

BOARD OF MADISON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
May 16, 2016, Meeting Minutes

On Monday, May 16, 2016, a meeting of the Board of Madison County Commissioners came to order at 11:08 a.m. in the Commissioners' Conference Room of the Administrative Office Building in Virginia City, Montana, with Commissioners David Schulz, Chairman, Ron Nye, and Jim Hart present. Laurie Buyan, Commissioners' Assistant, was present to take minutes.

Those people in attendance at the meeting were Charity Fechter, Van Puckett, Tim Egan, Don Copple, Dale Olson, Jim King, Stephanie Kruer, and Butch Frediani.

Dan Allhands, District One Commissioner Candidate, was present for a portion of the meeting.

Approval of Minutes: Jim Hart moved to approve the May 9, 2016, meeting minutes, as presented. Ron Nye seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Floodplain Development Permit for Varney Bridge: Charity Fechter, Floodplain Administrator, met with the Board to discuss a Floodplain Development permit for a cattleguard at the Varney Bridge fishing access site. Charity stated that the proposed cattleguard will basically act as a culvert. David Schulz asked if there would be gate access next to the cattleguard. Charity stated that there was not an access gate in the plans but she would ask about adding one to the project. Following discussion, Jim Hart moved to affirm the recommendation of the Floodplain Administrator to approve the Floodplain Development Permit #M 2016-02, issued to Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks, for the Varney Bridge fishing access site cattleguard, Parcel ID: 25033417204010000. Ron Nye seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Claims: The Board approved claims.

Airports: There was no discussion on this topic.

Virginia City Cemetery Board Appointment: The Board reviewed one application for the Virginia City Cemetery Board. After discussion, this topic was continued until the Board has the opportunity to discuss the appointment with the current board.

Sheridan Rural Fire District Board Appointment: Based on a verbal commitment from the candidate, Ron Nye moved to appoint Larry Mehlhoff as a trustee on the Sheridan Rural Fire District Board to fulfill a vacant term that will expire on May 1, 2018. Jim Hart seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Maternal and Child Health Block Grant Task Order: Following review, Jim Hart moved to approve annual Task Order #17-07-5-01-028-0 to the master contact of the Maternal and Child Health Block Grant between the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services and the Madison County Public Health Department to provide maternal and child health services during State Fiscal Year 2017 to all residents of Madison County. Ron Nye seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Agreement for Road Widening Easement: Following review, Ron Nye moved to approve an Agreement for Road Widening Easement between Madison County and Rich Eberline, whereby Mr. Eberline grants the County exclusive right to construct and maintain a roadway suitable for vehicular travel on a parcel located on Wisconsin Creek Road West in the south half of Section 15, Township 4 South, Range 5 West, PMM, with the County paying the landowner the amount of \$10,000 and the cost to replace fencing in the amount of \$6000. Jim Hart seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Fill In Position: The Board discussed the need for a new fill-in person and the offices that may be in need of fill-in services. They reviewed an application, selected an interview committee, and scheduled an interview for 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 19, 2016.

Short Term Custodial Position: The Board reviewed an application for a short-term custodial position. Following discussion, it was determined that the Board would hold off hiring pending the return of those on leave unless there becomes an urgent need in that department.

Blue Cross/Blue Shield Large Group Application: Following review, Jim Hart moved to approve the July 1, 2016, Large Group Health Insurance Renewal Application from Blue Cross/Blue Shield, including the current agents of record. Ron Nye seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Cell Phone Stipend: Van Puckett, Sanitarian, met with the Board to request the stipend for using a personal phone for County business. Following discussion, Ron Nye moved to approve the request from the Sanitarian to receive a stipend of \$15.00 per month for using his personal cell phone for County business. Jim Hart seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Wildfire Coordination: Tim Egan, DNRC Unit Manager, Don Copple, DNRC Fire Management Officer, Dale Olson, Madison Forest Ranger, and Jim King, Madison Ranger District Fire Coordinator, met with the Board to discuss coordination of wildfire management for the 2016 season. Stephanie Kruer, Attorney at Law, and Butch Frediani, local resident, were also present for this portion of the meeting. Don Copple displayed a fire protection map for Madison and Beaverhead Counties and discussed the areas of jurisdiction shown on the map. Don also discussed the mutual aid program noting that counties must request the aid because the DNRC cannot respond to a local fire unless asked by the local fire chief or DES officer, or another local official. Examples of mutual aid circumstances were discussed. Other topics of discussion included responsibility for unassigned areas, contracts for road equipment, County assistance and payment for local resources, the availability of helicopters for fire suppression, the possibility of smoke jumpers relocating to Ennis, weather stations to monitor fire conditions, and fire mapping tools that help detect heat sources.

Schedule A Road Agreement: Dale Olson, Madison District Ranger, requested to defer the Schedule A Road Agreement at this point and instead discuss Mill Creek Road and Potosi Road. It was noted that he could discuss topics related to these roads but no decision could be made at this time. Dale discussed gravel for the Mill Creek Road requesting that the County hire someone to haul the gravel for the Forest Service portion of the road. David Schulz stated that the County has Forest Service Title II funding to do the road work up to First Camp and after that will meet with Dale again to determine how to proceed with the rest of the road.

Dale discussed work that is needed on Potosi Road, stating that where the road drops down into the campground there is a diversion that washes out the road each year. He stated that he would like to add the right size pipes and possibly a couple cattle guards and is wondering if they can get gravel from the County for the project. Ron stated that this road is definitely a candidate for a FLAP grant. The fiber optic project in that area was also discussed.

DNRC-RRGL Grant Application for Big Hole River Bank Stabilization: Following discussion, Ron Nye moved to approve the DNRC-RRGL Grant Application for Big Hole River Streambank Stabilization as prepared by Jeremiah Theys of Great West Engineering, for the amount of \$125,000 with a committed local match of \$2600 from Madison County. Jim Hart seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

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

Election Audit Committee: The Board discussed the Election Audit Committee. Current members will be contacted to determine if they are available for this year's elections. If not, the Board will recruit for new members to the committee.

Date for Canvas of Primary Election: The Board discussed the canvas that will need to be conducted after the June 7, 2016, primary election. The Board will wait until the date of the election audit has been determined to set a date for the canvas.

Date of Compensation Board Meeting: The Board set the date of June 6, 2016, at 3:00 p.m. for the annual County Compensation Board meeting.

Calendars: The Board reviewed calendars.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:26 p.m.

Next meeting: The next regular Commission meeting will be held on Monday, May 23, 2016, beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' Conference Room of the Administrative Office Building in Virginia City, Montana.

David Schulz, Chairman
Board of Madison County Commissioners

Date Approved: May 23, 2016

Minutes prepared by:

Laurie Buyan, Commissioners' Assistant

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