

BOARD OF MADISON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
September 10, 2019, Meeting Minutes

On Tuesday, September 10, 2019, a meeting of the Board of Madison County Commissioners came to order at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' Conference Room of the Administrative Office Building in Virginia City, Montana, with Commissioners Ron Nye, Chairman, and Jim Hart present. Commissioner Dan Allhands was late for personal reasons. Jane Bacon, Commissioners' Clerk, was present to take minutes.

Those people in attendance at the meeting were Bob Bates, Tommy Luksha, Cody Marxer, Alex Hogle, Marilyn Ross, Connie Ternes-Daniels, Vicki Tilstra, Randy Carpenter, Dennis Glick, Loren Franklin, Jani Flinn, Bonnie O'Neill, and Laurie Buyan.

Approval of Minutes: No minutes were available for approval.

Claims: The Board approved claims.

Safety: Bob Bates, Safety Coordinator, met with the Board to present his monthly Safety Report.

- **Monthly Safety Report:** Bob discussed the items listed on the Safety report for August, 2019, including meetings and trainings attended, safety inspections, new goals for MACo's 2019/20 Safety Program, and incident investigations. He presented a timeline of actions to date regarding the Sheriff's Office moisture issues and safety concerns, noted that the Sheriff's Office did move into their new space as planned on September 5th, and the Board confirmed their plan to fix the Courthouse basement after letting the area dry out for a while. Bob had also been asked to look into issues raised after an accidental fire alarm went off in the Administrative Building in June, and discussion ensued about response times, communications, normal emergency response protocols, and areas for improvement. He will look into modernization of smoke detectors, and discuss protocols with Dispatch.

Commissioner Dan Allhands joined the meeting during the previous topic and was present for the remainder of the meeting.

Planning Office: Cody Marxer, Planning Technician, and Alex Hogle, Planning Director, met with the Board to discuss the following topics. Tommy Luksha, GIS Coordinator, was present for this portion of the meeting.

- **Beaverhead Condos Addressing:** Cody reviewed the addressing history of the Beaverhead Condominiums in Big Sky, saying they were originally assigned only two E911 addresses in 1997, causing subsequent confusion for emergency responders. The homeowner's association has asked for help with re-naming roads, and simultaneously re-addressing the condo units. The Planning Office and GIS recommend that, due to their high density, these condo units would be best served by using a 1,000-point system as a test case rather than using the older 100-point system. Based on the information presented by the Planning Technician and the Planning Director regarding the Beaverhead Condominium development addressing, Jim Hart moved to implement the 1,000-point addressing system in conjunction with the new assignment of road names. Dan Allhands seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.
- **Planning Board Report:** Cody presented a report from the August 26, 2019 Planning Board Meeting, which summarized three topics.
 - **Subdivision Preliminary Plat – North 40 Subdivision Phase 5 and PUD Preliminary Plat (Public Hearing):** The Planning Board held a public hearing to consider modification requests to subdivision design standards for the North 40 Subdivision, utilizing alleys and sidewalks to create a neighborhood atmosphere. Cody reviewed discussions about alleys being used as primary vehicle access, density and rights-of-way, and it was recommended that the alleys be paved and widened. The hearing brought up some challenges to be addressed, which were forwarded to the Town of Ennis for consideration.

- **PCSR and E911 Resolutions:** Alex and Cody have been reviewing PCSR and E911 resolutions, which have some grey areas and could be revised and streamlined. They reviewed the discussion of addressing, mining claims and legal access, as well as a discussion about a Planning Development Coordinator position.
- **Board Training/Education and Potential Joint Board of Commissioners/Planning Board Meeting:** Cody reported that the Planning Board would like additional training sessions prior to their board meetings, and proposed a joint meeting with the Commissioners later this year to discuss specific topics.

Fair Board Resignation: Following review, Dan Allhands moved to accept Heather Puckett's resignation from the Fair Board, effective immediately, and thank her for her years of service. Jim Hart seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Public Health Board Resignation: After review, Dan Allhands moved to accept Rachel Rossiter's resignation from the Public Health Board, thank her for her years of service, and advertise the vacancy. Jim Hart seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Action Inc.: Connie Ternes-Daniel and Marilyn Ross, Action Inc., met with the Board to present the 2020-2021 Work Plan for the Community Services Block Grant Program. Vicki Tilstra, Finance Officer, was present for this portion of the meeting.

- **2020-2021 Community Service Block Grant Work Plan:** Connie and Marilyn discussed the importance of the Community Service Block Grant Program, reviewed the executive summary for 2020/2021, explained goals and objectives regarding homelessness and poverty, reviewed organization structure and background, reviewed funding, which has been cut, and discussed the value of Sue Heald's assistance within the county, especially with an aging population. Other items discussed included heat and weatherization assistance as the #1 need in the area, Northwest Energy's contributions to the community, increased mental health needs, statistics about housing costs and income levels, and participation in a recent needs assessment. After discussion, Jim Hart moved to approve the 2020-2021 Community Services Block Grant program work plan as presented by Action Inc. Dan Allhands seconded the motion. Dan asked about child care, noting that the expense can discourage people like single parents from getting out and working. Connie said she has been working on this issue in Butte. The idea of prorating costs according to income level was brought up, as well as the feeling that welfare laws are made by people who have never been in a welfare situation, or perhaps never been in business for themselves. Following discussion, all voted aye and the motion carried.

