

**BOARD OF MADISON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MADISON COUNTY FAIR BOARD
April 5, 2018, Joint Meeting Minutes**

On Thursday, April 5, 2018, a joint meeting of the Board of Madison County Commissioners and the Madison County Fair Board came to order at 1:10 p.m. at the Fair Board office in Twin Bridges, Montana, with Commissioners Ron Nye, Dan Allhands, and Jim Hart present. Tom Leo, Bill Holden, and Heather Puckett, Fair Board members were present. Dana Escott, Fair Manager, and Chad Armstrong, Fair Board member, were not in attendance. Jani Flinn, Clerk, was present to take minutes.

In addition, Kerry Taylor, MSU Extension Agent, Chief Croy and Kacey Smart, Livestock Sales, Randy Lowder, Caitlin Avey, Madisonian reporter, Van Puckett, Sanitarian, Bobbie Lancaster Fair grounds maintenance, and Bonnie O'Neill, Human Resources were also in attendance at the meeting.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Fairgrounds Master Plan: Copies of the revised Master Plan were distributed to each of the Fair Board members in attendance. Changes to the Table of Contents, page numbers, questions on the recap of projects completed, and the list of recommended improvements were discussed. The Board asked if other projects that are not listed in the Master Plan could be done. Jani Flinn, Grant Administrator, will check with Great West Engineering for clarification, and forward a response to the Board. After discussion, the Fair Board decided to wait for a final vote of approval until their next scheduled meeting on Thursday, April 19, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

Address Needs for Youth Stock Show and Sale: Discussion included ways to accommodate fair numbers for market animals this year. There are 141 pigs registered and they estimate a shortage of 25+/- pens. Steer & beef are fine this year, but growing rapidly, goats will grow. The Board and livestock sales discussed options for more pig pens including renting a tent and panels, using sheep pens, and building pens with surplus gates or pipe. Livestock sales will contact Billy Whitehurst about pens previously rented, and the Fair Board will research renting a tent. The stall fees paid by the 4H kids last year were supposed to go to a special capital improvement fund for the 4-H buildings; this needs to be checked at Budget review meeting. A new building was discussed that could house all market animals and the sale. Bathrooms and showers could also be included. Tourism grants would be favorable for such an addition to the Fairgrounds, instead of tearing down and re-building the pig barn. This new building could be used year round for multiple functions that will bring people and events to the fairgrounds. Tourism grants are open for applications through June and the Fair Board expressed interest in moving forward. Great West Engineering is ready to prepare a grant application after approval of the Master Plan. Van Puckett, Sanitarian, recommended replacing the existing low-flow toilets with high-flow toilets to fix the problem of toilets clogging. The scope that was paid for last year shows the lines are clear, and the toilets should be available for public use, especially during Fair.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Ronald E. Nye, Chairman
Board of Madison County Commissioners

Chad Armstrong, Chairman
Madison County Fair Board

Date Approved: _____
Minutes prepared by: _____

Date Approved: _____

Jani Flinn, Clerk

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