

**BOARD OF MADISON COUNTY SPECIAL MEETING
Law & Justice Center
March 13, 2023, Meeting Minutes**

On Thursday, March 13, 2023, a meeting of the Board of Madison County Commissioners came to order at 10:06 a.m. in the Second Floor Court Room of the Administrative Office Building in Virginia City, Montana, with Commissioners Dan Allhands, Chairman, Ron Nye and Bill Todd present. Shawna Lutgen, Grant Writer was present to take minutes.

Ryan Wolter, IT Support Specialist, administered the Webex connection.

Attachment – Attendee List

10:00 AM Law & Justice Center Discussion and/or Action Items

Present:

Jordan Allhands, Justice of the Peace
David Buchler, County Attorney
Hannah Brook, Victims Advocate
Carmin Hill, Clerk of District Court
Shelly Burke, Treasurer
Brooke Schandelmeier, District Court
Greg Jorank
Abbi Russ
Vicki Tilstra, Finance Officer
Wes Heavrin
Brett Schriock, IT Director
Craig Schroder, Undersheriff
Justin Gatewood, Virginia City Mayor
Jennifer Martens, DES
Joseph Brummell, DES Director
Duncan Hedges, Sheriff



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Commissioner Allhands opened the meeting for discussion about the Courthouse.

David Buchler, County Attorney started the discussion with the following statements.

Recent broken plumbing pipe and mold situation options: 1. Do nothing 2. Fix the Courthouse 3. Build a new building.

Mold testing being completed, result will inform the us of which options are viable.

First option of do nothing is not an option. Need safe working environment and have an area to hold Justice and District Court.

Short term plan and need to develop a long-term plan and implement it.

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Long term outcome needs to be implemented and not just discussed. Comment: Judge Berger, Buchler, Hedges. Discussion: None

Tentative Plan – set up modular unit behind the Administrative Building or across the street next to the Mason House. Comment: Hill, Buchler, Judge Allhands, Brett Schriock, Justin Gatewood, Judge Berger. Discussion: Commissioner Allhands, Commissioner Todd

Next steps are to figure out options in order to move forward. Comment: Buchler, Judge Berger, Hill, Duncan Judge Allhands. Discussion: Commissioner Todd

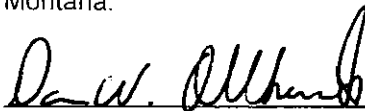
First steps are the air quality and mold testing and attributing what impact the grants that were received from the last remodel of the Court House and how they curtail the ability to do anything with the building. Comment: Hill, Buchler, Judge Allhands, Justin Gatewood, Judge Berger. Discussion: Commissioner Todd, Commissioner Allhands, Commissioner Nye

Provide more information on the modular units to the County Attorney and the Town of Virginia City to figure out what needs to be done and put everyone in a better position. Comment: Buchler, Gatewood, Russ, Burke, Hill. Discussion: Commissioner Allhands, Commissioner Todd

Next Law & Justice meeting will be held April 10, 2023 at 10:00 am.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 am.

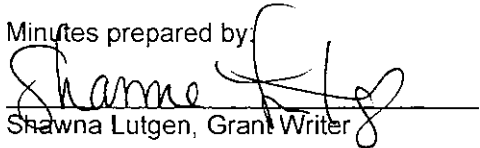
Next meeting: The next regular Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 14, 2023, beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the Second Floor Commissioners Meeting Room of the Administrative Office Building, in Virginia City, Montana.



Dan W. Allhands, Chairman
Board of Madison County Commissioners

Date Approved: October 24, 2023

Minutes prepared by:



Shawna Lutgen, Grant Writer

Attest:



Paula McKenzie, Clerk and Recorder, Madison County



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