

**BOARD OF MADISON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
PRELIMINARY BUDGET HEARINGS  
May 13, 2020, Minutes**

On Wednesday, May 13, 2020, the Board of Madison County Commissioners conducted Preliminary Budget Hearings beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the Public Meeting Room of the Madison County Administrative Office Building in Virginia City, Montana, with Commissioners Dan Allhands, Chairman, Ron Nye, and Jim Hart present. Laurie Buyan, Executive Assistant, was present to take minutes.

Those people in attendance at the hearings were Kathleen Mumme, Paula McKenzie, Margie Edsall, Dana Escott, Vicki Tilstra, Bonnie O'Neill, Kaleena Miller, and Mikayla Hudson.

**Clerk and Recorder, Elections, and Records Preservation Preliminary Budget Hearing:** Kathleen Mumme, Clerk and Recorder, and Paula McKenzie, Deputy Clerk and Recorder, presented the Board with the preliminary budget for Clerk and Recorder, Elections and Records Preservation. Kathleen discussed the elections budget stating that she has added \$5,000 to the capital improvements line for a new scanner/tabulator. She added that she received a grant for \$23,853.27 from the Help America Vote Act. This will help with the purchase of the scanner. She is hopeful that the current scanner will make it through the next two elections. She stated they will also be receiving CARES funding which will help pay for postage, ads in the newspaper, and anything extra due to the COVID pandemic. Kathleen noted that one line in the Clerk and Recorder budget went over so she is adding \$200 in that line item. She discussed Records Preservation stating that she has not spend as much as she had hoped because she hasn't had time to get down there, so there is no change in that budget. Kathleen talked further about elections, noting that she will need two or three people to help with prep but won't need judges at polling places which will reduce the number of judges from 70 to about 10.

**Weed Department Preliminary Budget Hearing:** Margie Edsall, Weed Coordinator, presented the Board with the preliminary budget for the Weed Department, stating that she has made a few changes and the overall budget is close to \$20,000 less than last year's budget. She discussed minor increases and areas where she decreased, noting that she is trying to decrease the budget without affecting the programs. She stated that the BLM thought they could come up with about \$20,000 which she has added to the budget but will change it if the funding doesn't come through. She discussed mills, revenues, and estimated reserves. There was also discussion about new vehicles, using up excess vacation time, and WHIP funding.

**Fair Preliminary Budget Hearing:** Dana Escott, Fair Manager, presented the Board with the preliminary budget for the Fair. Vicki Tilstra, Finance Officer, and Bonnie O'Neill, Chief Administrative Officer, were present for this meeting. Dana stated that she didn't change much on the budget and overall it went down a little bit. The question of whether or not to cancel the fair was discussed at length. Dana discussed other places that are cancelling their fairs this year, refunding sponsor payments for crediting for next year, events that are scheduled and those that have cancelled, deposits that have been paid for entertainment, cost of the fair book, conducting an on-line livestock sale, the cost of putting on a rodeo, and reasons to make a decision soon regarding whether or not to cancel the fair.

**Extension Preliminary Budget Hearing:** Kaleena Miller, Ag Extension Agent, and Mikayla Hudson, 4-H Extension Agent, presented the Board with the preliminary budget for the Madison-Jefferson Extension Department. Bonnie O'Neill, Chief Administrative Officer, was present for this meeting. Kaleena discussed budget items that have increased including machine maintenance for their copier, office lease to accommodate for Mikayla's space, and meals, travel and lodging. She discussed areas where the budget decreased for an overall increase of \$956. Kaleena talked about MSU's regulations for conducting meetings and soils tests. Mikayla presented a short update, discussing several things related to 4-H and guidelines related to fairs. There was discussion about doing a combination of on-line and in-person sales for 4-H livestock. Kaleena also gave a short presentation on a Turning Point, which is an interactive tool that works alone or can integrate with Power Point to involve audiences in question and answer sessions. She stated that the purchase price is about \$1,200

and would for Pesticide Application Testing but could also be used by everyone else in the office. The Board concurred that this would be a good investment.

With no further business, the hearings concluded at 12:02 p.m.

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Dan W. Allhands, Chairman  
Board of Madison County Commissioners

Date Approved: June 9, 2020

Minutes prepared by:

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Kathleen Mumme, Clerk and Recorder, Madison County