

**BOARD OF MADISON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PRELIMINARY BUDGET HEARINGS
May 10, 2019, Minutes**

On Friday, May 10, 2019, the Board of Madison County Commissioners conducted Preliminary Budget Hearings beginning at 9:35 a.m. in the Commissioners' Conference Room of the Madison County Administrative Office Building in Virginia City, Montana, with Commissioners Ron Nye, Chairman, and Dan Allhands present. Commissioner Jim Hart was absent for personal reasons. Laurie Buyan, Commissioners Assistant, was present to take minutes.

Those people in attendance at the hearings were Lisa Brubaker, Vicki Tilstra, and Kaleena Miller.

Victims Advocate Preliminary Budget Hearing: Lisa Brubaker, Victims' Advocate, met with the Board to review the preliminary budget for the Victim Advocate Program. Vicki Tilstra, Finance Officer, was present for this hearing. Lisa reviewed the budget with no changes from last year's budget. Vicki stated that the County Attorney pays \$8,000 per year and that nothing is changing, they are just running out the two year grant cycle. They won't know the amount of the new grant funding until October. There was discussion regarding where the funding comes from and if there was a chance of losing the funding. Lisa stated that the money is Federal with the Montana Board of Crime Control as the middle man and that she has always received the funding but there is always a chance the program might not be funded. There was also discussion about the Mental Health Local Advisory Council program as it relates to Western Montana Mental Health.

Extension Agent Preliminary Budget Hearing: Kaleena Miller, Madison-Jefferson Extension Agent, met with the Board to review the Extension budget. Vicki Tilstra, Finance Officer, was present for this hearing. There was discussion regarding the fair, the hiring process for a new 4-H agent, and the possibility of securing Extension office space in the Ruby Valley Search and Rescue building. Vicki discussed the budget, stating that there will be additional funds to Montana State University for the additional agent. She added that there will also be a couple increases in line items due to a new agent including fuel, telephone, and travel. Dan suggested taking funds for the additional fuel from the vehicle maintenance line. Vicki and Kaleena both agreed to this suggestion.

With no further business, the hearings concluded at 10:35 a.m.

Ronald E. Nye, Chairman
Board of Madison County Commissioners

Date Approved: June 18, 2019

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