

Madison County Board of Commissioners Work Session

10:00 am Monday, March 23, 2026, until concluded

First Floor Public Meeting Room
Administrative Office Building, Virginia City, Montana

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Duke Gilman, District 1 Commissioner
Ron Nye, District 2 Commissioner, Chairman
Bill Todd, District 3 Commissioner

CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENT (PLEASE LIMIT TO 5 MINUTES PER PERSON)

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Madison County Courthouse Rehabilitation and Addition
- Nursing Home Discussion

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- Sarah Bickford Historic Truck Garden
- Bid Opening Lake Road Bridge
- Fairgrounds Parking Lot Design
- MSU Extension Program Update
- Gravel Pit Policy
- Madison Valley Hospital District Resolution
- Finance – Pay Discrepancies
- MOA EPA Brownfields Coalition

ADJOURNMENT

**Madison Valley Hospital District
Trustee Resolution**

I hereby certify that at a meeting of the Madison Valley Hospital District Trustees, duly called with adequate public notice, held at Madison Valley Medical Center in Ennis, where a quorum was present, the following resolution was adopted.

Whereas, the Madison Valley Hospital District (“District”) was created in 1953 to provide operational funding and support for the successful operation and maintenance of Madison Valley Medical Center (“MVMC”) in Ennis, Montana.

Whereas, the District recognizes that the Madison County Commissioners have accepted a petition and called for an election on the question of whether to alter the District boundary to form the Big Sky Hospital District (“BSHD”), effectively dividing the District into two separate districts and separating the Big Sky Resort Area District portion of Madison County as its own district, all under the process set forth in Senate Bill 260, codified at Montana Code Annotated § 7-34-2156 and Montana Code Annotated § 7-2-part 61.

Whereas, should this ballot measure pass, Montana Code Annotated § 7-2-6105 requires that existing voted mills of the District continue to be levied in the newly created BSHD for a period of eight years, and further requires the newly separated BSHD to make payments to the District as set forth in Montana Code Annotated § 7-2-6105(3).

Whereas, the District wishes to express its intentions and expectations with respect to the boundary alteration process and continued use of levied funds.

Now, therefore, the Madison Valley Hospital District Trustees hereby adopt the following resolution.

It is resolved:

1. The above-noted recitals are incorporated herein.
2. Should the ballot measure to alter the District boundary and create the BSHD pass, BSHD will become effective as a taxing district as of July 1, 2026.
3. As of July 1, 2026, the District boundaries will be its existing boundaries, less the BSRAD portion of Madison County, which would form the new and separate BSHD.
4. As of July 1, 2026, the District will continue to levy all voter-approved mills and statutory mills available to the District on properties within the redefined District. The District recognizes its obligation that these levied funds continue to be conveyed to MVMC and be used for the successful operation and maintenance of MVMC.
5. As of July 1, 2026, the newly formed BSHD will be required to levy, at minimum, all of the voter-approved mills currently applicable to the District, pursuant to Montana Code Annotated § 7-2-6105(2). If BSHD elects to levy additional mills, upon creation of the District, or anytime during the period ending June 30, 2034, all BSHD tax collections will be payable to MVHD

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subject to the applicable percentages noted below, pursuant to Montana Code Annotated § 7-2-6105(2)(b), § 7-2-6105(3), and § 7-34-2133.

- 6. Beginning July 1, 2026, and continuing for a period of eight (8) fiscal years through June 30, 2034, BSHD’s collections shall be shared with the District based on a percentage of the entirety of BSHD’s tax collections (whether through the minimum voted mills or through a combination of the minimum voted mills and other mills authorized by statute and BSHD resolution), pursuant to the schedule set forth in Montana Code Annotated § 7-2-6105(3), as follows:

Tax Year	Percentage
July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027	70%
July 1, 2027 – June 30, 2028	60%
July 1, 2028 – June 30, 2029	60%
July 1, 2029 – June 30, 2030	60%
July 1, 2030 – June 30, 2031	40%
July 1, 2031 – June 30, 2032	40%
July 1, 2032 – June 30, 2033	20%
July 1, 2033 – June 30, 2034	20%

