify as many people as possible. Lynda stated that this will be a three year agreement beginning on March 31, 2016, for the amount of \$23,250 for the three-year period, which may be paid in annual installments of \$7,750 per year, and that the Deputy County Attorney has reviewed the agreement and the Sheriff has signed it. Following discussion, Ron Nye moved to support the Sheriff and Dispatch in their efforts to implement the Code Red mass notification system. Jim Hart seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

**Claims:** The Board approved claims.

**Airports:** Jim Hart noted that bids for the Ennis Airport Improvements Project will be opened at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 31, 2016, in the Public Meeting Room of the Administrative Office Building in Virginia City, Montana. Jim further noted that he attended the pre-bid meeting for the project and that there were sixteen or seventeen prospective bidders at the meeting.

**MACo Dental and Vision Renewal:** Following review, Ron Nye moved to approve the Final Renewal Rates for Madison County, July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2017, from the MACo Health Care Trust for optional dental and vision insurance. Jim Hart seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

**Conservation District Board Appointments:** The Board reviewed a letter received from the Clerk and Recorder requesting Conservation District Board appointments, pursuant to 7-34-2117 (3) MCA. Following review, Ron Nye moved to declare Gary Giem and George Trischman elected by acclamation to the Ruby Valley Conservation District Board; and to declare Nicholas Dyk and Colton Clark elected by acclamation to the Madison Valley Conservation District Board, all for four year terms that will expire in 2020. Jim Hart seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

**Letter of Nomination to Montana Heritage Commission:** Following discussion, Ron Nye moved to approve a letter to the Honorable Governor Steve Bullock formally requesting the reappointment of Marilyn Ross to the Montana Heritage Commission. Jim Hart seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

**Proposal to Federal Lands Access Program, Cliff and Wade Lakes Road:** Following review and discussion, Ron Nye moved to approve the 2016 Montana Federal Lands Access Program grant application for the Cliff and Wade Lake Road Gravel Surface Preservation Project, in the amount of \$952,231. Jim Hart seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

**DNRC Planning Grant Agreement for a Feasibility Study for Bank Stabilization on the Lower Big Hole River:** Following review and discussion, Ron Nye moved to approve the Renewable Resource Planning Grant Agreement Number RPG-16-0499, administered by the Montana Department of Natural Resources and accepted by Madison County, to prepare and submit a draft feasibility study for bank stabilization on the Lower Big Hole River (upstream from the Pennington Bridge), effective from the day of signing until December 31, 2016, in the amount of \$10,000 from the DNRC and \$10,000 from the project sponsor, for a total project cost of \$20,000. Jim Hart seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

**Madison Valley Manor Renovation Project:** There was no discussion on this topic.

**Calendars:** The Board reviewed calendars.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

**Next meeting:** The next regular Commission meeting will be held on Monday, April 4, 2016, beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' Conference Room of the Administrative Office Building in Virginia City, Montana.

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David Schulz, Chairman  
Board of Madison County Commissioners

Date Approved: April 4, 2016

Minutes prepared by:

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Laurie Buyan, Commissioners' Assistant

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kathleen Mumme, Clerk and Recorder, Madison County