

**BOARD OF MADISON COUNTY EMERGENCY SPECIAL MEETING**  
**Courthouse Employee Office Discussion**  
**March 31, 2023, Meeting Minutes**

On Thursday, March 31, 2023, a meeting of the Board of Madison County Commissioners came to order at 1:02 p.m. in the First Floor Public Meeting Room of the Administrative Office Building in Virginia City, Montana, with Commissioners Dan Allhands and Bill Todd present. Ron Nye was not present. Shawna Lutgen, Grant Writer was present to take minutes.

Jeff LeVeque, IT Support Specialist, administered the Webex connection.

Attachment – Attendee List

**1:00 PM Courthouse Employee Office Discussion**

Present:

Judge Allhands  
David Buchler  
Britani Allhands  
Diane Kaatz  
Brooke Schandelmeier  
Dino Fanelli  
Jennifer Westfall  
Carmin Hill



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Commissioner Allhands opened the meeting for discussion about the Courthouse.

David Buchler, County Attorney and Commissioner Todd attended the HAVAC meeting on March 30, 2023. Buchler has been presented with a packet from the Town of Virginia City containing a checklist for design review.

**The town of Virginia City is not willing to grant any variance or permit for the modular office space until a plan is in place in terms of remodeling the Courthouse.** Comment: Buchler. Discussion: Commissioner Todd

**The County needs to determine the approximate cost of remodeling the Courthouse and the approximate cost to build a new facility. Instead of basing the estimates off the previous plans, put a plan in place for remodeling the courthouse.** Comment: Buchler, Kaatz. Discussion: Commissioner Todd, Commissioner Allhands

**Primary concern is the safety of the employees and the public who go into the Courthouse. Reports have come back and it is not a safe environment to work/be in.** Comment: Westfall, Kaatz, Judge Allhands, Fanelli, Buchler, Hill, Discussion: Commissioner Todd, Commissioner Allhands

**Modular building has been leased by the County.** Comment: Buchler. Discussion: Commissioner Allhands

**Fogging is scheduled to be done at the Courthouse.**

**Asbestos removal is scheduled to be done at the Courthouse.**

County Attorney's office will be operating out of the Public Meeting Room for the next week, Justice of the Peace will be operating out of the Jury Room, Clerk of District Court Departments will be operating out the DMV Room, and Judge Berger and Diane Kaatz will be operating out of Beaverhead County for the time being. Comment: Buchler, Judge Allhands, Hill, Kaatz. Discussion: Commissioner Todd

The mold on the inside and the outside of the Courthouse is a dangerous mold and is not safe. The Madisonian misstated in a current article and the County Commissioners feel that a statement retracting the original article should be made with correct information. Comment: Buchler, Kaatz. 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 1:45 pm.

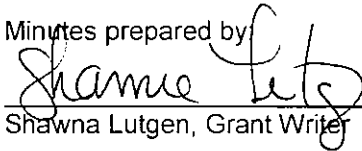
**Next meeting:** The next regular Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 4, 2023, beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the First Floor Public Meeting Room of the Administrative Office Building, in Virginia City, Montana.



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Dan W. Allhands, Chairman  
Board of Madison County Commissioners

Date Approved: October 24, 2023

Minutes prepared by



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Shawna Lutgen, Grant Writer

Attest:



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Paula McKenzie, Clerk and Recorder, Madison County



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