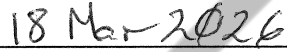
- 7. The District Trustees acknowledge their obligation to ensure that the reconciliation payments made by the BSHD for the eight-year period listed above are conveyed in full to Madison Valley Medical Center and used exclusively for their original purpose; “the successful operation and maintenance of Madison Valley Medical Center.”
- 8. It is MVHD’s position and understanding that the apportionment and distribution of BSHD property tax revenues will not be accomplished by periodic payments from one district to the other. Rather, BSHD property tax revenues collected by Madison County shall be apportioned and distributed to MVHD through the County’s warrant process. This method provides a consistent, transparent, and auditable schedule of payments, reduces administrative burden, and minimizes the risk of potential disputes or misunderstandings between the respective districts and Madison County. It also ensures proper accounting and financial oversight by Madison County while providing Madison Valley Medical Center with more timely and predictable cash flow to manage budgeted expenses. Finally, this method is consistent with the manner in which levied funds are collected and distributed from Madison County to special taxing districts.
- 9. The District will work expeditiously to enter into an interlocal agreement with BSHD regarding the details of BSHD’s continued levy of all voter-approved mills and allocation and distribution to the District as required by Montana Code Annotated § 7-2-6105. The District requests that the County Commissioners oversee the preparation, execution and maintenance of the interlocal agreement.
- 10. The Clerk of the District shall cause this Resolution to be filed with the County Commissioners and maintained by the Clerk and Recorder.

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11. With the exception of the District's expression of its intent to continue to direct its levied and otherwise collected funds to MVMC for the successful operation and maintenance of MVMC, this Resolution shall become null and void in the event the ballot measure to alter the District boundary and create BSHD fails to pass.



Signature
Bryant Harp
Chair, Madison Valley Hospital District Trustees



Date

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Memorandum of Agreement Limited Participation in Brownfields Coalition Activities Madison County & Headwaters RC&D

Purpose

This Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) establishes a limited, project-specific partnership between Madison County and Headwaters Resource Conservation & Development Area, Inc. (Headwaters RC&D) to support select Brownfields-related activities in Madison County. This agreement reflects Madison County's interest in advancing specific priority projects while maintaining a measured pace and local control over future decisions.

Scope of Participation

Madison County agrees to participate in Brownfields coalition activities on a limited and project-specific basis, focused on properties where the County and community partners have already expressed interest in receiving assistance.

Initial priority projects include:

- Children's Center – Twin Bridges
- Madison County Shop
- Virginia City Old Schoolhouse
- Pony Old Schoolhouse (basement abatement asbestos/coal)

Additional projects may be considered by mutual agreement.

Roles and Responsibilities

Headwaters RC&D will:

- Provide community listening, coordination, and technical assistance
- Assist in identifying environmental conditions and information gaps
- Support access to Brownfields assessment, planning, and funding resources
- Coordinate with Montana DEQ Brownfields and EPA Brownfields as appropriate
- Direct assessment and planning dollars toward priority projects identified by Madison County to help remove barriers, guide projects toward investment readiness, and move difficult sites forward
- Explore, at the request of Madison County and project partners, potential interim stewardship or ownership tools that could help stabilize high-priority properties and prepare them for future reuse
- Work alongside EPA and Montana DEQ Brownfields to test and refine approaches that better fit the realities of frontier and micro-rural communities
- Respect Madison County's priorities, timeline, and desired level of engagement

Madison County will:

- Identify and communicate priority properties and community interests
- Provide reasonable access to sites, where authorized
- Participate in discussions related to project-specific needs and next steps
- Maintain full discretion over project decisions and level of participation

Nature of Agreement

- This MOA reflects limited participation and does not obligate Madison County to:
 - Accept funding
 - Undertake cleanup or redevelopment
 - Participate in broader coalition governance
- Participation is voluntary, non-binding, and may evolve over time
- Madison County retains full local control over land use and redevelopment decisions

Term

This agreement will remain in effect for the duration of the applicable Brownfields grant period or until terminated by either party with written notice.

Benefits

Through this limited participation, Madison County may:

- Receive technical assistance on complex and high-priority sites
- Better understand environmental conditions affecting key properties
- Position projects for future funding opportunities
- Engage state and federal partners at a pace aligned with community readiness

Signatures

Madison County Board of Commissioners

By: _____
Name: William A. Todd
Title: Chair
Date: _____

Headwaters RC&D

By: _____
Name: Kelly M. Sullivan
Title: Executive Director
Date: _____