WHEREAS, the Montana Constitution, Article XI, Section 9, specifies that “The Legislature shall require an election in each local government to determine whether a local government will undertake a review procedure once every ten years after the first election”, and

WHEREAS, 7-3-173(2) MCA states “The governing body shall call for an election, to be held on the primary election date, on the question of conducting a local government review and establishing a study commission…”, and

WHEREAS, 7-3-177 MCA states that the study commission shall consist of an odd number of not less than three members unless the local governing body by resolution declares a larger number shall be elected and shall include as an ex-officio nonvoting member a member of the governing body or an elected official or employee of the local government appointed by the governing body, and

WHEREAS, 7-3-184 MCA states that “for each fiscal year that the study commission is in existence, each local government under study shall appropriate an amount necessary to fund the study, and the local government may levy mills in excess of all other mill levies authorized by law to fund the appropriation for the support of the study commission”, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Madison County Board of Commissioners that a study commission, if authorized, shall consist of five (5) elected members to be chosen in the November General Election, and as an ex-officio nonvoting member a member of the governing body or an elected official or employee of the local government appointed by the governing body.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners, if the question is approved, will levy up to .5 mills in FY 2014-2015 and FY 2015-2016 for the purpose of funding the study.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that there shall be placed before the electors of Madison County on the June 3, 2014, ballot in the primary election as follows:

Shall the Board of County Commissioners of Madison County be authorized to establish and fund, for an amount not to exceed $39,685 or .5 mills, a local government study commission consisting of five (5) members, and as an ex-officio nonvoting member a member of the governing body or an elected official or employee of the local government appointed by the governing body, to examine the government of Madison County and submit recommendations on the government? If this levy passes, property taxes for a home valued at $100,000 would increase by approximately $0.65 per year, and for a home valued at $200,000 property taxes would increase by approximately $1.31 per year.

FOR the review of the government of Madison County and the establishment and funding, not to exceed $39,685 or .5 mills, of a local government study commission consisting of five (5) members to examine the government of Madison County and submit recommendations on the government.

AGAINST the review of the government of Madison County and the establishment and funding, not to exceed $39,685 or .5 mills, of a local government study commission consisting of five (5) members to examine the government of Madison County and submit recommendations on the government.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THIS 10th DAY OF MARCH, 2014.

JAMES P. HART, CHAIRMAN

DAN A. HAPPEL

DAVID SCHULZ ATTEST: Peggy Kaatz Stemler
Clerk and Recorder