

Paula McKenzie

**BOARD OF MADISON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
April 10, 2023, Meeting Minutes**

On Tuesday, April 10, 2023, a meeting of the Board of Madison County Commissioners came to order at 10:09 a.m. in the Public Meeting 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

Madison County Courthouse Employee Office Discussion

Present:

Judge Jordan Allhands
David Buchler, County Attorney
Carmin Hill, Clerk of District Court
Diane Kaatz, District Court Office
Mike Callahan, Safety
Jennifer Westfall, Human Resource Generalist
Hannah Dietrich, County Attorney Assistant
Hannah Brook, Victims Advocate
Brett Schriock, IT Director
Duncan Hedges, County Sheriff
Kuu Mursch, Justice Court Office

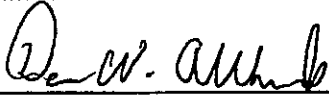
David Buchler stated that in the past three options were put forth:

1. Do nothing option
2. Restore Courthouse with a plan to have a jail in Placer Loop
3. New building with a jail

Buchler stated that building a jail does not mean a facility housing 40 to 60 beds that has been proposed in the past. Commissioner Todd and David Buchler attended a Virginia City Town Hall meeting. Virginia City will not allow modular units in the Historical District without an exact timeframe of arrival and departure. Mold abatement is approximately going to take place in two weeks. Currently, the County Attorney's office has been working out of the Public Meeting Room, which is not a sufficient space. The Justice Court Office has been working out of the second-floor meeting room, which is not sufficient space. Five individuals need state network and currently only two ports are set up in the Administrative Building. The Clerk of District of Court's Office has been working in the Jury Room, but has to still go into the Courthouse to retrieve files because the current space they are working in is too small to house the files. Montana Code Annotated 7-4-22-11 – concerns County offices. All County officers except Justice of the Peace is set forth in 3-10-101 except what is provided in Sub 3 must keep their offices in the County seat. Subsection 3 gives the County Commissioners authority by Resolution to decide to locate a County Officer outside the County seat, but has to be located within the County. Further discussion followed. BCC all agreed that the next plan of action should be to create a Resolution for temporary modular space in Placer Loop or somewhere else within the County

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 am.

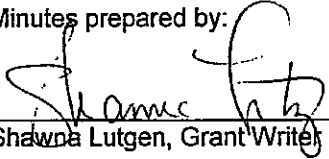
Next meeting: The next regular Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 11, 2023, beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the DMV Office on the Second Floor of the Administrative Building, in Virginia City, Montana.



Dan W. Allhands, Chairman
Board of Madison County Commissioners

Date Approved: August 29, 2023

Minutes prepared by:



Shawna Lutgen, Grant Writer

Attest: 
Paula McKenzie, Clerk and Recorder, Madison County

