

Paula McKenzie

Board of Madison County Commissioners
May 30, 2023 Meeting Minutes

On Tuesday May 30, 2023 a meeting of the Board of Madison County Commissioners came to order at 10: 00 am on the Second Floor in the Motor Vehicle Office of the Administrative Building in Virginia City, Montana, with Commissioners Dan Allhands, Chairman, Ron Nye, and Bill Todd present. Lisa Carruthers, Assistant to Commissioners, was present to take meeting minutes.

Those in attendance were Emilie Saylor, Darlene Tussing, Jackie Haines, Craig Schroeder, Jennifer Westfall, Pat Jacobs. Ryan Wolter, IT Specialist, facilitated the WEBEX connection. Those who attended via WEBEX or by phone Mary Beth Walsh, Pat Bradley, and other unidentified phone attendees.

All Stand for the Pledge of Allegiance

Dan Allhands Chairman calls meeting to order at 10:00 AM

10:00 am Madison County Public Health: Emilie Saylor

The Task Order 24 is a renewal for immunization funding, \$5091. Access to Vaccines for Children Program for underinsured and uninsured, we also participate in the Adult Program for uninsured and underinsured. Bill Todd made a motion to approve the Immunization Grant Renewal Task Order 24, Seconded by Ron Nye. No further Discussion. All three commissioners voted in favor at 10:03 am Dan Allhands Chairman carried the motion.

Workforce Supplement PHSD Task Order: This will pay for the wages and benefits for a public health nurse. anything left will be a training and travel supplies. Its more of a spend down type of grant, where a line item will be created in the Budget.

Bill Todd makes a motion to approve the Workforce Supplement PHSD Workforce Task Order. Seconded by Ron Nye. No further discussion followed. All three commissioners voted in favor at 10:05 AM Dan Allhands Chairman carried the motion.

Discussion and/or Action Items: Reschedule Compensation board Meeting

Bill Todd Makes a motion to reschedule the Compensation Board Meeting to June 16, 2023 at 3pm at the Thompson Hickman Library. Seconded by Ron Nye. No further Discussion. All three commissioners voted in favor at 10:06 am Dan Allhands, Chairman carried the motion.

Minutes: Bill Todd makes a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of May 16, 2023 as presented. Seconded by Ron Nye. No Further Discussion. All three commissioners voted in favor at 10:07 am Dan Allhands, Chairman carried the motion.

10:10 AM Housing, Economic & Community Development Position Discussion and/or Action Items:

Mary Beth MC housing Advisory Board the board took some time to review the position and spoke with Jackie Haines. NRMEDD has brought forth this proposal for the Commission to be considered, they have federal funds that they could use to match the position. The salary includes all break downs, NRMEDD has the option to cover the health care. Does the Commission want it to be a county employee? Bill Todd asked the question: How long is the grant available to cover the salary? Jackie Haines replied that it is a three-year grant. Increase based on cost of living, if the county were to do this Madison

County portion would be \$57,000.00. It would do away with economic development for \$20,000.00 that the county currently provides, so its an addition of \$37,000.00. Payroll would not go through the county. The county would be billed for this position. The county needs to wait until we have gone through Compensation Board hearings to see if the position can be afforded. Finance will fill in the budget line where MC Housing Advisory Board. And put \$57000 in that place. The county cannot factor in health care, retirement, so at the moment it would be health care fully covered through NRMEDD. Jackie believes that we could build the position however needed, the grant money that is available would be able to show the taxpayers that the position is covering itself. NRMEDD are leveraging federal dollars to fill this position. All three commissioners agree that this position needs to happen. Mary Beth wants to know what the commissioners would like the housing board to do moving forward? The Commissioners explain that until we get through the compensation board Meeting we cannot move forward.

Jackie Haines suggested that the housing action plan would be the first project that this person would tackle working closely with MC Housing Advisory Board. Commissioners will set the next update for this position to the middle or end of August.

10:45 AM Madison/ Gallatin Sheriffs Interlocal Agreement: Under Sheriff Schroeder

Dan Allhands states that we are still waiting on some facts and figures from Gallatin County so we will reschedule for a later date hopefully next week.

Open Discussion Action Items: Darlene Tussing asked if there will be gravel up a road that she lives on, 95 % of the road has been graveled Dan Allhands states that the road will not be graveled as the Commissioner of the Road District the roads are at his discretion to improve and to what point to improve them.

