

# Madison County Housing Advisory Board

## Meeting Minutes

Friday, January 28, 2022, 9 a.m.

Courtroom, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, County Administrative Building

Virginia City, Montana

**Board Attendees:** Les Gilman, Cindy Gockel (WebEx), Martha Klaumann, Mary Beth Walsh, Commissioner Dan Allhands

**Board Absent:** Mary Oliver, Ray Shaw, Cody Sims

**Public:** Bob Stump, Rick Remitz, Jaime Wood (WebEx),

Meeting was called to order by Chair Mary Beth Walsh and was recorded by IT Department.

**Trust Montana presentation:** Austin Wallis, Outreach & Advocacy Coordinator for Trust Montana, Inc. shared information about Trust Montana, Inc. This information can be reviewed on the slides she shared from her presentation.

Austin is interested in having a meeting with Developer Rick Remitz regarding his proposed Sheridan development. Trust Montana is creating a Developer Toolkit and could use his insight on this. Rick would like to include Housing Board members.

Austin stated that it takes time to develop housing needs assessment but it is valuable in helping public understand the need.

**Minutes:** Les moved to approve the minutes from the November meeting. Cindy seconded. Motion carried.

**HB 701:** (New business presented earlier in meeting as Commissioner Allhands had to leave early.) Provides option for counties to impose a marijuana excise tax not to exceed 3% of retail sales within county. Commissioner Allhands stated that no action has been taken on this. It feasibly could be voted on by the public at the primary election in June. Advisory Board encouraged Commissioners to take action on this.

It is possible that some of the money could be used to support the Housing Advisory Board. Trust Montana shared their presentation today at no charge, however a \$150 speaking fee is normally charged. Rick Remitz said he would cover these fees if Trust Montana plans a future presentation in Madison County.

### Old Business

**The Crossings Subdivision** in Sheridan: Rick Remitz stated the subdivision will be going to the Planning Board on January 31<sup>st</sup> in the pre-application phase.

**Dahlman Subdivision** in Sheridan: Bob Stump reported no recent changes.

**ARPA – Affordable Housing Funds:** Mary Beth sent out two recent emails regarding these funds.

**Envision Ennis:** Martha reported that the Womens Club in Ennis is going to work with the City and County to try some possible solutions for slowing semis coming into town from south to avoid hitting businesses. Phase 1 of Envision Ennis proposed temporary rumble strips as an inexpensive trial. Martha will check to see if Envision Ennis was approved by the City Council.

**Housing Board Bylaws:** The March 2018 Resolution reestablishing the Housing Advisory Board states that the Board will consist of seven members. Les moved that we update the bylaws to agree with the resolution. Martha seconded. Motion carried. Mary Beth will confirm the process for changing by-laws.

**Region-wide housing study:** Mary Beth has tried to contact Joe Willauer from HRC&D but hasn't gotten a response.

### **New Business**

**Local Government Training Workshop:** Presented by Dan Clark, Local Government Center, MSU Extension. Mary Beth and Martha felt workshop was very educational and emphasized the need to follow regulations when having public meetings.

**Board terms:** Martha turned in paper work to continue on the Board. Cody resigned. Les will look for someone from the Sheridan area to fill Cody's open position.

**Opportunity for Public Comment:** None

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11 am.

The next meeting will be Friday, February 25, 2022 at 9 am at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Courtroom, County Administrative Building, Virginia City.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Klaumann, Secretary

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Beth Walsh". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Approved by Chair Mary Beth Walsh