

BOARD OF MADISON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
October 30, 2020, Special Meeting Minutes

On Friday, October 30, 2020, the Board of Madison County Commissioners conducted a special meeting that came to order at 2:35 p.m. in the Second Floor Court Room of the Administrative Office Building in Virginia City, Montana, with Commissioners Dan Allhands, Chairman, Jim Hart, and Ron Nye present. Laurie Buyan, Executive Assistant to the Board of Commissioners, was present to take minutes.

Sheriff Phil Fortner was present for the meeting. Those who attended via Webex were Chris Gentry, Justin Edge, Mike Bias, Allison Treloar, and Richard Gockel. Brett Schriock, IT Director, was present to administer the Webex connection.

Letter of Support for Madison River Regulations: The Board revisited the topic of Madison River Regulations. Jim Hart read a proposed letter to Fish, Wildlife and Parks discussing concerns in the proposed draft regulations and asking FWP to take these concerns into consideration is their task of balancing scientific facts, river and fishery health, and public interests. Mike Bias thanked the Board for responding in time for the public comment period. Richard Gockel agreed with Mike and commended the Board on their comments. Following further discussion, Jim Hart moved to approve the sending the letter regarding Madison River Regulations to Martha Williams, Director of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks. Ron Nye seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Following review, Jim Hart moved to approve the October 6, 2020, Commission meeting minutes with corrections. Ron Nye seconded the motion. Jim Hart and Ron Nye voted aye. Dan Allhands abstained from voting as he was absent for that meeting. The motion carried on a majority vote. Ron Nye moved to approve the October 13, 2020, commission meeting minutes with corrections. Jim Hart seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Potential Litigation Related to County Road Issues: The Board conducted a closed meeting to discuss potential litigation related to County Road issues. Chris Christensen, County Attorney, Justin Ekwall, Deputy County Attorney, and Phil Fortner, Sheriff, were present for this portion of the meeting. Abby St. Lawrence, Attorney at Law, participated in the meeting by telephone.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Next meeting: The next regular Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2020, beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the Second Floor Court Room of the Administrative Office Building in Virginia City, Montana.

Dan W. Allhands, Chairman
Board of Madison County Commissioners

Date Approved: November 17, 2020

Minutes prepared by:

Laurie Buyan, Executive Assistant to the
Board of Commissioners

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