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BY: *Paula McKenzie*

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Madison County  
Commissioners' Work Session Meeting

March 16, 2026, 10:00 am Mountain Time until concluded  
103 W Wallace St, Virginia City, MT 59755, United States  
Public Meeting Room

Present:

Duke W. Gilman, Commissioner, District 1  
Ron E. Nye, Commissioner, District 2, Chairman  
William A. Todd, Commissioner, District 3

In attendance:

Ryan Wolter, IT Support Specialist, administered the Webex connection  
Sarah Carlson, Commissioners' / Airport Assistant, was present to take minutes

Attendee List:

Shane Roy, Big Sky Resort  
Pat Jacobs, Architecture Trio  
Colton Lauer, Deputy Attorney  
Melissa Wanamaker, Headwaters/Brownfields  
Cody Martens, Maintenance

**1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call**

**2. Public Comment (Please Limit to 5 Minutes Per Person)**

Pat Jacobs request to be on agenda for March 24, 2026 Community Engagement Project

**3. Report of Committees**

**3.1. Madison County Courthouse Rehabilitation and Addition**

Pat Jacobs, Architecture Trio, commented Pre-bid meeting is scheduled for 3/17/2026. Attendance is mandatory for those who will be submitting bids. Access will be granted to the building 3/18/2026-03/20/2026 for bidders. Any contents remaining in the building will need to be removed prior to starting construction. Discussed the need to replace bathroom fixtures. Discussed landscape and sprinkler options. It was recommended landscape should not be finalized until after construction. There are volunteer options available to the community for landscaping. Portraits from courthouse can be temporarily stored at the Commissioner's office. The courthouse addition dedication plaque can be temporarily stored at the Thompson-Hickman Library

Comment: Jacobs and Lauer. Discussion: Commissioner Todd, Commissioner Gilman, and Commissioner Nye.

#### **4. Unfinished Business**

None

#### **5. New Business**

##### **5.1. Brownfields Letter of Support – Madison County Inventory Project**

Melissa Wanamaker, Headwaters/Brownfield, is seeking to input on how the organization can help the county. Updated information on several projects in the county. Discussed possible coordination of Brownfield projects with area trade schools and other organizations in the future, which may include the Children's Center. Discussed the need for partners and grant funding for the continued progress of the Children's Center. A letter of support will aid Brownfields to garner further support.

Comment: Wanamaker. Discussion: Discussion: Commissioner Todd, Commissioner Gilman, and Commissioner Nye.

##### **5.2. Big Sky Resort - One Way Letter**

Shane Roy, Big Sky Resort, commented on the Big Sky Resort Road request to convert to one-way traffic. The traffic study presented by Big Sky Resort recommends converting the road to one way. The benefits would be to improve the flow of traffic and increase safety.

Recommend use of ordinance process since it is a county road. Discussed encroachment permits for updating signage and improving landscape. Discussed contingency options of ordinances. Recommend MOU to define relationship and bidding process, etc. The road is included in an RID. MOU with Big Sky should be completed. Resolution of Intent to Adopt an Ordinance process will be followed.

Comment: Roy.

Discussion: Commissioner Todd, Commissioner Gilman, and Commissioner Nye.

##### **5.3. Ennis Community Center LATCF Disbursement Logistics**

Project is coordinated between Madison County, the Ennis Lions Club, and the Ennis School. The county will not have long term involvement in the project. Madison County will utilize LATCF funds to assist in the project. Discussed possible covenant that the school subdivided parcel needs to be specified for use only as a community center and has to remain a community center. Reviewed study produced by Montana State. Discussed other community organizations involved in the project via fundraising, etc.

Discussion: Commissioner Todd, Commissioner Gilman, and Commissioner Nye.

Adjournment

RESOLVED: Commissioner Todd moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Gilman seconded the motion.

For: Duke Gilman, Ron Nye, and William Todd. Motion passed.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 10:42 am.

The upcoming Commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 17, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. in the Public Meeting Room of the Administrative Building in Virginia City, Montana.

Signed: Ronald E. Nye Date: 3/24/2026  
Ronald E. Nye, Commissioner, Chairman

Date Approved: March 24, 2026

Signed: Heather Thurs Date: 3/24/2026

Minutes prepared by:  
Heather Thurs, BOC Clerk, Tax Appeal Secretary

Attest: *Paula McKenzie*

Date: *3/24/26*

Paula McKenzie, Clerk and Recorder, Madison County