Future West/KC Harvey Environmental: Loren Franklin, KC Harvey Environmental, and Randy Carpenter and Dennis Glick, Future West, met with the Board to discuss the following topic. Vicki Tilstra, Finance Officer, and Jani Flinn, Grant Administrator, were present for this portion of the meeting.

- **Update on Headwaters Mine Reclamation Project:** Loren updated the Board about Golden Sunlight's planned closure, and its effect on the North Willow Creek reclamation project at the Headwaters mine. The underground mining didn't pan out, expenses were high and return low, and they are under new ownership. Grant funds were approved and finally allocated, but by that time Golden Sunlight was moving toward closure. While they may be open to the possibility of refining a system for tailings, it will take some time to investigate the feasibility and costs of such an endeavor before making a decision. Further discussion included the possibility of meeting with the DNRC in Helena, and explaining the project to the new person heading the grants program. Following discussion, Jim Hart moved to approve the request for a one-year extension for the North Willow Creek Headwaters Mine reclamation project. Dan Allhands seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Airports / Grants: Jani Flinn, Airport Board Secretary and Grant Administrator, met with the Board to discuss the following topics. Bonnie O'Neill, Chief Administrative Officer, was present for this portion of the meeting.

- **Twin Bridges Airport – FAA Grant Offer AIP 3-30-0080-014-2019:** Jani said the deadline for this document to be returned to the FAA has been extended from its original due date, and she is still waiting

to receive it in the mail. Jim Hart moved to accept FAA grant offer AIP 3-30-0080-014-2019 for the AWOS system, subject to receipt of the final document. Dan Allhands seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried. The topic was continued to later in the week to allow time for receipt of the mailed document.

- **Modify Task Order for TRMCC Sidewalk Project:** Various aspects that should be included in the project were discussed, and when more information and costs are received from Jeremiah Theys, the topic will be added to a future agenda. Dan brought up the possibility of covering the entrance and using gutters to divert water, and researching the use of recycled rubber sidewalks instead of cement.

Trust and Agency Budgets: Following review, Jim Hart moved to approve Madison County 2019-2020 fiscal year Trust & Agency Budgets as presented for Alder/Taylor Cemetery District Fund 7308, Laurin Cemetery District Fund 7307, Madison Valley Cemetery District Fund 7302, Pioneer Cemetery District Fund 7304, Sheridan Cemetery District Fund 7303, South Boulder Cemetery District Fund 7306, Twin Bridges Cemetery District Fund 7301, Virginia City Cemetery District Fund 7305, Madison Valley Hospital District Fund 7370, Ruby Valley Hospital District Fund 7371, Alder Rural Fire District Fund 7213, Big Sky Rural Fire District Fund 7216, Harrison/Norris/Pony Rural Fire District Fund 7212, Jefferson Valley Rural Fire District Fund 7214, Madison Valley Rural Fire District Fund 7210, Sheridan Rural Fire District Fund 7211, Twin Bridges Rural Fire District Fund 7215, Virginia City Rural Fire District Fund 7217, Beaverhead Conservation District Fund 7398, Jefferson Valley Conservation District Fund 7395, Madison Valley Conservation District Fund 7397, Ruby Valley Conservation District Fund 7396, Whitehall TV District Fund 7325, Sheridan Alder Park District Fund 7373, and Twin Bridges Park District Fund 7372. Dan Allhands seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Fair Board Bylaws: The Board discussed revisions to the Fair Board bylaws. Laurie Buyan, Executive Assistant to the Madison County Board of Commissioners, and Bonnie O'Neill, Chief Administrative Officer, were present for this portion of the meeting. History of the bylaws was reviewed and reporting structure was discussed. Based on research of Montana Code Annotated related to the creation of boards, Jim Hart moved to rescind the approval on June 18, 2019, of the revised Fair Board bylaws, and to revert back to the bylaws that were approved by the Board of Commissioners on November 21, 2016 and approved by the Fair Board on January 19, 2017.

Generator for New Sheriff's Office: This topic was continued to the next regular Commission meeting.

Statewide Cooperative Purchasing MOU: Following review, Dan Allhands moved to approve the Statewide Cooperative Purchasing Memorandum of Understanding between the Montana Department of Administration and Madison County. Jim Hart seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Additional Members to the Madison County Interdisciplinary Child Information and School Safety Team: This topic was continued to the next regular Commission meeting.

Calendars: The Board reviewed calendars.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Next meeting: The next regular Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 17, 2019, beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' Conference Room of the Administrative Office Building in Virginia City, Montana.

Ronald E. Nye, Chairman
Board of Madison County Commissioners

Date Approved: September 17, 2019
Minutes prepared by:

Jane Bacon, Commissioners' Clerk

Attest: _____
Kathleen Mumme, Clerk and Recorder
Madison County