11:00 AM Grants: Craig Erickson, GWE Becky Lawson, SMA Architects, Shawna Lutgen, Grant Administrator, Jeremiah Theys GWE

MVM Update: We are waiting on a proposal from Volt Electric, Shawna Lutgen states that she left a message with Volt. Hoping that they receive a proposal from Volt, once they do they will talk to the office of commerce, get approval, make sure its in budget. MVM is at a stand still until they know where they are with the electrical contractor

Contract Amendment for the MVM Improvement Project moved to June 6, 2023

Jack Creek Award Recommendation postponed for June 6, 2023

Harrison water and Sewer district: Requesting an additional \$25,000.00 to do a full tv inspection and sewer inspection that will help them assess their sewer mains and plans for improvements, Ron Nye thinks that they should have budgeted for this. The commissioners do not want to increase the funding towards this project.

Ron Nye made a motion to Deny the request for the additional \$25000 for the Harrison Water and Sewer District TV Inspection & Cleaning of Sewer Collection Systems.

Madison County Fairgrounds Events Center- Material Funding Request

\$61,171 funding from the tourism \$50,000, \$11, 171.00 has been paid by the fair board. The request is for \$11,171.00. Ron Nye made a motion to request \$11,171.00 of LATCF Funds for the material of the Madison County Fairgrounds to be paid to the Madison County Fair Board from District 2 LATCF Funds. Seconded by Bill Todd. No further discussion followed. All three commissioners voted in favor at 11:20 AM Dan Allhands Chairman carried the motion.

Planning Board Bylaws Discussion and or Action items:

Commissioners think that the wording is too vague and allows permissions where they need not be. The boards involvement in the budgeting process should not be in this agreement. This amendment is a combination of Madison County and another County's planning Board Bylaws.

The planning board bylaws were sent to MACo for review. The important reminder is that the planning board serves at the pleasure of the Commissioners. This is an advisory board and have no power over county employees such as the County Planner.

Pat Bradley: 76-1-305 Board has power and duties, delegated to the planning board, working with the planner, it's very difficult for the planning board to understand these changes particularly when they have been done outside of their purview. Requests a meeting with the Commissioners. Planning Board statutes are very limited and they have always followed them.

The bylaws are incompatible with state statute there are elements of the way that the bylaws are written. There are elements of protectionism that are not appropriate for a public board. The way the current by laws read are not in line with state statute. The Planning Board Requests for a joint meeting with the planning board, attorney they need the guidance. Dan Allhands agrees that we do need to have a meeting, further discussion followed. David Buchler Madison County Attorney draws the discussion back to bylaws, based on the discussion I have had over the bylaws, this is not a reprimand. The board is seeking more guidance. they need to more carefully drafted, less ambiguity, and more guidance. Want the planning board to understand the tone is one of better guidance. The design of this meeting is to engender guidance.

Pat Jacobs: citizen of VC, MC and serves on the planning board. Wants to state that the role of the Planning Board is essential to the county and the state of Montana. Are draft amendments available for publics review? is there a timeline? Copy is available on the website, there is no timeline, we need to eliminate the ambiguity.

Pat Bradley: Growth Policy subdivision regulations must follow, with all the new bills coming from the state, request to schedule a joint meeting.

CLOSED SESSION: Jennifer Westfall Human Resources begins at 11:56am

End the Closed Session AT 12:06: Open Meeting Back Up

12:12 PM Discussion and/ or Action Items:

Dan Allhands made a motion to approve an outsource of CMS of Helena for a Human Resources investigation. Seconded by Bill Todd. No Further Discussion. All three commissioners voted in favor at 12:10 pm Dan Allhands Chairman passed the motion.

Dan Allhands adjourns the meeting 12:13pm

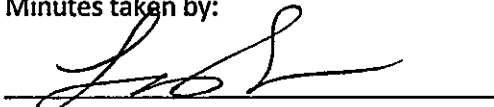
Next Meeting: The next regular Commissioners meeting will be held on Tuesday June 6, 2023 beginning at 9:30 am on the second floor in the Motor Vehicle Office in the Administrative Building in Virginia City, Mt.



Dan W. Allhands, Chairman
Board of Madison County Commissioners

Date Approved: June 13, 2023

Minutes taken by:



Lisa Carruthers
Assistant to Commissioners

Attest: 
Paula McKenzie, Clerk and Recorder, Madison County

